

Cato Township Meeting Minutes Feb. 6, 2023

All members present, none absent, also present, Dave Kelsey Zoning Admi. Pat Carr County Comm and 23 citizens

Gilbert Called meeting to order at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment on Agenda included clarification on ZBA appointments

Motion by Lindsey supported by Grieser to approve the January minutes as presented, all in favor, carried

Clerk presented monthly bill detail, Motion by Grieser supported by Behrenwald to approve and pay, discussion on website fees, all in favor, carried

Treasurer presented monthly deposits and checking balances, motion by Lincoln supported by Behrenwald to approve as presented, discussion on Fire Millage and payment to Fire Dist. All in favor, carried

D. Kelsey gave monthly Zoning report with 2 new permits being issued, and reported on previous citations issued and follow up

New Business:

P/C Chairman Morrow presented annual report of Planning Commission projects and accomplishments for 2022. Thanked board for additional wages for P/C members. 29 new permits were issued through the year. Asking for additional resources for 2023, wages and technology. Also beginning to work on Solar ordinance and revise master plan

Motion by Behrenwald supported by Lindsey to adopt a Resolution extending the Solar moratorium on Large scale solar project until March 10 of 2024, Roll call vote with all member in favor, none opposed

Clerk advised of Special Election in May, motion by Lincoln supported by Grieser to hire Krystal Hatfield to run the special election at the rate of \$25 per hour plus milage and related expense, all in favor, carried

Motion by Lincoln supported by Grieser to appoint Alisha Bigler to Board of Review as alternate member and arrange training, discussion on advertising for additional alternate members, all in favor, carried

Motion by Lindsey supported by Behrenwald to appoint Ben Stout as alternate member on Zoning Board of Appeals, all in favor, carried

Motion by Lincoln supported by Grieser to adopt State poverty guidelines for property taxes pursuant to Public Act MCL390 1994 all in favor,carried

Motion by Lincoln supported by Lindsey to move May meeting to May due to election conflict, all in favor, carried

Motion by Grieser supported by Lincoln to pay May bills ahead of May meeting date, all in favor, carried

Old Business:

Lindsey reported on possible road projects for 2023 along meetings and discussion on pricing with Road Commissioner including Brush spraying and Chloride

Motion by Grieser supported by Lincoln to purchase blinds for Community Center at a cost not to exceed \$300, all in favor, carried

County Commission Chairman Carr updated the Board on Montcalm County looking into a standard Blight Ordinance that could be adopted by each Township and would be enforceable by the Sheriff Dept.

Public Comment:

Brandi Hubbard presented a Final Decision form that could be used for the ZBA board

Motion by Behrenwald supported by Lindsey to have Attorney review form, all in favor, carried

Heard Blight concerns from citizens

Motion to adjourn by Lincoln supported by Lindsey at 8:30, all in favor

Next regular meeting March 6th 2023 7 PM

Todd Lincoln, Cato Clerk