

Cato Township meeting minutes Oct.2, 2023

Call to order by Hubbard 7:00 PM, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Members present- Hubbard, Lincoln, Grieser and Behrenwald

Absent- Myers

Also present- D.Kelsey Zoning Admin, 5 Citizens

Motion by Hubbard supported by Lincoln to approve agenda with change adding Barndominium for discussion, all in favor, carried

Motion by Lincoln supported by Grieser to approve printed minutes from September, all in favor, carried

Public Comment: None

Motion by Lincoln supported by Behrenwald to approve Treasurers report as presented , all in favor, carried

Motion by Behrenwald supported by Grieser to approve and pay bills as presented, all in favor, carried

Motion by Hubbard supported by Lincoln to stop payment at Mercantile Bank on lost Check #14704

Zoning report Given by Kelsey with 2 new permits being issued for Sept and one blight violation on Almy road going to Court Oct 16th. Also had discussion on possible blight on Bale rd.

Behrenwald presented new complaint form from Planning Commission for Ordinance violation. Motion by Hubbard supported Behrenwald to adopt new complaint form, all in favor, carried

Supervisor reported 2 protest cases filed with Michigan Tax Tribunal , Hubbard, Grieser and Myers meeting with Assessor Oct 9th

Motion by Hubbard supported by Lincoln to allow Assessor to speak with Twp Attorney regarding MTT protest cases, all in favor, carried

Wilcox rd paving completed, MTA local Chapter meeting to be held at Montcalm Road Commission

State MTA sending correspondence letter to Townships supporting local controls on ordinances

Old business, discussion on purchase policy, accts. Payable policy tabled until a future meeting

New business, discussion on Barndominiums and zoning

Motion by Hubbard supported by Lincoln to authorize Zoning Admin. to waive Sec 3.24 Letter items 3 and 4 for residential post frame homes in the Ag residential and Rural residential districts until such time as these regulations may be amended by the Planning Commission. The waiver is contingent upon zoning applications meeting all other requirements of the Cato Township Zoning Ordinance (including but not limited to , minimum habitable square footage) and obtaining all required building permits from the Montcalm County Building Dept.

All in favor, carried

Hubbard reported on Master Plan update, motion by Hubbard supported by Behrenwald to adopt by resolution approving the draft Master Plan Amendment for distribution, all in favor, carried

Motion by Hubbard supported by Lincoln to approve by resolution of the Township Board asserting the right to approve or reject the Master Plan, all in favor, carried

Hubbard presented a proposed fee schedule for permits and variance requests, discussion on collecting enough fees to cover costs of permitting

Motion by Hubbard supported by Behrenwald to adopt new fee schedule, other discussion on property lines, all in favor, carried

Motion by Hubbard supported by Lincoln to approve by resolution an amendment to current fiscal budget for ARPA spending, all in favor , carried

Public Comment – None

Motion to Adjourn by Grieser supported by Lincoln at 8:05 PM, all in favor

Next regular meeting Nov 6th 7:00 PM

Todd Lincoln, Twp Clerk