



Indianfields Township Board Regular Meeting
Hybrid w/ UBER Conference Meeting Minutes

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June 14th, 2021

Indianfields Township Hall

1633 Mertz Rd.

Caro, MI 48723

Draft

06/14/2021 @ 6:30 pm

Present: K. Osborn/ R. Osborn/ Sauber/ Campbell/ Smith

- Welcoming remarks – Campbell
- Pledge of Allegiance: - Campbell
- Public Comment:

Gary Roka: Will come back during regular meeting

Tussey: TAA- Discussing the permits issued to Kappen referencing a pond vs. mining- I.T. should reference the Airport overlay when they are issuing permits- glad to see the airport overlay is mentioned in the new master plan- appears the Kappen permit was obtained without checking with the County or the TAA overlay or zoning authority- Airport Zoning Authority would not have allowed the Permit to Kappen – Here today asking Board to address the Zoning Administrator and if he would contact the TAA before issuing a permit in the Township- looking at working together before permits are issued-Smith questioned the TAA overlay map and broke down the following steps 1. Permit by Township then it would need to go to TAA then County Tussey agreed that is the process he would like to see

- Approval of the Agenda: dated 06/14/2021 Motion by Sauber 2nd by K. Osborn motion carried 4/1
- Approval of the minutes: Dated 05/10/2021 motion by Sauber 2nd by K. Osborn- Campbell statement after the motion was 1st & 2nd: Matter about blight taken care of in last meeting and it is not- R. Osborn- matter is with Zoning administrator Campbell- thought Board instructed him to contact attorney about TEC matter Sauber-asked for details- Smith said I emailed everyone and the attorney the TEC information all at the same time - Smith was asked to follow up on this matter – Campbell took offence to the wrong statement of R. Osborn stating it was a “take it or leave it presentation” and wants it stricken from the minutes- Smith stated that was a direct quote from R. Osborn Campbell raised a hand held recorder and said it was not- K. Osborn stated that is exactly what he heard and R. Osborn stated it was what he said and stated that these items could not be stricken since there is a 1st & 2nd motions made- motion carried to approve the minutes 4/1

A. Supervisor:

- Assessor

- No Report Provided
- Letter/ Retirement- Campbell announced that on Friday he received Coiene Tait's letter of retirement effective 06/30/2021 – Introduced Susan Jenson as a replacement- Susan stated she was contacted by Campbell and had questions that he said the Board could answer- How many parcels does the Township assess? How many Different Classifications? Campbell asked R. Osborn to answer- R. Osborn sends out 1200 tax bills but that is not how many parcels that would be assessed – R. Osborn asked how Jenson would be charging? Jenson by parcel-
 - Smith stated should we accept Tait's resignation before we move on to hiring- Motion by Sauber to accept the Resignation 2nd by K. Osborn Motion carried 5/0
- Jensen currently assesses for Ellington/ Novesta/ & Wells Townships (alone) Campbell is looking for what the Board wants to do- put an ad in the paper- Sauber stated there was a 2nd name on Tait's letter we should reach out to that person- R. Osborn explained why we need to investigate Contract vs. employee for the next Assessor- R. Osborn asked if Campbell is pursuing other candidates? Campbell is asking for permission to place an ad in the newspaper- Sauber & R. Osborn stated it should be small and reasonable- Motion by R. Osborn to place that ad 2nd by K. Osborn motion carried 5/0
(Campbell not Following agenda Putnam interrupted and wanted to be heard sooner Smith apologized and stated we need to follow the agenda)

B. Treasurer:

- Report Provided
- First Right of Refusal: Received a notice of the Back Taxes Foreclosed property in Indianfields Township- Property is located on Wells Rd- R. Osborn was asking for the permission to sign the refusal- it was a parcel that Rendon & R. Osborn found with no legal description and the winter tax bill is \$64.00- assessed value of appx 3,300 Motion by Sauber to refuse the parcel 2nd by K. Osborn motion carried 5/0
 - Building and Grounds:
 - Memorial Day flags were put on the graves/ directed the worker to focus on the cemeteries for the Holiday which left other properties unattended and now trying to catch up- Flagpole is up at the park- Campbell asked if there was paint left if the base could be painted- R. Osborn will look into this matter
 - Seasonal employees are on their 2nd season with the Township grounds and they are great workers and need to look at pay rate- Fast food places are paying higher wages and golf courses are offering higher rates for grounds keepers -looking for \$.50 to \$1.00 raise to get them to \$12.00 an hour they care for 2 cemeteries/ park/ township hall burials- they work on average 32 to 36 hours- Campbell stated Fair days pay for fair days work- Sauber mentioned \$13.00 an hour further discussion over the issue- Motion by Sauber to pay the seasonal staff \$13.00 an hour 2nd by R. Osborn motion carried 4/0/1 Smith abstained

