

MEETING OF THE RIVES TOWNSHIP COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

HELD AT 8682 LANSING AVE, FIRE STATION

September 27, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Members present: Roger DeCamp-chairman, Dwight Carmer-vice-chairman, Christine Beecher-ex-officio member from Township Board (TB), Adam Williams-member, Jim Lindstrom-secretary.

Motion by Mr. Williams 2cd by Ms. Beecher to approve agenda with correction to public comments guidelines #2 to read “the chairman will recognize you by the sign in sheet for comments.” All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Williams, 2cd by Mr. Cramer to approve minutes of the August 23, 2021 regular PC meeting with correction to Business #2 that “Chairman will contact these owners to inform them of the change in zoning from industrial to agricultural”. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Chairman asked for reports. Mr. Carmer reported that no ZBA meeting had been necessary. Ms. Beecher stated that no Township Board (TB) meeting had been held since last PC meeting. Chairman mentioned that new cost saving street lights have been installed in the Village. No other member comments were made.

BUSINESS:

1. Issue & exchange Zoning Books – New Code of Ordinance books were handed out to PC members. They had been updated for the Industrial district change and Marijuana Regulation.
2. Reset Public Hearing date – commission members discussed that a Public Hearing will be held at the next regular PC meeting on October 25, 2021 to bring 5 parcels in compliance with the Master Plan (MP). The following parcels will be considered: a) David Wright # 000-03-20-151-002-00 from commercial to agricultural, b) RJ Acres LLC # 000-03-19-400-002-01 from commercial to agricultural, c) Berkheimer family # 000-03-23-176-001-00 from industrial to agricultural, d) Nunes family # 000-03-23-126-002-00 from industrial to agricultural, and e) Mc Dowell family # 000-03-23-126-23-126-001-00 from industrial to agricultural. The chairman will inform the Clerk to make the proper public notice and advertisement of the hearing. She will include the appropriate street address with each parcel listed above.
3. Begin discussion on Solar Energy – the members discussed proceeding to continue prior evaluation of a solar ordinance for the Township. Chairman gave comments regarding a Tompkins Township public information meeting held to discuss a proposed solar development. He opened the meeting to comments by attendees of this meeting regarding their thoughts on this issue. Vercilla Hart and Linda McMillan made comments. Members concluded to have chairman contact CWA to research solar energy ordinance for Rives Township and provide a template for an ordinance for consideration by the

PC. We hope it could be available to PC to start the review at the November 22, 2021 regular PC meeting.

Public comment was invited at 7:43 pm

1. Kyle Waller (nonresident) – asked when the agenda had been provided to the clerk for posting to the website.
2. Vercilla Hart (resident) – suggested that the PC use the work that had previously been done on a solar ordinance by the advisory committee.

Public comment was closed at 7:45 pm.

Next regular meeting will be held October 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm at 8682 Lansing Ave., fire station. This will include the Public Hearing for the rezone of 5 properties.

Ms. Beecher 2cd by Mr. Williams made motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7: 46 pm.

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