

**Polkton Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Polkton Township Hall
February 18, 2020**

Meeting Called to Order – 7:06 pm by Chairman Homik

Establish a Quorum –

Members present; G. Carpenter, B. Homik, C. Lindberg, R. Scott
Member in Training; K. Wieringa

Member Absent: K. DuBois

Receive Public Comment – none

Agenda –Motion by Lindberg, support by Scott to approve the agenda. All Ayes: APPROVED.

Review/Approve Minutes from January 21, 2020 – minutes were reviewed & discussed. Motion by Lindberg, support by Scott, to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes with amendments to remove the phrase “waive 500’ bufferto trailer park” from the revisions within the motion for recommendation of the Landfill PMR, and to correct the spelling of Kevin Wieringa’s last name.. All Ayes: APPROVED.

Recess Regular Meeting – 7:20 pm – for Essential Services Public Hearing

Essential Services Public Hearing – 7:20 pm. Public comment was received from Dave Busman. He provided the PC with some background on how the need for this ordinance change came about. N further comments or written comments were received.

Reconvened Regular Meeting – 7:28 pm

Discussion – on the Essential services ordinance was held, with Lindberg commenting he would like to add livestock housing facilities to the setback requirements for electrical substations and gas regulator stations. This addresses real concerns of stray voltage that farmers and animal owners would have.

Motion to recommend – Motion made by Scott, supported by Carpenter, to recommend approval of the Essential Services Ordinance, with an amendment to include “livestock facilities” in Section 21.10.C, to the Township Board. All: Ayes APPROVED.

2020 Master Plan – Discussion was held on who to hire as planner to assist with the revision of the Master Plan. The PC would be satisfied with either of the choices previously put forth, Fresh Coast Planning, or Main Street Planning. Bing will meet with the Supervisor to get input on what specifically needs to be addressed in the master plan update to get started.

Motion made by Lindberg, 2nd by Scott, to recommend that the township board hire a planner, at their discretion, to assist the PC with the master plan. All: Ayes APPROVED.

Board Discussions – Reviewed with brief discussion of the building permits from January. Scott gave a brief overview of the February Township Board meeting as no minutes were received.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Adjourn- by Homik, support by Scott. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Minutes written by; Calvin Lindberg, PC member

Next Regular Meeting – March 17, 2020 @ 7:00 pm