

BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
February 15, 2024

PRESENT: Supervisor Chad VanSyckle, Treasurer Melissa VanSyckle, Clerk Jana Bishop, Trustee Aaron VanSyckle, Trustee Jake Ypma.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

OPEN HEARING; J. Bishop moved to open the meeting, A VanSyckle supported.

UPDATES ON SOLAR STATUS; Atty Kauffman gave an update on the new law that Gov Whitmer signed into affect. Under that law the following options would be available for Solar Projects.

1. Follow the MPSC (Michigan Public Service Commission) process – benefit to the township is up to \$75K set aside by contractor to intervene in the process as well as a one time payment to the township of \$2K per megawatt.
2. Create a Compatible Ordinance (CREO) – every affected entity by a project would have to have one that is in agreement with the others.
3. Create a Workable Ordinance. This process is still under development. This ordinance could have buffering zones and decommissioning included in them.

Atty Kauffman also discussed the importance of getting constituents to sign the petition to repeal the Governors law on the November ballot. She also discussed the need to work with the county Planning and Zoning to get an ordinance in place to deal with smaller Solar Projects regardless of whether the existing law is repealed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

RESOLUTION:

The board discussed not signing a resolution based on the information provided by Atty Kauffman. Any ordinance needs to be adopted at the county level to be enforceable. A.VanSyckle made a motion to not sign an ordinance and C.VanSyckle supported. All Ayes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion made to adjourn by J.Bishop, supported by M.VanSyckle. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

Date

Jana Bishop, Clerk

Date