



TOWNSHIP OF FLYNN
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2023

8:00 P.M. – Regular Monthly Board Meeting at the Flynn Township Senior Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Grant Burgess, Treasurer Brent Bank, Trustee Jeff Keesler and Trustee Bob Alexander

MEMBERS ABSENT: Clerk Robert Vinande

OTHERS: Deputy Clerk Katherine Wilson, Assessor Thomas Lupo, Deputy Supervisor Gene Burgess, Commissioner Christine Lee and David Tippet.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **REGULAR BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY** Supervisor Grant Burgess at 8:00 p.m.
- **ASSESSOR'S REPORT**
 - Assessor Assistant
 - SOM requires an Assessor Assistant be named and required training completed. This resource would be available to answer questions in the event the assessor is unavailable.
 - Role won't be needed until Q2 of 2024.
 - **ACTION ITEM** – Clerk Robert Vinande to budget for the Assessor Assistant in the 2024 Budget.
- **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**
 - Commissioner Christine Lee's Report is attached starting on page 4 of this document.
 - **ACTION ITEM** – Clerk Robert Vinande to place Commissioner Lee at the last of the agenda for the 7 p.m. board meetings at the Commissioner's request.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - Mud on Maple Valley Road and Sullivan Road Complaint
 - David Tippet shared with the mud is bad on Maple Valley Road and Sullivan Road due to the silage wagons traveling the roads.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A motion made by Trustee Jeff Keesler and seconded by Trustee Bob Alexander to approve the Sept. 12th minutes. **MOTION CARRIED**
- **APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - Tabled at Treasurer Brent Banks' request.

- **APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP EXPENSES:**

- A motion made by Trustee Bob Alexander and seconded by Trustee Jeff Keesler to accept the October bills as presented on October 10, 2023 for a total of \$7,031.20. **MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **SENIOR CENTER / PARK**

- No discussion.

- **NATURE CENTER**

- No discussion.

- **ROADS**

- No discussion.

- **CLERK'S ITEMS**

- Reminded the board of the November 7, 2023 Sandusky School Election
- Brown City District Library Operating Details
 - The board had a long discussion regarding the creation of the District Library and potential milage to be levied for its operations.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **SENIOR CENTER / PARK**

- No discussion.

- **NATURE CENTER**

- No discussion.

- **ROADS**

- Supervisor Grant Burgess informed the board of a culvert replacement needing to be made soon.

- **CLERK'S ITEMS**

- The board reviewed the 2023 Financial Audit Report issued by Shaw, Franzel & Kursinsky, PLLC. No exceptions noted.
- New Absentee Voting Drop Box, as required by the SOM, acquired by Clerk Robert Vinande and installed at his residence for AV Voting purposes. Cost was covered by the SOM.
- Reviewed proposed Resolution Opposing Legislation Preempting Local Control for Solar and Wind Developments by the SOM
 - Resolution roll call:
 - Supervisor Burgess – Yes
 - Treasurer Brent Banks – Yes
 - Trustee Jeff Keesler – Yes
 - Trustee Bob Alexander – Yes
 - Clerk Robert Vinande – Absent
 - Resolution passed and board signatures documented; attached starting on page 7 of this document.
 - **ACTION ITEM** – Clerk Robert Vinande will communicate the passed resolution to the elected officials noted in the resolution.

OTHER:

- Upcoming Meetings were reviewed by Supervisor Grant Burgess:
 - Q4 County Clerks Meeting -- Thur. Oct. 12, 6 p.m.
 - Sandusky School Board Election -- Tue. Nov. 7
 - November Flynn Township Board Meeting -- Tue. Nov. 14, 7 p.m.
- Brown City Fire Authority
 - No update.

ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion was made by Trustee Bob Alexander and seconded by Trustee Jeff Keesler to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING:

- The Flynn Township Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th, 7:00 p.m. at the Flynn Township Senior Center.

Commissioner's Report – District 5 City/Village/Townships

September 18, 2023

Child Abuse Prevention Council:

Survey regarding the Baby Pantry hours is online.

Community Baby Shower has 54 registered, 33 women are currently pregnant.

September 19, 2023

Health Department:

New website for the Health Department going online soon.

My Community Dental Center is reopening October 23 with existing patients. Will start seeing new patients after November 1st. (877) 313-6232 to schedule.

Covid 19 is on the rise.

Maple Valley property will be called: Maple Valley Community Center

Board of Commission:

PRESENTATION: Bryant Wilke, Health Director of Sanilac County Health Department and Kimberly Singh, Chief of Community & Governmental Affairs of My Community Dental Centers announced the reopening of My Community Dental Center (MCDC) located at 135 Sanilac Rd., Sandusky. A new dentist has been established, and the facility will begin appointments with existing patients on October 23, 2023, and with new patients after November 1, 2023.

APPOINTED ROBERT VINANDE FOR THE PARKS COMMISSION FOR A PARTIAL THREE (3) YEAR TERM, EXPIRING 4/8/2026.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION PREEMPTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR SOLAR AND WIND DEVELOPMENTS.

FA-124-23 - APPROVED THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT CLAIMS FOR 2023 IDENTIFIED ON THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, FOR THE GENERAL BANK ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$222,469.17.

FA-126-23 - APPROVED THE PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND BANK ACCOUNT CHECKS CHARGED TO AUGUST 2023, AS FOLLOWS: ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND BANK ACCOUNT CHARGES FOR AUGUST 2023 \$887,140.17 ACH PAYMENTS \$58,940.29 ONLINE BILL PAY \$457,555.68 CHECKS \$1,403,636.14 TOTAL

FA-127-23 - APPROVED THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SANILAC COUNTY SHERIFF, COUNTY OF SANILAC AND THE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN (POAM) DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION FOR A LATERAL TRANSFER PROGRAM FOR IMMEDIATE APPROVAL AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE BOARD CHAIRMAN SIGN THE NECESSARY DOCUMENT.

FA-128-23 - APPROVED THE 2024 SANILAC COUNTY CHILD CARE FUND BUDGET, FOR IMMEDIATE APPROVAL AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE BOARD CHAIRMAN SIGN THE NECESSARY DOCUMENT.

Public Comments: Jan Kargl thanks Commissioners for passing the resolution today. Ms. Kargl further discussed COVID mandates and medical freedom.

Bretton Jones commends the Board for passing the resolution today. Mr. Jones further inquired as to what legal action can be taken regarding the criminalization of our local clerks with respect to the deletion of e-pollbooks. Clerk Hilgendorf responded. Additionally, Mr. Jones discussed legal action that is in the works regarding redaction within voter history.

Diana Lenk, Washington Township Trustee, thanks for the Board for passing the Resolution today. Ms. Lenk asks the Board what can be done at the township level regarding preempting local control.

Diane Ferguson requests the Board to follow through with the complaints that will be filed regarding the Locus Standi suit. Ms. Ferguson expressed concerns with her experience in the County Clerk's Office regarding election data. Ms. Ferguson further expressed concern regarding the playground equipment that is near the House of Hope. Ms. Ferguson continued by informing of the benefits of cannabinoids regarding COVID.

Dale Eugster shared an article from Gateway Pundit regarding the effects of Marijuana, and further requests the Board to assist her with the investigation of her family.

Wilma Henderson hopes the Board will support the Locus Standi initiative. Ms. Henderson further invites all to the We the County meeting to be held at Life Song Church on September 19th at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Henderson further expressed her concern with the MDOT construction, and the homelessness in Sandusky.

OCTOBER 3, 2023

COMMISSIONER BALLARD APPOINTED COLE WOOD TO THE BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DISTRICT 2, FOR A PARTIAL THREE (3) YEAR TERM, EXPIRING 12/31/2023.

FA-129-23 - APPROVES THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT CLAIMS FOR 2023 IDENTIFIED ON THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 2023, FOR THE GENERAL BANK ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$195,480.96.

FA-131-23 - AWARDS AND AUTHORIZES TRI-COUNTY EQUIPMENT OF SANDUSKY THE BID FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING ONE (1) ZERO TURN LAWN TRACTOR WITH A 54" DECK, FOR THE JAIL WORK CREW PROGRAM AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$6,684.96, WITH FUNDING FROM THE TAX FORECLOSURE FUND.

FA-132-23 - APPROVES THE FY2024 SCHOOL INTERVENTION OFFICER CONTRACT, FOR IMMEDIATE APPROVAL, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

FA-133-23 - APPROVES TWO (2) 2023/2024 AGREEMENTS BETWEEN SANILAC COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY COURT-JUVENILE DIVISION AND NICHOLAS NEMITZ AND JEFFERY DAWSON FOR RDSS QUASI-VOLUNTEERS, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 TO OCTOBER 1, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION AND HOLDOVER SERVICES FOR COURT SUPERVISED YOUTH, AT A PAYMENT RATE OF \$6.00 PER HOUR, PLUS THE HOURLY RATE OF RDSS, CURRENTLY AT \$12.00 PER HOUR, FOR A TOTAL OF \$18.00, FOR IMMEDIATE APPROVAL, FOR THE HOURS OF SERVICES RENDERED AS HOLDOVER ATTENDANT AND TRANSPORTER.

