

Cato Township Board Meeting Minutes Feb. 7th 2022

Call to order by Gilbert 7:00 PM

Present: Gilbert, Grieser, Lincoln, Behrenwald

Absent: Lindsey

Also present: D. Kelsey –Zoning Admin. Phil Morrow P/C Chair

33 Citizens

Motion by Grieser supported by Behrenwald to approve January Minutes as presented, all in favor, carried

Clerk read monthly Bill Detail, Motion by Grieser supported by Behrenwald to approve and pay as presented, all in favor, carried

Treasurer reported monthly deposits and checking balances, Motion by Lincoln supported by Behrenwald to approve as presented, all in favor, carried

Zoning report by D. Kelsey with 1 new permit issued

Planning Commission Chairman P. Morrow gave annual report to board on progress of meetings and Ordinance work with 4 regular and 3 special meetings in 2021. Working on Wind and Solar and Master plan in 2022, request review of wages for Planning commission and additional technology , FOIA guidelines and changes to Bylaws of P/C

Motion by Lincoln supported by Behrenwald to use ARPA funds for roof replacement on Community Center , quote presented from Keiffs Roofing in the amount \$34,055.00 all in favor, carried

Motion by Lincoln supported by Grieser to allocate \$7500.00 from ARPA funds to Joint Trail Project with Village and DDA to assist with Planning and Engineering, all in favor, carried

Motion by Lincoln supported by Grieser to approve Twp Board members to attend Local MTA Chapter Dinner meeting Feb 15th, \$15.00 each, all in favor, carried

Motion by Gilbert to approve and publish Board of Review Dates of March 15th, 2022 from 9AM to 4 PM closed for Lunch 12:00 to 1:00 PM and March 17th, 2022 from 2:00 PM to 9:PM closed for Dinner 5 PM to 6 PM, Supported by Lincoln all in favor, carried

Motion by Gilbert to follow Impoverished property guidelines as stated in MCL 211.7u supported by Lincoln, all in favor, carried

Motion by Gilbert supported by Lincoln to allow Board of Review to accept letters of protest if tax payer cannot appear in person, all in favor, carried

Motion by Lincoln supported by Grieser to accept with regret the resignation of Planning Commissioner Kimberly Carr, Behrenwald request a Certificate of Appreciation be presented, all in favor, carried

Clerk will advertise for replacement of P/C commissioner to fill unexpired term.

Motion by Lincoln supported by Grieser for Clerk to Attend MTA State Convention in April including Conference and Housing, other Members encouraged to attend, all in favor, carried

Motion by Lincoln supported by Behrenwald to adopt FOIA Policy and appoint Clerk as FOIA Agent, all in favor, carried

Motion by Behrenwald supported by Grieser to reimburse Clerk for Hours spent searching records 18 hours @11.00, all in favor, carried

Motion by Behrenwald supported by Grieser to adopt 12 month Moratorium Ordinance #2022-1 on wind and solar permits as presented by Township Attorney, all in favor, carried

Motion by Grieser supported by Lincoln to Move May meeting date to May 9th due to School Election conflict, all in favor, carried

Road report given by Clerk , presented from Montcalm County Road Commissioner, inventory and possible projects for 2022 season, no further action

Behrenwald reported on 3 road culverts needing replaced

Public comments from 9 citizens heard

Joe Main asked to be considered for Planning Commission seat

Motion to Adjourn by Lincoln supported by Behrenwald, all in favor

Todd Lincoln, Cato Clerk

Next Regular meeting 7PM March 7th 2022