

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes May 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Trent Larson at 8:00 p.m.

Present were: Tom Kaldunski (arrived at 8:20), Jim Hagerty, Trent Larson, Jared Sachs, Jane Kansier, Charles Seipel and liaison Ed Gerten.

It was reported that Corey Schweich has decided to resign from the Planning Commission due to scheduling conflicts. The Town Board will be interviewing two candidates that have applied to serve on the Planning Commission at their next meeting on May 28th.

Jane Kansier provided an update on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. There are a few items relating to sewer infiltration that the Met Council wants to see, but portions of the plan have been given the go ahead. A letter was sent to Townships and Cities in the coalition requesting additional funds to finish the development of the comprehensive plan.

Discussion took place on the Cemstone property and potential residential development in that area. The area would need to be served by either a new water tower or well and pump system. The Commission recommended that a representative from Empire Township reach out to the property owners at Cemstone to see what their timeline is looking like for potential development.

Discussion was held on mining operations and if they are able to operate for 24 hours. The Commission recommended that a map be created that classifies the mining CUPs by their hours of operation.

Jane Kansier presented a memo regarding proposed amendments to the Ordinance relating to Fees for Emergency Response Services. The proposed amendments add false alarms to the list of emergency response charges. Discussion was held on the implementation charge back invoices or the creation of actual fees based on the number of false alarm calls received from a particular property. The Commission recommended that a sampling of false alarm call fees from other cities in Dakota County be compiled and reviewed.

Jane Kansier presented a memo regarding proposed amendments to the Ordinance relating to the Public Utilities. The amendments would allow the Ordinance to state that the Township is generally responsible for maintenance and repair of public sewer and water mains, located within the right-of-way or other easements and specify where the Township's responsibility ends and the property owner's responsibility begins.

Upon review, a motion by Tom Kaldunski to recommend approval of Ordinance No. 510-F "Empire Township Public Utility Ordinance". Seconded by Trent Larson. Motion passed 4-0.

Discussion was held on setting up a date for an FPAC meeting. Jane will try to set one up for 6:30 PM on Tuesday, June 4th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.