Westphalia Township

Regular Meeting September 4, 2023

FINAL MINUTES

13950 Pratt Road, Westphalia MI, 48894

Supervisor Thelen called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Supervisor Thelen, Trustee Barker, Trustee Thelen, Treasurer Buckley, and Clerk Platte.

GUESTS: Dave Pohl

A motion was made by Supervisor Thelen, supported by Buckley, to accept the minutes from August 7, 2023. Motion carried.

Treasurer Buckley presented the financial statements via email to all board members. A motion was made by Treasurer Buckley to approve the financial statements as well as bills presented for the General and FD funds, seconded by Barker. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Dave Pohl – see notes attached.

Supervisor Thelen discussed the wind/solar meetings he has been attending and was asking Dave Pohl about the recommendations that were made in this meeting such as:

1. Ways to allow solar/wind into townships
2. One year going forward to relook at the zoning options (county wide)
3. Proper owner rights discussed (paying taxes)
4. Government subsidies
5. Renewable energy

Supervisor Thelen discussed the Nelson Road to Onieda Transmission line – this is trying to capture wind to transmit into the grid at Minnesota. This is to balance production in an area. There will be a meeting held for Westphalia Township board members on September 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the township hall. All residents will have an opportunity on October 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. to attend an open house at the township hall from the Michigan Public Service Commission and ITC.

Supervisor Thelen updated the board on the projects at the fire department. The heated floor is in and completed but when doing so they noticed that the overhead heater is leaking CO2. The township did receive two bids for the fixing of this project:

1. Schafer Heating $4023.00
2. ESI - $4800.00

Trustee Thelen made a motion to go with the bid from Schafer Heating at $4023.00. Buckley supported. Motion carried.

Supervisor Thelen mentioned that the fire department has the invoicing for runs ready to go and he asked for the numbers so they can calculate efficiently. $500.00 for a resident for a fire run. For a non-resident EMS call is $500.00 and a non-resident fire run is $1000.00.

Clerk Platte brought the revised L4029 for signature. This was forwarded to the appropriate persons.

Clerk Platte also brought to the boards attention the Statement of Monies that goes to the County. The fire and road taxes will need to be renewed in 2024. This document was forwarded to the appropriate persons as well.

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Next scheduled meeting has been moved to Monday, October 2, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Buckley, supported by T. Thelen at 6:39 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Platte, Clerk Troy Thelen, Supervisor