

IOSCO TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
JULY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Supervisor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:00PM, with the Pledge of Allegiance. Treasurer Bonnaville, Clerk Delmerico, Trustee Hardies, and Trustee Parker present. Also present was Assessor/Zoning Administrator Allen, Deputy treasurer Dailey, Township Attorney Harris, Attorney Edgerton, and Chief Robert Feig, of the Fowlerville Area Fire Department, Township residents Cherie & Bill Mollison, Olivia & Ken Verfaillie, and Township Visitor Fanto.

Delmerico made a Motion to approve the Agenda, with additions; seconded by Hardies. All Ayes, Motion Carried. (AA, MC)

1st Call to the Public: Bob Feig, Fowlerville Fire Chief, brought the Board up to date with some items, the Main Fire Hall office will be open from 7:00AM to 4:00PM Monday thru Fridays. And secondly, there are new procedures concerning burn permits. Instead of calling the Burn Permit Number and leaving a name and contact phone number, the resident just calls the Number to see if there is either a "Burning is Permitted" or "No Burning Allowed" status is in effect. Then Cherie Mollison, Democratic Candidate for Township Trustee addressed the Board. She gave a bit of her background, including having family in the area for over 100 years, and why she is running for the seat. Finally, Olivia Verfaillie addressed the Board about her worries about the present virus crisis, and how it would affect the election.

Delmerico made a Motion to approve the proposed Board Meeting Minutes of June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, with corrections. Hardies seconded the Motion. AA, MC. Miller made a Motion to approve the proposed Election Commission Minutes of July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020; seconded by Bonnaville. AA, MC..

The Treasurer presented her report to the Board. As of today, the Township's General Checking Fund has \$454,634.59, the savings Account has \$251,647.10, the Certificate of Deposit (CD) at Chase Bank has \$150,000+, with a maturity of September 2020. The CD at 1st National Bank is worth \$206,493.55 and matures in March 2021. The Change Fund has \$150.00, and the Hall Checking Account has \$3345.31. The Total for all of the above is \$1,066,270.55. After payments to the Livingston County Road Commission, and Chloride Solutions, for contracted road work and dust control there is will a \$212,477.19 Road Millage liability. There is \$14,883.50 in the Escrow(s) Fund, \$5,006.10 in the Trust & Agency Fund, and \$3,428.62 in the Current Tax Collection Checking Fund. There are currently 1,150 weekly garbage pick-up stops in the Township.

Delmerico made a Motion to pay \$167,494.55 in Township bills. Hardies seconded the motion. Roll call vote, AA, MC. This amount includes \$30,492.99 for a dust control application by Chloride Solutions, and \$97,969.21 for road work by the Livingston County Road Commission.

Bonnville reported that there were 9 calls for emergency services in June; none were for fires. There will be a Fire Board meeting in August.

Parker reported that the Planning Commission (PC) is currently working on better language for the Sign Article of the Zoning Ordinance. The PC is also working to refine the definitions of what constitutes duplex, multi-, and single family dwellings; along with a better list of non-conforming uses.

Attorney Harris has written a Draft General Marijuana Ordinance for the Township that covers Medical marijuana growing activities; he had copies for the Board to review.

At this point Shelly Edgerton, an attorney who specializes in Marijuana Law, and Township Attorney Harris addressed the Board concerning enacting and enforcing a General Ordinance-Marijuana. Mr. Harris said that several things need to be allowed for in the General Ordinance: Compliance standards and requirement need to be laid out in the language of the ordinance. If performance bonds will be required, how will they be handled. The ordinance has to be considered an open document, to allow for changes in the law, and local conditions.

Ms. Edgerton said that the Township could require that applicants for commercial or medical marijuana grow operations supply all, some, or none of the vetting documents that the State requires for the licensing of these operation. The Township could also require that for a new permit, or a renewal of a permit that the property's taxes be up to date, and that insurance policies are current and have the proper converges.

She also explained that the grower in this situation is restricted on the number of plants that can be grown at the same time, and in the same location. The grower would be starting with a Class C grow license which starts with 1,500 plants per growing cycle, but licenses can be "Stacked" which allows multiple licenses to be added, or stacked, with additions 1,500 plants for each stack. Example: 3 Stacks of a license allows 4,500 per grow cycle, or as much as 6 tons of product every 4 months.

Both Mr. Harris, and Ms. Edgerton also reminded the Board that the current Zoning Ordinance and the proposed Marijuana General Ordinance do not contradict each other, but rather complement each other. Therefore changes would have to be made in the Zoning Ordinance to reflect this.

Ms. Allen reported as that of today, she has issued 3 Zoning Compliance Certificates since June's Board meeting, along with 1 Waiver of the same. Additionally, Master Planner has been asked to provide suggested language for the Zoning Ordinance that addresses demolitions of buildings, bonds for same, and standards for cleaning up properties.

The Clerk presented the Board a Contract from the Livingston County Clerk's Office to run an absentee counting board for our August and November elections. This counting board would count ours, and Unadilla Township's, absentee ballots for the cost of 1 township election worker. Bonnville made Motion to authorize the Clerk to sign the Contract with the Livingston County Clerk's office, for the proposed service. Hardies seconded the Motion. Roll Call vote, AA, MC.

Parker has been in communication with Fowlerville Schools Superintendent Wayne Roedel, about the possibility of installing an internet router at the township hall, and creating an internet bubble in the parking lot. This bubble would allow township students to work on their homework remotely. At this point, Parker made a Motion, seconded by Miller to authorize installation of a 2nd Surf Air antenna at the Township Hall, and set up such a bubble, in coordination with Fowlerville Schools. Roll call vote, AA, MC.

The Clerk presented the Board with 3 quotes for sanitizing the 2 precincts after the election. After a discussion, Bonnaville made a Motion, seconded by Delmerico, to use the company 1-800-Water Damage to sanitize both locations after the election, and have Lou Miller, and Dana Saunders, to clean both location, before and after the election, for a sum of \$500.00 Roll call vote, AA, MC.

The Board after a short discussion, directed the Clerk to place an advertisement about the Road Millage Renewal, in the News & Views. The Clerk will work with the Treasurer, and the Assessor, to ensure that the proper language is used.

The Board asked the Clerk to review Election Day Do's and Don'ts with Trustee Candidate Hand.

The Supervisor commented that Bob Michaud's Memorial would be this Saturday at 11:00AM at , Lakeview Cemetery, in Howell..

At the 2nd Call to The Public, Olivia Verfaillie re-emphazied her opposition to any marijuana operations in the Township. Ms. Mollison expressed surprise that commercial marijuana could be grown in this township. And Mr. Fanto mentioned that he hoped that the public would be better informed about the possible grow operations in the township. Ms. Edgerton also informed the Board that a recent State court case allows municipalities to regulate Care Giver growing activities.

Hardies made a Motion, seconded by Bonnaville, to Adjourn at 10:08PM. AA, MC.

Respectfully Submitted by

Dan Delmerico  
Township Clerk