

Bethany Township

Minutes for Regular Meeting on December 13, 2022

Present: Fowler, Howd, Mikek, Humm, Devine

Absent: none

Others: Dan Ettinger (DTE), Theresa Hanna (DTE), Matt Brown, Brad Vibber; Teeter

Meeting called to order by Mikek at 7:00 pm.

- Howd read minutes from November 9, 2022 meeting. Motion to accept by Fowler, 2nd by Humm Motion carried
- Fowler reviewed bills for the month. Motion to accept by Howd, 2nd by Humm – Motion carried
- Public
 - Dan (DTE) – have a robust ordinance already in place, if still concerns, try to have it addressed with the project and during special use and site plan process
 - Theresa (DTE) – no setback for non-participants, DTE trying to recognize we need to be a good neighbor and what can we do to assist that. DTE does offer participation agreements. 1000 acres signed (approx. 220 for solar panels). DTE is willing to provide whatever information DTE can provide to assist in helping planning group.
 - Matt – looking for update on solar – what planning commission thinking and what have they looked at. If not written down, do not count on it being followed.
 - Matt – why no recycling?
 - Brad – Sue is making cookies and I will eat them so here I am. Anything you do, someone will not be happy.
- Mikek
 - Original ordinance very generic and our planning commission wants to review before we move forward.
 - If recycling went to recycling facility, 1 in maybe 5 recycling and it is costing our township too much. Our trash fee would have to be raised considerably.
- Devine
 - Recycling can be added in 6 months.
- Mikek
 - PA 116 from Pavlick – Hooks purchased a parcel (Mitchell farm).
 - Move to accept PA 16 by Fowler, 2nd by Humm, motion carried
 - Fire Rescue Truck being ordered at no cost to participating municipalities
 - Bebow manure piles – Steve with Dept of Ag met with Bebows. Baldwin Rd pile has been there for 2 years. If there more than 6 months, they need to covered. Steve is writing him in violation. If he is sue, he is not protected.
 - CD money – Fowler is looking into some options. We have 3 CD's at Huntington.
 - Solar event at Pine River (470 acres)
 - Motion to support PC to enact moratorium on large solar projects by Devine, 2nd by Fowler - Devine – Yes, Fowler – Yes, Humm – Yes, Howd – Yes, Mikek – Yes. Ordinance 2022-1 passed
- Devine

- Financials for MMWA provided
- New containers will be blue – each one will be assigned to each resident
 - 96 gallons
 - We should start seeing them within the next month
 - A delay in getting some trash containers – delivered directly to homes
- Next meeting in February
- Anything related to trash – direct to MMWA
- 5 people have contacted him that they are not happy with our decision to not do recycling.
- Teeter
 - No permits
 - Will stick at doing the position through the spring
- Fowler
 - No update on ARPA – if no update by middle of next week, will reach out to Moolenaar
- Humm
 - No PC meeting
- Howd
 - Website – phone call with Kyle soon

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm