

MINDEN TOWNSHIP MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING June 7, 2023

The regular meeting of the Minden Township Board was held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Minden Township Hall with virtual options available. Board members O'Connor, Lipskey, Stolicker, Stringer and Klee were present. Guests– Steve Sampier from Sanilac County Road Commission, Scott Vogel and Zack Kramer from Minden City Fire Department, Jeff Haines from DTE, Jason Minock, Emily Palacios, Ron Kaufman, Yvonne O'Connor, Jamie Stolicker, Jill Creguer, Jackie Salowitz, Jerry Kuras, David Beck and Angela Baslock. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor O'Connor at 7:00 P.M. ,

Motion by Stolicker supported by Klee to accept the minutes from the May 1st regular meeting to be approved. Motion carried.

Motion by Klee supported by Stolicker to accept the minutes from the May 10th special meeting to be approved. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Stolicker. A motion by Lipskey seconded by Stringer to accept treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Township Roads	355,021.65
General Operating Fund	115,287.39
Wind Energy Fund	59,366.14
General Fund	128,127.29
ARPA	34,784.37
General Fund Checkbook	1,283.97
General Fund	
-Northstar Bank CD (matures on 08-16-24)	93,371.10
-Northstar Bank CD (matures on 08-16-24)	254,877.53
General Operating Fund	
-Northstar Bank CD (matures on 08-16-2024)	152,673.69

Motion by Stringer supported by Klee to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried

Public Comment:

- Steve Sampier (Sanilac County Road Commission) discussed the road commission's view on brining without rain in the forecast. It is very difficult to have the brine last long term if there is no moisture in the forecast. They are anticipating tile and gravel work to begin in the township the week of June 19. He also mentioned that there could be future regulations regarding the road brine material from EGLE (Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy).
- Members of the community inquired about the potential to put a moratorium on the solar ordinance as adjacent townships are doing that currently. Members also inquired on the master plan progress and if the public is welcome at the meeting that is proposed.
- Dave Beck thanked the fire department officials that were in attendance for helping put out a small muck fire that occurred on his property.
- Fire Chief Scott Vogel and Fire Department Volunteer Zack Kramer were in attendance and discussed the transition of fire chief's with the board, runs in the past month, issue with dispatch on whom that they are paging out to fires, replacements on air and battery packs, upcoming trainings, where dry hydrants are in the township, the fire auxillary's help with fire department work and that they will be helping with the homecoming weekend regarding concessions and other volunteer work. There is a fire council meeting June 14. There is also multiple grant opportunities available to local fire departments.

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Discussion on Old Business:

- The board reviewed the Spicer Group Master Plan proposal. A meeting has been set for June 13 at 6:30pm.

Discussion on New Business:

- No quotes have been received regarding township security cameras.
- No inspection fees have been collected from Constellation yet.
- The township will send an invoice to Delaware township for half the work that was completed on Range Line Road.
- Dust control on Polk Road will occur on June 19. Michigan Peat Co. has a new plant manager. They are attempting to get ahead of the challenges with dust control.
- The Sanilac County Planning Commission reviewed the proposed township solar ordinance. The planning commission provided no changes but encouraged the board to continue on the path of a master plan prior to approving the ordinance.
- A potential project on Verona Road from Bay City Forestville South will potentially be discussed with Austin Township at their next board meeting.
- The new AED has arrived. The "old" one will be given in donation to the park/softball club in town. Supervisor O'Connor emphasized the need for the softball committee to have a waiver that the township is absolved from any liability related to use of the AED.
- Motion by Stringer supported by Klee move the regular township meeting to July 10, 2023 supported by Stringer. Motion carried.
- Motion by Stringer supported by Klee to have a meeting on July 19, 2023 regarding the townships review on the solar ordinance. Motion carried.
- The next regular meeting of the planning commission is set for August 9, 2023.

Public Comment Post:

- None.

Bills for Approval:

- Motion by Klee supported by Stringer to accept the bills presented for payment before the board. Motion carried.

For the month of June checks #7380-7405 were issued totaling \$35,505.61

- With no further business motion by Klee seconded by Stringer that we adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.