

## **Minutes of the December 20, 2021 Meeting**

Meeting opened by Cooperrider, with Zarley, Ullom, Grandstaff, and Callan present. Guests Chief John Hill, Larry Cooperrider, Chris Peck, Jim Clever, Keith Wilson, Jim Cramer, Sheryl Nussbaum, Samantha Sawmiller, Gary Moore, Kristy Hawthorne, Rashay Khripnova, Barry Hupp, Ed Jaeger, Matt Jaeger, Jacob Davidson.

Minutes of the November 15, 2021, Meeting was approved.

### Administrative

Julie Bernard asked about newly elected trustee Peck schedule to be sworn in. Asked about process to be filled for appointed positions.

Trustee Grandstaff attended a meeting regarding solar siting process.

Trustee Grandstaff moved to accept the following resolution:

We, the Hartford Township Trustees, provide these comments regarding the proposed Harvey Solar project under development by Open Road Renewables in our township. Our duty as Trustees is to ensure that the solar project is held to the commitments that are being made during the OPSB process. We also understand and appreciate that there will be significant government revenue at stake, as well as local jobs, that would significantly benefit our Township. We thus want to ensure that Harvey Solar addresses key issues that balance the impacts of the project with the benefits it would bring to Hartford Township. We ask that you ensure that certain key issues are addressed as part of the OPSB licensing process for Harvey solar, specifically:

- Maintain all roads and bridges that the project uses for the construction of the solar project, so they remain in good working order at all times.
- Ensure that the solar project has no long-term negative impact to drainage and ditches in and around the project area that could affect neighboring property.
- Adhere to all weight limits for the roads around the solar project especially in the months with freezing conditions.
- If possible, reduce the maximum height of solar panels.
- That the project be carried out responsibly to ensure and to maintain the health and well-being of the citizens of our township.

We look forward to continue working with the Open Road Renewable's team and the Ohio Siting Board on these matters as the project moves forward through the OPSB licensing process.

Second by Mr. Zarley, Grandstaff and Zarley, Cooperrider abstained.

### Bills

November bills presented. Cooperrider moved to approve the bills, Zarley second, all yes.

### Equipment

- Trustee are researching prices on a mini excavator. \$68,552.66 plus \$15,000 for a trailer. Tabled until January.
- Discussed buying small tractor and mower.

### Fire Department

- Fire Chief brought up buying extrication tools.
- Zarley moved to allow purchase of tools for \$4,355, Grandstaff second all yes.
- Fire engine construction moving forward.
- Runs at 408 to date.
- Sign for department being researched. Prices range from \$35,000 to \$12,500. Chief will continue looking.

### Roads

- Two culverts across Sinkey
- Electric line on Parsons probably moved.
- Fuel gauge on grader to be worked on.
- Tires needed for 450 and backhoe

### Solar

- Jim Clever spoke of property rights, benefits to school district, and benefit to the environment.
- Keith Wilson spoke to benefits of solar energy.
- Samantha Sawmiller described information regarding the Pilot Program. Also described ongoing assistance to schools and fire department. Ms. Sawmiller said that Harvey Solar was willing to supply any expert on any subject.
- Jacob Davidson spoke about Constitution regarding property rights and its application to the solar project.
- Gary Moore spoke about historic site omissions in Harvey Solar's application. Mr. Moore also spoke about trustees official

document on the project. Trustee Grandstaff read the official document.

- Bill Trimarche spoke about property rights, love of farms, and loss of farmland. He spoke about hazardous chemicals leaching into the ground. Also spoke about zoning not being addressed sufficiently. Non-American products being purchased.
- Barry Hupp spoke about his daughter's opinion on solar panels as being a good thing.
- Julie Bernard spoke about EMI and pollutants.
- Larry Cooperrider spoke about a friend in Arizona that has had panels.

### Zoning

- No new permits issued.
- Sheryl Nussbaum spoke for Mona Watts regarding property disrepair on County Line. 1930, 2060, 2100, and 2241. Property inspection to be passed to zoning inspector.
- Ed Jaeger spoke about history of the Curry Farm.
- Kristy Hawthorne from Soil and Water described application of land trusts.

No further business, meeting adjourned.

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