

MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING HELD MAY 23, 2023

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TATE TOWNSHIP MET IN SPECIAL SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: TRUSTEE REED, TRUSTEE REDDEN, TRUSTEE WILSON.

VISITORS: RUSSELL DURBIN, SHELBY BAIRD, LYNN BUEDE

THE MEETING WAS HELD TO MEET WITH CHOICE ONE REPRESENTATIVE, ALEX KRAMER, TO DISCUSS ZONING CODES AND REWRITES AS IT PERTAINS TO SOLAR AND WIND FARMS.

ALEX HAS A BACKGROUND IN ZONING AND HAS BEEN WORKING WITH WEST MILTON TO DRAFT THEIR ZONING CODES. HE IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH MT. ORAB TO REWRITE THEIR CODE ON SMALL SOLAR FARMS. HE STATED THAT THE COST TO COMPLETELY REWRITE THE TOWNSHIP'S ZONING CODES WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$5800. TO DO JUST THE SOLAR CODE HE ESTIMATED 10-12 HOURS AT A COST OF \$60-65/HOUR.

ALEX EXPLAINED THE PROCESS FOR AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP ZONING RULES. THE O.R.C.519.12 COVERS THE STEPS THAT THE TOWNSHIP MUST TAKE. THE CHANGE MUST BE INITIATED BY THE TRUSTEES, WITHIN 5 DAYS THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT TO THE COUNTY ZONING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT, WITHIN 20-40 DAYS THEY ARE TO SEND THEIR RESPONSE BACK TO THE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION. IT WILL THEN BE SENT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THEIR FINAL DECISION. A 10 DAY NOTICE WILL BE PUBLISHED PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

JOHN WILSON SUGGESTED GETTING DALE ARNOLD'S OPINION TO COVER ALL THE LOOP HOLES. HE IS WITH THE FARM BUREAU AND SPECIALIZES IN SOLAR ZONING CODES. THERE IS A \$270 FEE FOR THE TRUSTEES TO JOIN THE FARM BUREAU IN ORDER FOR HIM TO SPEAK TO THEM. CITIZENS HAVE OFFERED TO PAY THE MEMBERSHIP FEE. EVEN WITH THE ADVICE FROM DALE ARNOLD SOMEONE WILL STILL NEED TO WRITE THE CODE.

TRUSTEE REED STATED THAT THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY, JULIA CARNEY, IS IN THE PROCESS OF DRAFTING A MORITORIUM WHICH THE TRUSTEES WILL AGREE TO ONCE IT IS COMPLETED.

RESOLUTION BY REDDEN TO HIRE CHOICE ONE TO WRITE THE SOLAR/WIND ZONING CODE AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$5800. 2ND BY WILSON. ROLL CALL: WILSON, YES, REDDEN, YES, REED, YES.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

