

The regular meeting of Macon Township was held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7p.m. with Supervisor Dean Montrief presiding. Roll call: Dean Montrief: present; Julia DeJonghe Marshall: present; Beth DeJonghe: present; Joe Rine: present; Charles Downing: present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Important Dates: Planning Commission January 17, 2024 at 7p.m.
Township Board Meeting February 5, 2024 at 7p.m.

Jason Schnaidt, Director of Operations and John Veres, District Supervisor from the Lenawee County Road Commission presented information about the Road Maintenance in Lenawee County.

Public Comment:

Thomas Belanger – 8770 Shaw Hwy. – Public Comment was heard – New Residents to Macon Township.

Joe Rine moved, seconded by Beth DeJonghe to approve the December 4, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund Receipts \$937.93, Disbursements \$23,508.20. Total balance in the General Fund \$218,062.39

Road Account Receipts \$36.23. No Disbursements. Total balance in the Road Account \$28,008.06

Fire Account Receipts \$9.99. No Disbursements. Total balance in the Fire Account \$9,685.63

Solar Escrow Account Balance remains the same \$1,764.46.

COVID/ARPA Account Receipts \$127.12. No Disbursements. Total balance in the COVID/ARPA Account \$98,283.02

Julia DeJonghe Marshall moved, seconded by Beth DeJonghe to amend the Drain budget to allow for \$9,389.31 over the budgeted amount. Motion carried.

Julia DeJonghe Marshall moved, seconded by Beth DeJonghe to pay all bills. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Proposed Rules for Township Cemetery – Beth DeJonghe moved, seconded by Joe Rine to table the proposed rules for the cemetery. Motion carried.

New Business:

Proposed Changes to the Solar and Sequestration Wells Ordinance. Charles Downing moved, seconded by Joe Rine to approve Ordinance No. 2023- An Ordinance amending article VII of the Macon Township Zoning Ordinance to replace Section 7.03 regarding Solar Energy Facilities; amending article VIII and XIII by adding Large Solar Energy Facilities (Solar Projects) to the listings of Special Land Uses in the Industrial (I) Districts; Amending Article XX by replacing, deleting, and adding definitions; and amending section 4.08 of Article IV to

prohibit carbon dioxide sequestration holes and wells. Motion carried. Roll call: Dean Montrief: yes; Julia DeJonghe Marshall: yes; Beth DeJonghe: yes; Joe Rine: yes; Charles Downing: yes.

A township resident will be submitting a Medical Marijuana application in the future. They have a Caregiver License (72 plant limit).

Report from the Supervisor

- a. COVID Funds Update – waiting on a price for the front door of the Town Hall. Question on the Fire Department Contract. Julia will contact the auditor to see if the contract with Ridgeway will work to allocate the funds.
- b. Future Agenda Items – none
- c. Ordinance Officer Update: November/December: 2 follow ups about junk cars. Making progress. 2 new complaints – possible illegal grow operation and blight complaints. May – December review: 21 complaints lodged. 10 blight complaints: 8 taken care of and 2 are moving slow but progress is being made. 3 Animal Complaints: All complied with. 3+ tall grass complaints. All are taken care of except one. One possible illegal grow operation – pending. Other calls: Information pertaining to Ordinances as well as noxious odors coming from farms and fields, loose free range chickens, neighbors removing survey stakes from yards, burning, spilling manure on the road way. All calls were handled appropriately so as not to cause any undue charges to the township and most all did not want to give a name or their address.

Beth DeJonghe moved, seconded by Julia DeJonghe Marshall to adjourn the meeting at 8:02p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Julia DeJonghe Marshall

Clerk

Macon Township

Guests: 13