C. Clerk

- Bills to be paid: MML- Workers Comp Fund \$1,645/ MTA Dues \$1,413.09 / Fahey \$9,731.50- Campbell stated he has not contacted the attorney in 2 months and the bill

stated Supervisor on it – Sauber asked if this bill is looked at Campbell stated he no longer receives the Statements there was further questions about the billing- Smith stated that one of the charges is for an Employee harassment dispute that they contacted the attorney over against the Supervisor- Campbell wanted the name- Smith stated she did exactly what the Township attorney advised in this matter – Campbell stated he has not had contact with any Indianfields Township employee’s Smith asked 3 times if that was his statement for the record and he said yes. Smith then went on to explain that the other charge from Fahey is because Campbell is once again threatening to sue Smith over the Mail Policy- So the policy is being amended and the matter over the lawsuit is being addressed between attorneys- motion to pay the bills by R. Osborn 2nd by Sauber motion carried 5/0

- MERS- Updated quarterly report

Reports of appointed Officers and Committees:

- Planning Commission:
 - No Report
- Caro Transit Authority
 - Late report provided
- Enforcement Officer:
 - Report provided- Campbell – reviewed the report and raised questions over the 16 blight addresses he provided to the enforcement officer – R. Osborn- they are being investigated – because of legal procedures he will not be providing specific information into the public report this could lead to unfavorable to the property owner- Campbell wants to talk to the enforcement- Sauber let him know he talked to him 3 times today alone-
- Monthly Receipt Report:
 - Report Provided – Campbell asked if this was a new report R. Osborn stated it has been presented at a few other meetings

Unfinished Business:

- Book Nook: Smith under \$200.00 to purchase either a wood Nook or a plastic one R. Osborn asked about location Park or Township Sauber suggested it be wherever the most foot traffic will be- the Township first- Motion by Sauber to purchase the Book Nook 2nd by K. Osborn motion carried 5/0
- Resolution 2021-011- Mail Policy is being repealed and this will replace the current Mail Policy -Campbell is not in support of this at all- He accused Smith of removing letters from his mail- Smith stated she has never removed anything – Campbell once again voiced his threat over his mail being opened by anyone at the Township Motion by R. Osborn to adopt Resolution 2021-011 2nd by Smith R. Osborn reminded Campbell there needs to be a roll call vote- Roll Call Vote : Yes: K. Osborn/ R. Osborn/ Sauber/ Smith
No: Campbell

New Business:

- Check Register Report – Motion by R. Osborn to accept the Report 2nd by K. Osborn Motion carried 5/0
- MTA- Principles of Governance: MTA is requesting this document be signed by the board and it was passed around for signatures
- Water @ Medical Building- Putnam – Here requesting Township Support for the Medical Center- Discussed issues of the Water – Building Codes- Permits and solutions- 425 – Millages- Taxes- Frustrated and in need of help- Explained his position and some matters that have been taking place- R. Osborn offered to locate the 425 that the Township had drafted years ago and provide it to the Putnam’s and the Board – Once Campbell gets the promised 425 from the City he will provide to everyone –
- Tuscola County Bridge Millage: Smith read some information provided from the County – Commissioner Vaugh Stated that Commission Grimshaw was looking at over funded line items- Commissioners are not looking to cut the Bridge Millage
- ATB&D- Audit Smith and R. Osborn are working on the 2020-2021 Smith need signatures after the meeting from everyone on the board
- Building Codes: Smith asked Vaugh to address the notice from the Commissioners-
 - SSCMCCI has been giving notice they will not be renewing their contract with the County- County is looking for RFP’s to gain a new Code Enforcement
 - City of Caro- Contacted Campbell about Townships to form their own- Vaugh stated 75% of the Townships are not in favor of their own Building Codes – Campbell will tell the City of Caro that he is not in support of individual Code enforcement but continuing with the County

Public Comment:

- Gary Roka- Bottom line County vs. Local... if all Townships can do the job fine if not they need the County

Correspondence:

- TAA- FYI tree trimming is taking place at the Airport from DTE
- EGLE- Drain work update on the Scott Drain

Campbell adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm

Smith

Posted 6/17/2021
2:30pm CE/CS