

**VEVAY TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Special Meeting/Work Session
Wednesday, July 27, 2022
Vevay Township Hall – 6:30 p.m.
517-676-9523
MINUTES**

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Nate Ross at 6:30 PM.

Present: Anderson, Cady, Winters, Pinkerton, VanDeventer, and Ross

Absent: McNeilly (with notice),

Others present: John Lazet, Supervisor; Chris Lewis, Treasurer; Aaron Barden, Zoning Administrator; and Dallas Henney, Leslie Township Supervisor

II. Pledge of Allegiance

All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Set/Amend Agenda

MOTION made by Anderson, SECONDED by Pinkerton to set the agenda as presented.
MOTION carried 6-0.

IV. Brief Public Comment

No public comment

V. Pending Business

1. Review/Discussion Re: Solar Energy Ordinance Revision with guest Dallas Henney, Leslie Township Supervisor:

Comments from Dallas Henney about the wind and solar experience that Leslie Township has had. He emphasized the need to get public comment/opinion. The number of people who live near the project site has a big impact on the public opinion. Biggest concern Leslie Township heard was aesthetic. Leslie Township currently has a 1-year moratorium on commercial wind and solar power projects. Decommissioning: money must be in a bond to return property to original condition; should include inflation clause. Leslie Township put in a renewal of every 5 years on the SLU (same as PA116 department, State of Michigan).

The Leslie Township ordinance was effective for the area in which their solar farm was placed. They recommend that a consultant be hired to confirm that the project met everything in the ordinance. The Solar development company paid for the consultant.

Discussed adding Complaint Resolution verbiage to Vevay Township Ordinance. Vevay Township Ordinance needs to expand requirements especially for the large arrays.

Dan has offered to add ordinances from other townships to help establish what needs to be added.

MOTION made by Anderson to recommend to the board and at least 6-month moratorium on application, approval, and construction of Large Solar Energy Systems while the planning commission reviews the existing ordinance.

MOTION SECONDED by VanDeventer.

Discussion.

MOTION carried 6-0

Sub-committee of Ross, Cady, and Pinkerton will review and bring ordinance change suggestions to the Planning Commission.

VI. Any Other Business

No other business

VII. Additional Public Comment

Mr. Lazet requested that the Planning Commission try to bring suggestions for review by October, 2022.

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION by Cady to Adjourn

MOTION SECONDED by Winters

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Ginette Anderson - Secretary