FA-134-23 - AWARDS AND AUTHORIZES KEYS CONSTRUCTION OF MARLETTE THE BID FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING AN ADDITION TO THE LEXINGTON PARK MANAGER'S RESIDENCE AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$110,000.00 AND TO FURTHER AUTHORIZE SEMCO ENERGY TO RELOCATE THE NATURAL GAS SUPPLY/METER AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000.00, FOR IMMEDIATE APPROVAL, WITH FUNDING FROM THE PARKS MILLAGE.

FA-135-23 - AUTHORIZES ALLAN HEATING & COOLING OF LEXINGTON TO REPLACE THE AIR CONDITIONING UNIT FOR THE FORESTER PARK STORE AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$5,780.00, WITH FUNDING FROM THE PARKS MILLAGE.

FA-136-23 - MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BALLARD THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY AUTHORIZES A STIPEND OF \$2,000.00, TO JOSEPH EWALD AS THE HOLDER OF THE PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION FOR EVERGREEN PARK, THE CERTIFICATION IS ONLY VALID FOR THE ADDRESS LISTED AND ONLY ONE (1) EMPLOYEE IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE STIPEND, WITH FUNDING FROM THE PARKS MILLAGE.

FA-137-23 - AUTHORIZES THE STATE FUNDED COST OF LIVING ALLOCATION BE PAID IN FOUR (4) QUARTERLY PAYMENTS OF \$944.25, TO KAYLA FRANZEL, VICTIM'S SERVICE COORDINATOR FOR THE 2024 BUDGET YEAR.

FA-138-23 - AUTHORIZES DISTRICT COURT POST AND FILL BOTH THE PRETRIAL SERVICES COORDINATOR/PROBATION ASSISTANT AND THE COURT CLERK VACANCY POSITIONS AT A PAYGRADE 4; STEP 1.

NFA-008-23 - ACCEPTS THE 2022 AUDIT, AS PRESENTED FROM AHP.

Public Comments: Cindy Teeple, City of Sandusky resident, thanked Commissioner Lee for her letter to the Health Department regarding blight at the Maple Valley Street property. Commissioner Lee responded. Ms. Teeple further expressed ideas regarding issues between Sanilac Transportation and Community Mental Health. Commissioner Ballard responded.

Christine J. Lee, Commissioner – District 5

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Flynn Township, Sanilac County

October 10, 2023

RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION PREEMPTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR SOLAR AND WIND DEVELOPMENTS

- Whereas Executive Directive 2010-10 proposes to achieve 100% carbon neutrality in the state by 2050; and
- Whereas To meet the energy goals and to expand renewable energy projects in Michigan, Gov. Whitmer has proposed the Michigan Public Service Commission be the sole authority for the siting and permitting of utility-scale renewable projects, allowing these projects to be expedited; and
- Whereas By transferring this sole authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission, local authority will be preempted; and
- Whereas Local governments have historically played a critical role in zoning and land use, ensuring that renewable energy projects are compatible and respectful of their local residents; and
- Whereas A township would be unable to determine the number, location, size, setback requirements, site plan approval, fire protection and emergency plan, volume levels, construction traffic routes, decommissioning plan or any other criteria for such solar, wind or large-scale battery facilities; and
- Whereas A township ordinance, rule, policy or requirement currently in place for solar, wind and large-scale solar facilities would be null and void; and
- Whereas All other energy facilities regulated by Michigan Public Service Commission must adhere to local zoning requirements; and
- Whereas Efforts to preempt local control and declare the Michigan State Public Service Commission the regulating authority for wind and solar projects may have unintended consequences including potential negative impacts on our local community, property values and quality of life; and
- Whereas The Michigan Townships Association opposes legislation that eliminates local government authority on the siting and permitting of said facilities that will be located in those communities for 20-50 years; and

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Whereas Flynn Township joins the MTA in opposing any legislative action that may grant the Michigan Public Service Commission this power.

Therefore, Be It Resolved

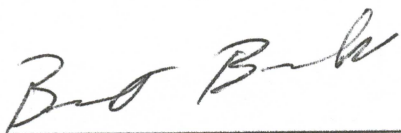
That Flynn Township opposes legislation that would preempt local control in the siting and permitting of large-scale renewable energy facilities including solar, wind and large-scale battery storage facilities.

Be It, Further, Resolved

That the Flynn Township Board directs the Township Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Township's elected representatives in the Michigan Legislature and the United States Congress, to the Governor of Michigan and the Michigan House and Senate Energy Committee Chairpersons.


Grant Burgess, Flynn Township Supervisor


Robert Vinande, Flynn Township Clerk


Brent Banks, Flynn Township Treasurer


Bob Alexander, Flynn Township Trustee


Jeffrey Keesler, Flynn Township Trustee