

DORR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD DECEMBER 18, 2008

Meeting called to order by Supervisor VanHaitsma at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tammy VanHaitsma, Jodi Brummel, Jan Saunders, Larry Dolegowski, Paul Davis, Josh Otto, and Dan Weber

MEMBERS ABSENT: None  
(13 visitors)

Otto moved and seconded by Davis to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 4, 2008. Motion carried.

Public comments included appreciation for results of Board vote on composting, concern regarding agenda availability, and request for consideration of purchasing a cab for the township tractor.

Changes or additions to the agenda included the addition of discussion on a public participation policy. Supervisor VanHaitsma presented a proposed Public Participation Policy that she would like to have the Board adopt for better control of meetings and to provide for an environment suitable for conducting business. Discussion was held and it was decided to further investigate.

Dolegowski moved and seconded by Davis to table the adoption of a Public Participation Policy. Motion carried.

Otto moved and seconded by Weber to approve bills in the amount of \$5,271.22. Motion carried.

No communications.

The following reports were given: 1) Treasurer's report by Jan Saunders.

Old business included:

1) Composting

Supervisor VanHaitsma explained that the Township attorney has recommended that the composting motion made at the last meeting be rescinded because it is not an allowable use in the B-1 zoning district. Kirk Scharphorn Jr., of Professional Code Inspections, then further explained that Industrial zoning is the closest current zoning that allows for a public composting site.

VanHaitsma moved and seconded by Dolegowski to rescind the Board's acceptance of the bid from Jeffrey Miling and thereby cancel any contract entered into between Dorr Township and Jeffrey Miling concerning this matter because the prior vote of the Township Board authorized a land use that is prohibited in the B-1 Residential Zoning District. On December 4, 2008, the Dorr Township Board accepted the bid of Jeffrey Miling for the establishment of a yard waste recycling/composting site for the benefit of township residents on tax parcel 05-016-046-00 in return for payment from the township as provided in the bid specifications. This parcel is located in the B-1 Residential Zoning District under the Dorr Township Zoning Ordinance and the establishment of a yard waste/clipping composting or recycling site or facility is not a permitted use in that zoning district. Roll Call Vote: Otto YES; Saunders YES; Brummel YES; VanHaitsma YES; Dolegowski YES; Davis YES; and Weber YES (7 YES, 0 NO). Motion carried.

2) Bouma Builders lawsuit update

Supervisor VanHaitsma informed the Board that a special Planning Commission meeting has been set for January 6, 2009, to review the Bouma Builders request.

New business included:

1) 2009 meeting dates

The proposed 2009 Dorr Township Board meeting dates are as follows: January 15, February 5, February 19, March 5, March 19, April 2, April 16, May 7, May 21, June 4, June 18, July 2, July 16, August 6, August 20, September 3, September 17, October 1, October 15, November 5, November 19, December 3, and December 17.

Weber moved and seconded by Otto to approve the 2009 meeting dates, as presented. Motion carried.

1) Road Commission meeting

Supervisor VanHaitsma informed the Board of the annual Allegan County Road Commission meeting set for Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Dolegowski moved and seconded by Davis to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Jodi L. Brummel  
Dorr Township Clerk