Westphalia Township

Regular Meeting January 8, 2024

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, Treasurer Buckley, and Clerk Platte.

GUESTS: None ABSENT: Trustee Thelen

A motion was made by T. Thelen, supported by Buckley to accept the minutes from December 4, 2023, as well as the agenda for January 8, 2024. Motion carried.

Treasurer Buckley presented the financial statements 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. Supported by T. Thelen. Motion carried.

Dave Pohl – see attached notes

Supervisor Thelen discussed, briefly, the proposal from the Road Commission projects for the 2024-2025 budget year. More in depth discussion to be had at the February meeting.

Supervisor Thelen also found out that the nameplate capacity, for the renewable energy project, means that anything over 50 megawatts for wind and over 100 megawatts for solar will be sent to the Michigan Public Services Department for approval. Just a side note, each windmill produces 2.5 megawatts.

Clerk Platte mentioned that the assessor contract for Westphalia Township will be expiring as of April 30, 2024. Supervisor Thelen will be taking over the search.

Clerk Platte mentioned that with the excess of notifications needing to be sent out to voters from Proposal 2022-02 and the number of absentee ballots rising, she would like to make a motion to purchase a new postage meter for the township as the current on will overheat after 150 pieces of material. A motion was made by Clerk Platte to upgrade the postage meter due to Proposal 2022-02 increasing notifications to voters and the increase of absentee ballots. Supervisor Thelen seconded. Motion carried. Treasurer Buckley will get with Pitney Bowes and order the new machine.

MTA Conference is in April in Traverse City. Supervisor Thelen will get information and send out an email to the board to find out if anyone is interested in attending.

Clerk Platte asked the board to approve a $20.00 per hour rate of pay for election workers beginning now. The board agreed to raise the hourly wage for election inspectors to $20.00 per hour but to keep the Board of Review at a rate of $35.00 for the first hour and $15.00 thereafter.

Mileage rate has increased to $0.675 as of January 1, 2024.

Next scheduled meeting has been moved to Monday, February 5, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by T. Thelen, supported by Barker at 6:28 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Platte, Clerk Troy Thelen, Supervisor