

AGENDA  
Augusta Charter Township  
Regular Planning Commission Meeting  
8970 Whittaker Road  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
March 20, 2024  
6:30 PM

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Yurk at 6:34p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Yurk led Pledge.

**3. Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors**

In Attendance: Robert Yurk, David Hall, Joyce Witt, Wendy Albers, Thomas Spence.  
Absent: Dan Woolf, Richard Hamlin, JR. Also in attendance were Carlisle Wortman  
Planners Laura Kreps and Diane Mulville-Friel.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Yurk made the motion, supported by Commissioner Witt to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Hall made the motion to approve minutes from October 18, 2023, Regular Planning Commission Meeting, supported by Commissioner Spence. Yes: Hall, Witt and Yurk. No: None. Abstain: Albers and Spence. Motion carried.

**6. Public Hearings**

None.

**7. Business Items**

**a. Renewable Energy Ordinance Discussion** – Commissioner Witt discussed memorandum regarding wind/solar energy. State legislation as opposed to township ordinances.

**b. Agricultural Zoning District Audit Discussion** – ordinance exists but not in the township map. Look at other districts for agricultural zoning. To be discussed further at April's meeting. Current issues with land division and parcel lots; must be careful not to create non-conforming lots. Carlisle Wortman believes the ordinance and maps of the township can be improved.

**c. Change of June 19th, 2024 Regular Meeting Date** – June 19th is a Federal Holiday (Juneteenth). June meeting rescheduled to June 12, 2024. Motion by Trustee Hall, supported by Commissioner Witt to move June 19<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>. Motion approved unanimously. Senior Center location. Same time; 6:30pm.

**d. Election of Officers** – Discussion to postpone to the April meeting. Every seat is up for a nomination. Chair, vice chair and secretary. Motion to defer election of officers to next April meeting. Motion to Commissioner Spence. Motion supported by Trustee Hall. Motion carries unanimously.

**8. Public Comment**

Francina Canada-Buchanan (Talladay Road) Creo, rezoning and agricultural rezoning.

Amy Shankleton-Novess Grandfather clause if zoning changes. Wind/Solar petition.

Sergio Trevino (Ranger Power) Railsplitter 1 and Railsplitter 2 site plans will be submitted to the Township.

Reynold Lowe Acreage involved with Railsplitter 1 and Railsplitter 2 projects

Dale-Lin Mallonen (Judd Road) Railsplitter 1 and Railsplitter 2 effect on birds/environment; power distribution

Public comment closed at 7:25p.m.

**9. Communications**

Trustee Hall noted BOT exploring avenues tearing down old fire hall, new parking lot, new building adjacent to fire station for storage. Three step process. FNV will provide an update during April 17, 2024, meeting; first step in the process. In May, a preliminary site plan will be presented.

Chairman Yurk shared information regarding recent zoom meetings from County Road Commission; round-a-bout at Willis and Whittaker in addition to repaving on Bemis Road. Pump station will not be moved. No guard rails to protect it. Also, future paving project on Bemis from Stoney Creek to Hitchingham have no impediments or impacts.

**10. Adjournment**

Commissioner Spence motioned to adjourn, supported by Commissioner Albers. Motion carried to close meeting at 7:31p.m.