

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the
Port Sheldon Township Board
May 8, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.**

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
Present: Michael Sabatino, Meredith Hemmeke, Rachel Frantom, Bill Monhollon and Lucas DeVries.
Absent: None
Also present: Fire Chief, Brad Dirkse, Assistant Chief, Tom Prince, Captain, Connor Millar, 4 Consumers Energy Representatives, and 30 residents and guests.
3. Pledge of allegiance.
4. Invocation
Meredith Hemmeke offered the invocation.
5. Additions to Agenda:
 - Wage Increase for Fire Chief
 - Approval of Fire Truck Purchase
6. Approval of Agenda with additions.
Motion by Bill Monhollon to approve the agenda. Supported by Rachel Frantom and carried.
7. Consent Agenda Approval
 - a. Approve Minutes- April 10, 2024 Regular Meeting.
 - b. Approve Financial Report
 - c. Approve Correspondence: None
 - d. Approve Committee Reports
 - Building – April – twenty permits issued with zero new house starts.
 - Fire Department – April report – fourteen calls and two meetings.
 - e. Approve payment of Bills
Motion by Luke DeVries to approve the consent agenda. Supported by Meredith Hemmeke and carried.
8. Recognition of National Law Enforcement Week, May 12-18, 2024
Motion by Rachel Frantom to adopt a resolution recognizing May 12-18, 2024 as National Police Week and Ottawa County Sheriff's Department in particular. Supported by Luke DeVries and carried with five yes roll call votes. Ayes: Michael Sabatino, Meredith Hemmeke, Rachel Frantom, Bill Monhollon and Luke DeVries. Nays: None
9. Consumers Energy Decommissioning Update
The Supervisor gave an update regarding the Decommissioning of the J H Campbell plant, which is now approximately one year from the announced closure date. He stated that in an effort to better inform residents, the township has added a "Decommissioning" tab on the Port Sheldon Township Webpage, where any updates & new information can be referenced. Additionally, Consumers Energy has set up a portal (linked on the Township Decommissioning Landing Page) which includes the timeline for the closure, and other details related to the just transition of the plant, and proposed methods of meeting power needs. He stated that there are still a fair number of unknowns, but a few things we do know. Certain aspects of the Consumers landscape and ownership will remain post closure: East of Lakeshore Drive, approximately 600 acres containing the fly ash landfills, and

leachate ponds which will be maintained 30 years post production. The high voltage corridor and substation will also remain in the township after the closure. Lastly, he mentioned that a portion of the Master plan revision public engagement efforts will have multiple opportunities for residents' to voice concerns and desires for the property post power plant usage. He also mentioned that there is a new landing page on the township website for the masterplan effort.

10. Consumers Energy Representative Presentation

Consumer's Power representative spoke about how they currently handle the non-hazardous wastewater from the fly ash operations, and their plans on how they intend to handle it after the plant shuts down. Consumer's Energy is pursuing permitting through EGLE and the EPA to utilize a deep injection well. She referenced that there are currently 9 deep injection wells currently in use in Ottawa County, and over 100 in the United States using the same technology. They are currently in the process of applying for a permit with EGLE and EPA for the installation of 2 non-hazardous underground deep well. She spoke about the 2 confining layers and that the well would inject the non-hazardous wastewater into the ground 6000 feet below the surface. (Drinking water is typically only 220 feet below the surface). During the permitting process the EPA and EGLE will accept public comments. The Consumers Energy Representative stated that this permitting will require ongoing monitoring.

11. Consider Planning Commission Zoning ordinance recommendation

Motion by Luke DeVries to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to adopt the zoning ordinance amendment. Supported by Bill Monhollon and carried with five yes roll call votes. Ayes: Michael Sabatino, Meredith Hemmeke, Rachel Frantom, Bill Monhollon and Luke DeVries. Nays: None

12. Review Application Fee Schedule

The board discussed the fee schedule, and the need for further review, before making any changes.

Motion by Mike Sabatino to postpone further discussion to a future meeting. Supported by Luke DeVries and carried.

13. Consider Fire Department re-roofing proposals.

Motion by Mike Sabatino to accept the September 18, 2023 Estimate 10051 from TruBuilt Builders for the re-roofing of the Fire Department building. Supported by Luke DeVries and carried with five yes roll call votes. Ayes: Michael Sabatino, Meredith Hemmeke, Rachel Frantom, Bill Monhollon and Luke DeVries. Nays: None

14. Consider Township Office/Hall Lighting proposal.

Motion by Rachel Frantom to accept the December 4, 2023 Estimate 17297111 from Wolters Electric for the Lighting Project for the Township Office/Hall. Supported by Meredith Hemmeke and carried with five yes roll call votes. Ayes: Michael Sabatino, Meredith Hemmeke, Rachel Frantom, Bill Monhollon and Luke DeVries. Nays: None

15. Additions to the Agenda:

- Wage Increase for Fire Chief

Motion by Mike Sabatino to increase the Port Sheldon Township's Fire Chief's annual wage by \$12,000 effective immediately. Supported by Rachel Frantom and carried with five yes roll call votes. Ayes: Meredith Hemmeke, Rachel Frantom, Bill Monhollon, Mike Sabatino and Lucas DeVries. Nays: None.

- Quote for purchase of Fire Truck

Motion by Mike Sabatino to accept the purchase agreement from Halt Fire Inc, quote 20240033 including all exhibits for the purchase of a tanker/pumper truck for the Fire Station with

Supervisor to sign. Supported by Rachel Frantom and carried with five roll call votes. Ayes: Meredith Hemmeke, Rachel Frantom, Bill Monhollon, Mike Sabatino and Lucas DeVries. Nays: None.

16. Public Comment.

Four residents had questions regarding the decommissioning of the JH Power plant. Supervisor responded to some of the questions and also deferred other questions to the Consumer Energy Representatives that were present at the meeting.

17. Adjourn

Motion by Bill Monhollon to adjourn. Supported by Luke DeVries and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Meredith Hemmeke, Clerk