



COHOCTAH PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
June 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Township Hall | Fowlerville, Michigan

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Call to order at 7:02pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Moment of Silence*

ROLL CALL

Present: Buttermore, DeFrancisco, Cican, Engel, Newton, Beach.

Absent: Charette who arrived at 7:08 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by DeFrancisco, seconded by Engel to approve the agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Buttermore, DeFrancisco, Charette, Cican, Engel, Newton, Beach. Motion carried.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public

MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

1. Public Hearing- Zoning Ordinance Amendments for Wind Energy Projects, Solar Energy Projects, Battery Energy Storage Projects.

Public Hearing on Wind Energy Systems.

Motion made to open the public hearing on amending the Cohoctah Township Zoning Ordinance to regulate Wind Energy Systems made by Engle, seconded by Newton. Motion carried. Public Hearing opened at 7:05 p.m.

Public was heard.

Joann Haas, a resident in Cohoctah Township commented that she understood why this had to be done, but she didn't agree with it. At a later point she added to her testimony to include \$250,000 permit fee to match what State Board would do.

TJ Thompson, representative from DTE read aloud a letter from DTE to be submitted. Letter attached to these minutes.

No further comments were offered.

Motion made by Newton, supported by Engle to close the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by DeFrancisco, supported by Cican to adopt the presented resolution, 01-2024, to amend the Cohoctah Township Zoning Ordinance to regulate wind energy systems, to recommend

that the township board approve the proposed ordinance and forward to the Livingston County Planning Commission for review. Motion carried. Voting Yea: Buttermore, DeFrancisco, Charette, Cican, Engel, Newton, Beach.

Public Hearing regarding amendment to the Solar ordinance to create a compatible renewable energy ordinance.

Motion made by Cican, supported by Charette to open the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.

There were no public comments offered.

Motion made to close the public hearing made by Newton, supported by Engle. Motion carried.

Motion made by Engel, supported by Cican to adopt the presented resolution, 02-2024, to amend the Cohoctah Township Zoning Ordinance to regulate solar energy systems in accordance with PA 233 of 2023, and to recommend that the township board approve the proposed ordinance and forward to the Livingston County Planning Commission for review. Resolution carried. Voting Yea: Buttermore, DeFrancisco, Charette, Cican, Engel, Newton, Beach.

Public Hearing regarding Battery Storage Facilities.

Motion made by Newton, supported by Charette to open the public hearing regarding Utility Scale Battery Storage Systems. Motion carried and the hearing was opened at 7:18pm

There were no public comments.

Motion made by Cican, supported by Charette to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Motion made by Beach, supported by Engel to adopt the presented resolution, 03-2024, to recommend to the Cohoctah Township Board approval of the ordinance to amend the Cohoctah Township Zoning Ordinance to regulate Utility Scale Battery Storage Energy Systems and to forward to the Livingston County Planning Commission for review. Resolution carried. Voting Yea: Buttermore, DeFrancisco, Charette, Cican, Engel, Newton, Beach.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

Buttermore reminded public of the township Recreation Plan survey.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Engel, supported by Newton.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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