

Pleasanton Township Board Meeting January 10, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Pleasanton Township Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Merrill, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Members present were Supervisor Tony Merrill, Clerk Amy Cross, Treasurer Judy Girven, Trustees Bob Babcock and Dave Ertel.

Public comment was open at 7:02 pm and closed at 7:40 pm.

Ken Hilliard, County Commissioner, reported on the Manistee County Planning organizational meeting. He is now Vice-Chair. Ken reported he has received the audit report from Bryan Harris of the Lake Improvement Board.

Zoning Administrator, Rochelle Rollenhagen, updated the board with last year's progress: 16 land use permits issued; 5 ZBA meetings with one special use permit for an anemometer was issued by the Planning Commission; zoning violations were handled. Rollenhagen also reported on the progress of the "commercial wind farm". Already there have been a few drafts. The information is quite complex and continues to come in. Also mentioned were Planning Commission vacancies which have taken some time to fill; the last two Planning meetings were canceled. Lastly, the Zoning Ordinance is in need of overhaul.

Understanding Wind Initiative was introduced by Merrill. This is a leadership team currently being launched with representation from Townships of Arcadia, Bear Lake, Blaine, Joyfield and Pleasanton to gain education and technical assistance about wind energy for residents, communities, businesses and others in Benzie and Manistee Counties.

Motion by Girven, support by Cross, to approve the 12/13/10 regular minutes with corrections: (1) Babcock "abstained" from voting on "moratorium" and (2) snowplow bid is to be per "hour"; aif, motion carried.

The Treasurers Report was reviewed by the Board and received by the Supervisor.

Motion by Ertel, Girven support to pay monthly bills; aif, motion carried.

Correspondence: Manistee County Road Commission will be attending next month's meeting to provide general information of last year's road work and to discuss needed work improvements within our township.

New Business: The Board will meet Feb. 16 at 6 pm for a budget work session for the upcoming fiscal year.

Merrill made a motion, with support by Cross, to establish a township policy to pay members of boards or committees who attend a regular scheduled meeting \$10.00 in the event that the meeting is canceled after they arrive. This applies to non-salaried members. Merrill, Cross, Ertel: aye; Girven: nay; Babcock abstained.

Girven moved to adopt, with Ertel support, a resolution for a nine (9)- month moratorium on development, land use permits, and construction for any commercial wind energy systems in Pleasanton Township: Roll call vote, Merrill aye, Cross, aye, Girven aye, Ertel aye, Babcock nay; motion carried. Girven added the resolution fee would come out of "township board" budget.

The Board reviewed the Inter-Local Agreement between Bear Lake and Pleasanton Townships which states that our township pays the electric bill for the street light located at US 31/Thirteen Mile Rd in exchange for use of Bear Lake Township's mausoleum located at Fairview Cemetery. A five-year term has been set on this agreement. Motion by Ertel, support by Cross, to accept this agreement, all in favor, motion carried.

Merrill made a motion to appoint Marv Peska to the Planning Commission, filling the vacancy of Bryan Kidd's expired term, Girven supported; Merrill, Cross, Girven & Ertel voted in favor, Babcock abstained; motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Bid from Haglund's for outdoor carpet replacement on hall steps was reviewed and mentioned was the quality of work they do; getting other bids was discussed; tabled until Spring.

Parks report: No meeting due to holiday per Dave Ertel.

Planning report: Babcock gave the Board a handout regarding Planning issues (see attached).

Lake Improvement Board: Bryan Harris absent.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Monday, February 14th at 7pm at the Pleasanton Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Cross, Clerk