

Perry Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2025

Present: Mark Fulks, Supervisor; Troy Parmalee, Treasurer, Mark Fraser and Frances Griffith, Trustees.

Absent: Veronica Howard, Clerk

Guests: Beth Andrus, Planning Commission; Walt Saxton, Planning Commission; Shirley Smith; Travis Smith; John Slocum; Justin Horvath; Matthew Shepard, BOC.

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

The **agenda was approved.** Fraser moved; Griffith seconded. All ayes Carried.

The **March 5, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved.** Parmalee moved; Griffith seconded. All ayes Carried.

Clifford Fields public hearing was opened at 7:02 pm. Consumers has increased the light cost for Clifford Fields. Walt Saxton spoke against the increase. He believes the increase in streetlights is excessive and would like Consumers Energy to attend the meeting and explain themselves. No other residents spoke or attended the hearing. Parmalee reported the special assessment of \$57 per lot for street lighting was not sufficient to pay the Consumer's Energy bills for the year. Closed at 7:08pm.

Approve adjusting the Clifford Fields special assessment from \$57 to \$70 per lot per year and will take effect with the 2025 winter taxes. Parmalee moved; Fraser Seconded. Roll Call: Fulks, Fraser, Griffith, Parmalee All ayes Carried.

Public Comment: No Comments

SSESA- New Ambulance ordered, having trouble keeping older rigs repaired and in service.

DDA: Next meeting in April 16, 2025.

Co. Comm.: Has been surveying storm damage in District 7. Commissioner Shepard has been selected as the Vice Chair of GLS Region 5 Planning.

Library: Building in Byron will increase space.

SEDP: Talked about the grants that the grant writer is working on for Infrastructure.

Planning Comm.: March meeting cancelled. No quorum.

The **financial statement was approved to pay the bills.** Fraser moved; Griffith seconded. Roll Call: Griffith, Parmalee, Fulks, Fraser. All ayes Carried.

Correspondence:

- Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Village of Morrice Public Hearing for DDA, G.W. Seal Coat, LLC, Rambler Report

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- Smith Asphalt has applied for a Special Use Permit to construct a Asphalt Batching Plant on Rose Blvd. Property is already Zoned M-1 Light Industrial and is in an Existing Industrial Park with all the necessary infrastructure in place. Project meets the requirements of the ordinance. Planning Commission did not take action due to lack of quorum so the Twp. Board will make sole recommendation to County Planning Commission. Questions were asked regarding height of exhaust stacks. Answer will be what EGLE requires. Question about fencing. Answer will comply with ordinance, area with plant will be secure. Biggest concern is around Hours of Operation, applicant has requested more flexibility in hours than what the ordinance lists (7:00 am-6:30 pm) Concerns that many jobs such as parking lots and highways are done at night and weekends. We have a short season for this in Michigan. Applicant would like no restrictions on hours. Fraser Moved, Griffith Second to approve the application for a Special Use Permit with a request that a procedure be used to accommodate hours of operation to account for night jobs, weather complications between applicant and Planning Commission/Zoning Administrator. Fraser Moved. Griffith Seconded. Roll call: Parmalee, Fulks, Fraser, Griffith. All ayes. Carried.
- The Planning Commission has not had a meeting in the last two months due to lack of a quorum. Two members have missed 6 meeting in the last year. Suggestions include investigating the Zoning Enabling Act about expanding the Board to 9 from 7 members and options for dealing with members who do not attend. Discussion on if we do our own Zoning we can't have meetings cancelled due to lack of quorum. Tabled for more information.
- 60" Culvert on Church Rd. needs to be replaced before paving this summer. Fraser Moved. Griffith Seconded. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comments: John Slocum requested someone look at a Culvert issue on Winegar Rd. Supervisor Mark Fulks will meet with him.

Adjourned: Fraser moved; Griffith seconded. All ayes Carried.

Veronica Howard, Clerk

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