

TOWNSHIP OF MENDON

Minutes: Mendon Township Regular Board Meeting
Date: September 3, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Mendon Township Hall

Attending: Supervisor Kline
Donna Cupp
Jan Griffith
Leasa G. Mathews

Absent: Jim Hart

Supervisor Kline called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The agenda was submitted for consideration. A motion was made by Griffith, supported by Mathews. Motion carried

Two signed in for public comments : Jack and Cindy VanderKley

1. Cindy and Jack were here to inquire about a solar farm that is supposed to be erected near their home on Buchner Rd. Did you know Paul Moyer and where he lived? Supervisor Kline: Yes. Cindy: He's been our neighbor forever. Now his grandson is in that house. We have heard that there are going to be solar panels right in the fields next to our home. Supervisor Kline: Here's what I can share with you. I have been contacted by one company and have not heard from them for a long time. They wanted to know if I knew of anybody that would sell to them. I did hear that they are looking at a bunch of the Haas property, which is way East of you. That is truly all I know. Cindy: Is there somebody we could talk to because we have a lot of questions. Would they have to go through you when/if it does take place? Supervisor Kline: All I know is they are looking. Jack: There are several farmers that are participating in solar. Supervisor Kline: I heard the reason they are looking at the Haas property is because there is already a power line there. Cindy: I talked to someone from Consumers that is a contractor and he said they have five years to get their leases in order. Then they can proceed. Supervisor Kline; I have a name for you of someone from Consumers Energy. Greg Moore, 269-275-8307. The company/person that contacted me is; Advanced Power/Erik Horeen. Cindy: I appreciate that. Donna: We wouldn't know anything until they would approach the Township. There is an ordinance here in Mendon Township.

Public comments were heard by the board per the policy that was adopted on February 13, 2018 by the Mendon Township Board.

The minutes of the August 13, 2024 regular meeting of the Mendon Township Board were submitted for consideration. A motion was made by Griffith, supported by Mathews to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Floor Business:

- a. Dale Hutson was absent.
- b. Kim Avery-Librarian; Supervisor Kline: Looks like you folks want to spend some money. Sandy Hiatt: Yes, around \$75,000.00. Supervisor Kline: Your mom was a champion for that library. We have your proposal and some dates. I need to get with Jan and figure out how we are going to pay for it. Sandy; Ok. Kim: Perfect answer. Jan: 1 and 3 look pretty important. Can we spread these items out over the next three years for the whole project. Sandy: We have money too. We want to work together. We have a three-year plan also. Kim: Thank you for your time.
- c. Trustee Mathews inquired as to why Life Care would not take a person to Battle Creek. Supervisor Kline addressed that.
- d. The November board meeting will be on the 19th due to the November election.

Old Business:

- a. County Wide Master Plan – Doug Kuhlman is absent to report on this. I have a call in to Village Manager Gary Kloosterman regarding this.
- b. The private road agreement response from Attorney Haas was discussed.

New Business:

- a. Supervisor Kline: The old tree in the cemetery needs to go. It's ready to fall on the out building. I have two bids as follows:
 1. Henckel's - \$6200.00
 2. Wolfinger - \$4800.00

The treasurer's report was submitted for approval. A motion was made by Cupp, supported by Mathews to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The August bills were submitted for consideration and approval of payment. A motion was made by Griffith supported by Mathews to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Good of the order:

A motion was made by Cupp, supported by Mathews to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Cupp