

September 18, 2018

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> MEETING

Commissioner Crowe was absent. Staff recited the pledge at 9:00. Commissioner Candidate Tim Striker was present, also present was resident Lori Dyer. Purchase orders and bills were reviewed and signed. Pending issues were discussed with the following resolutions approved and signed:

- V101-150 Minutes of September 13, 2018:  
1<sup>st</sup>-Beaman 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rogers Roll call: Crowe: absent, Beaman-yes, Rogers-yes  
V101-151 Unencumber Forest, License Tag Fees, \$24,622.76  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>-Beaman Roll call: Beaman-yes, Rogers-yes  
V101-152 Out of County Travel  
1<sup>st</sup>-Beaman 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rogers Roll call: Beaman-yes, Rogers-yes  
V101-153 Release of Funds: JFS to reimburse Public Assistance and Public Children Services for expenses  
1<sup>st</sup>-Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>-Beaman Roll call: Beaman-yes, Rogers-yes  
V101-154 Additional Appropriation: JFS additional funds \$58,930.29  
1<sup>st</sup>-Beaman 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rogers Roll call: Beaman-yes, Rogers-yes  
Signed: MOU JFS and CSEA up to \$114,422.82 SRF18 Child Support State Match Ceiling Excess.  
1<sup>st</sup>-Beaman 2<sup>nd</sup>-Rogers Roll call: Beaman-yes, Rogers-yes  
It is noted the Prosecutor's Opinion shows that the Deputy Dog Warden and Township Trustee position does not create a conflict.

Lori Dyer, citizen and member of USV School. Interested in PILOT and advocating to be set at highest legal limit for the following reasons: 1. Future value will increase a considerable amount. 2 Does not bring additional labor to community and therefore does not add to the tax roll in any shape or form. 3. Concerned it takes up a lot of land essential, after 30 years we don't know what the worth will be; productive farm again or continue a solar or wind farm we don't know and can't predict, we need to cover all bases. The company has cited solar field and wind farm as the highest possible and payment and won't affect if they come, it won't match anywhere else. Commissioner Beaman: We received a letter from USV School which represents the board. She represents board and herself. Commissioner Beaman agrees with all her comments. Points made they have to calculate the worst scenario. Legal limit-not so sure what that is. Something we need to look at. All counties agreed to establish at highest amount so there wouldn't be competition among counties. Seven years later exactly what they didn't want to happen to use another county against another. This company did. They were talking with other commissioners outside their office. It caused friction. They attempted to reach out to talk about the rate outside this office. I refused to take the calls. Should be here in this office to discuss. I agree with our point. The future and impact it has with up to 4,000 acres. It's big. Take off tax bills, prime agricultural land. Auditor Bacon disagrees with their attorneys. Locals don't have to make up the difference-letter from Auditor says not right. They have never got back to us. Mrs Dyer-I believe everyone has right to conduct business as they see fit. They have adopted and I am fine with them but 30 years is a very long way down the road. 20 years or 30 years I've had both. They do degrade over time, they figured at that time 20 years at 80% of production of original. In 20 years we don't know the technology. Could be 4000 acres of obsolete equipment. If they moved from most productive ground it may not revert back. Commissioner Beaman: AEP and ONU have went into a solar field and they didn't come in and ask for reduced PILOT. Treat all fair. They can make it work at \$9,000. Hard to believe this company can't do the same I called and asked another company they don't see the \$9000 to be restrictive. If goes defunct they can clear one acre per day of solar panel if they decided to leave. Mrs Dyer: 10 years if they work holidays. And during that period of time we are not collecting PILOT or tax at value of that land. Commissioner Beaman-once certified, not clear, even if they don't sell energy they have to start paying Pilot, what if they decertify? No PILOT? Mrs Dyer-if bankrupt-there is no money. Commissioner Beaman-a bond is posted for removal-but if they chose to leave them stand there and simply

turn off do they still have tax exempt. They are very short on giving out a business model. We don't know if a cheaper operation to put up and manage, don't seem to want to answer a lot of questions. Solar cheaper to put in place. They are in the business. Mrs Dyer-their payments include \$9000 and we shouldn't back off of. Tim Striker-taxes only exempt when put in, would that work when torn out? Commissioner Beaman-certified-if discontinues solar field and decertified-and not removed? What is limbo time. Tim Striker-when not covered it reverts back is what he said. What if they don't remove? A lot of unknowns and no details. Mrs Dyer-make at \$9000 I represent a lot of people who have no other recourse, I don't believe they will leave based on \$2000 of units whatever that is. Commissioner Beaman-they have been going to build for ten years-all we have is a sub-station? All previous wind turbines know they have \$9000, no change. All have said to establish at highest rate, they've sent letters for the record saying to set at \$9000.

Commissioner Rogers moved to pay HJSchodorf \$74,710.14 as requested and certified by Garmann Miller. Commissioner Beaman second.

Christopher Lewis called in to discuss a situation with the Dog Warden regarding adopting a dog from August 31 when several people were interested in a dog he had told the Dog Warden he wanted. The person who adopted the dog was by having their name drawn-and then returned the dog. Sept. 17 he saw another dog he was interested in that during that visit he was asked to leave when he told the Dog Warden that the Dog Warden was not concerned about the dogs. He also noted that by not having the outside cage it will cause dogs to be abused and not left appropriately.

Roll call resulted as follows:

ROGER E. CROWE-ABSENT  
President of the Board-Roger E. Crowe

\_\_\_\_\_, YES/NO  
Randall S. Rogers

\_\_\_\_\_, YES/NO  
Brice S. Beaman

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board