

# MEETING OF THE RIVES TOWNSHIP COMMISSION

## REGULAR MEETING

### HELD AT 8682 LANSING AVE, FIRE STATION

June 28, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Members present: Roger DeCamp-chairman, Dwight Carmer-vice-chairman, Christine Beecher-ex-officio member from Township Board (TB), Adam Williams-member, Jim Lindstrom-secretary.

Motion by Mr. Carmer, 2cd by Mr. Williams to approve the agenda as written. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Williams, 2cd by Mr. Carmer to approve minutes of the May 24, 2021 of the regular PC meeting as written. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Chairman asked for reports. Mr. Carmer reported that no ZBA meeting had been necessary. Ms. Beecher reported on the June 15, 2021 TB meeting that a) a Marijuana Ordinance has been adopted, and b) a TB member will be taken to circuit court for blight violation. Mr. Lindstrom reported that TB had reviewed Region 2 comments regarding Zoning Ordinance Amendment and adopted it as written by PC.

#### BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Map Review- 2 letters received at Township office were given to secretary and read aloud. These regarded the owner's property and the PC desire to change these existing zoning district to agricultural/residential. David E and Judith L Wright requested 9599 Rives Junction Rd. be rezoned from commercial to agricultural/residential and Joseph G. Berkemeier requested that 9700 Easton Rd. be rezoned from industrial to agricultural/residential. Chairman reported that he has also received verbal request from Randy Avery for rezone of property on Rives Junction Rd. After discussion among members a Public Hearing date was set of August 23, 2021 to adopt these rezone requests. The Clerk will advertise and publish notice.
2. Restrictions/preemption on Local Zoning by State of Michigan update- Chairman reported that he contacted or attempted to contact the following agencies to learn more about this: a) Region 2 (contacted but failed to get them to review and advise PC on May 16, 2003/ revised January 3, 2013 article by MSU extension office we discussed in May 24 regular PC meeting b) MSU Extension office (unable to talk to anyone regarding Restrictions on Zoning Authority), c) MSU Extension Jackson office (unable to talk to anyone regarding Restrictions on Zoning Ordinance), d) Michigan township Authority (MTA) to get a list of existing preemptions affecting local zoning ordinances. Members discussed among themselves desirability/or not of compiling a list of legislatively preemptive topics where Rives Township has no control or only limited control through applying conditions to a zoning request. The Chairman will work with MTA to develop this list, if this is even possible. Mr. Lindstrom stated that he didn't think it was a good use of the PC meeting time going forward to deal with this now. Mr. Williams agreed and stated it can be dealt with in future when and if requests are made that fall in this category.

Public comment was invited at 7:33 pm

1. Vercilla Hart (resident) a) Township website Zoning Map is has no date, b) asked how far south on Railroad St. does commercial Zone extend, c) because Hacker property on Broughwell Rd sold 16 acres that industrial district should be reduced, d) she has filed a complaint with the zoning officer regarding land assessment, e) she has taken to the State Tax Commission a complaint regarding unequal treatment of land assessments.
2. Donna Domm-(resident) a) asked regarding the purpose of traffic counters place on Berry Rd. by the highway.
3. Joseph Super-(resident) a) he lives on Palmer St. b) he inquired regarding Novi Energy plans, c) he recommends closing options for power plant, d) he encourage Township to use technology to communicate in meetings, e) likes Chairman being proactive in stopping preemptions.
4. No others requested by method of signup sheet so Chairman asked if there were any others who wished to comment. None.

Public comment closed at 7:41 pm.

**Next regular meeting will be held July 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Location to be determined.**

Mr. Carmer 2cd by Ms. Beecher made motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:41 pm.