

MINUTES OF TITTABAWASSEE TOWNSHIP

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.**

**TOWNSHIP OFFICE 145 S. SECOND STREET
FREELAND, MICHIGAN**

Following Senate Bill 1108, as well as the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Epidemic Order under MCL 333.2253 requiring social distancing and allowing meetings of public bodies to be held electronically, this meeting was conducted via videoconference.

The Township of Tittabawassee utilized Zoom to conduct this videoconference meeting.

To join via videoconference, go to: <https://zoom.us/join> ~Meeting ID: 860 9935 2253 | Passcode: 874432

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1. Regular meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Don Hemgesberg, Clerk.
 2. Opening - Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Members Present: Tracy Reimus, Wayne King, Thomas Metiva, Jason Dark, Ruth Averill, Don Hemgesberg **Roll Call**

Members Absent: Rick Hayes

Staff: Marc McGill, Brandy Federspiel, Ken Dey, Allison Riffel, Mary Edington, Chief David Simon, Chris Burbach, Chief Phil Shaver **Staff**

Guests: Mike Rybicki, Gary Bartow **Guests**
 4. None **Public Comment**
 5. Moved by Averill, seconded by Metiva to approve the agenda as presented. **Approval of Agenda**

Vote: Yeas – 6 Nays – 0 Absent – 1

Motion Carried
 6. Moved by King, seconded by Reimus to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting January 12, 2021. **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**
 7. Moved by Averill, seconded by Metiva to pay bills with checks #53678 through #53774. **Approval of Checks**
 8. **Reports**
 - A. **Committees**
 1. Minutes in the packet. Items A-D on agenda. **Planning Commission**
 2. Minutes in Packet. **DDA**
 3. Did not meet. **Park Committee**

B. Officers of the Township

- 1. Absent
- 2. Reminded everyone May 4, 2021, Special School Millage election will be held, as well as August 3, 2021, Special Police Millage Renewal.
- 3. No Report
- 4. No Report

Supervisor

Clerk

Treasurer

Trustees

C. Department Reports

- 1. Written report included in Board packet.
- 2. Written report included in Board packet as well as end of year stats. Item E on agenda.
- 3. Chief Shaver reported there have been 74 calls for service so far this year.
- 4. Written report included in Board packet.

Manager

Police Department

Fire Department

DPW

9. **Unfinished Business** – None

10. **New Business**

A. Moved by Metiva, seconded by Dark to approve Planning Commission recommendation to approve Z-21-01 request by Schauman Development to rezone part of parcel# 29-13-3-16-2003-001 from A-1 Agricultural to C-3 Regional Business and R-2 Medium Density Residential.

**Approved Z-21-01
Rezoning of Parcel#
29-13-3-16-2003-001
from A-1 to C-3 and
R-2.**

Vote: Yeas – 6 Nays – 0 Absent – 1

Motion Carried

B. Moved by King, seconded by Metiva to approve Planning Commission recommendation to approve Z-21-02 request by Schauman Development to rezone parcel# 29-13-3-16-2001-000 from A-1 Agricultural to R-1 Low Density Residential.

**Approved Z-21-02
Rezoning Parcel# 29-
13-3-16-2001-000
from A-1 to R-1.**

Vote: Yeas – 6 Nays – 0 Absent – 1

Motion Carried

C. Moved by Metiva, seconded by Dark to approve Planning Commission recommendation to approve Z-21-03 request by Schauman Development to rezone parcel# 29-13-3-16-2004-007 from A-1 Agricultural to R-1 Low Density Residential.

**Approved Z-21-03
Rezoning Parcel# 29-
13-3-16-2004-007
from A-1 to R-1.**

Vote: Yeas – 6 Nays – 0 Absent – 1

Motion Carried

D. Moved by Metiva, seconded by Averill to approve Planning Commission recommendation to approve Z-21-04 request by SDR Realty to rezone parcel# 29-13-3-16-2108-001 from C-2 General Business to C-3 Regional Business.

**Approved Z-21-04
Rezoning Parcel# 29-
13-3-16-2108-001
from C-2 to C-3.**

Vote: Yeas – 6 Nays – 0 Absent – 1

Motion Carried

E. Moved by Metiva, seconded by Averill to approve R-21-03 Resolution to place police services millage on August 3, 2021, Special Election ballot.

**Approved R-21-03
Police Services
Millage Proposal for
August 3, 2021
Election.**

Chief Simons gives PowerPoint presentation to the Board summarizing the police department millage proposal.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: R. Averill, T. Reimus, D. Hemgesberg, J. Dark, W. King,
T. Metiva

Nays: None

Absent: R. Hayes

Motion Carried

F. Moved by Metiva, seconded by Reimus to approve Sewer Committee recommendation to approve Lift Station #5 project and not waive the bid process and allow American Excavating to oversee the project.

**Approved Lift Station
#5 Project. DENIED
Waiving The Bid
Process**

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: None

Nays: T. Metiva, T. Reimus, D. Hemgesberg, J. Dark, W. King,
R. Averill

Absent: R. Hayes

Motion Denied

***NOTE: The Board decision is to approve the Lift station #5 project
and DENY waiving the bid process.**

G. Moved by Averill, seconded by King to approve R-21-04 Resolution to allow local residents to protest Board of Review in writing.

**Approved R-21-04
Allow Local Residents
To Protest Board Of
Review In Writing.**

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: T. Reimus, D. Hemgesberg, J. Dark, W. King,
R. Averill, T. Metiva

Nays: None

Absent: R. Hayes

Motion Carried

H. Moved by Metiva, seconded by Reimus to approve R-21-05 Resolution to allow extension of Poverty Exemption.

**Approved R-21-05
Allow Extension Of
Poverty Exemption.**

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: D. Hemgesberg, J. Dark, W. King,
R. Averill, T. Metiva, T. Reimus

Nays: None

Absent: R. Hayes

Motion Carried

11. Trustee Dark expressed his concern with golf cart violations in the subdivisions and someone ending up getting hurt. He inquired as to what the law is and how the police department is handling complaints. Chief Simons stated that no one under the age of 16 years old can operate a golf cart. He stated gold carts are allowed to travel on the side of the road operated by a licensed driver and do not require any sort of license plate or permit. Chief Simons stated many warnings were given last summer and he would be happy to crack down on violations and give citations rather than warnings if the board sees fit. Manager McGill suggested maybe starting a focus group comprised of a few Board Members to come up with a solution.

Other Business

12. None

**Extended Public
Comment**

13. Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Adjournment

Don Hemgesberg, Clerk