

AGENDA  
Augusta Charter Township  
Regular Planning Commission Meeting  
8970 Whittaker Road  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
April 17, 2024  
6:30 PM

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Yurk at 6:31p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Yurk led Pledge.

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

In Attendance: Commissioners Robert Yurk, Joyce Witt, Wendy Albers, Thomas Spence, Dan Woolfe, Richard Hamill, JR. Absent: Trustee Hall. Also in attendance was Laura Kreps from Carlisle Wortman.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Hamill approved with Commissioner Witt support. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Witt made the motion to approve minutes from the March 20, 2024, regular Planning Commission Meeting, supported by Commissioner Albers. Commissioners Witt, Albers, Yurk and Spence approved. Trustee Hall absent. Commissioners Hamill and Woolfe abstained. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**6. Public Hearings**

None.

**7. Business Items**

**a. Pre-application Conference with Planning Commission** – M. Devries from Fleis and Vandenbrink presented current plans for a new storage building adjacent to the fire station. WCRC requested plans be revised to utilize the existing driveway as they would not approve a second driveway. Fire Chief Music prefers a second driveway to guarantee emergency responders' path remains clear. Chief Music will continue conversation with Fleis and Vandenbrink to help inform another conversation with WCRC.

**b. Agricultural Zoning District Audit Discussion** – Carlisle Wortman provided a township map illustrating current land division. Assignment for PC is to review materials from Carlisle Wortman prior to May's meeting and begin process of bringing the township up-to-date on land zoning to improve existing and/or new land ordinances.

**c. Election of Officers** – Trustee Hall was absent and due to his position on the Township board, cannot be an officer on the Planning Commission. Commissioner Woolfe nominated Commissioner Albers for Secretary supported by Commissioner Witt; motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Yurk nominated Vice Chair Woolfe for another term with support from Commissioner Hamill. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Hamill nominated Commissioner Yurk for another term as Chairperson; motion supported by Commissioner Albers. Motion carried unanimously.

## **8. Public Comment**

Susan Burke – Treasurer on Augusta BOT – she sits on Farmland Preservation Board and stated the board will review current land management and parcels in support of protecting farmland within the township.

Pete Hafler – Fire Chief Music should be included in future building plans for new storage facility adjacent to fire station. Topic around water/retention area. Asked about the potential for drive off of Judd Road and space for parking around proposed storage facility. Francina Canada-Buchanan (Talladay Road) Ordinances addressing animals and right to farm on personal property and question posed to the Fire Chief about a drive off of Judd Road.

Fire Chief Music – concerns over shared driveway for new storage facility that will be adjacent to fire station.

Mr. Taylor – commended how the Planning Commission operates. He would like to see better communication between BOT and PC. Asked for water drainage update on storage facility that is behind is property.

Public comment closed at 7:25p.m.

## **9. Communications**

Trustee Woolfe questioned driveway plans into new storage facility. If we have to have one driveway, recommended turn into storage as soon as cars enter drive.

Commissioner Spence requested training materials for new members. Laura Krepps looking into materials/opportunities for board members

## **10. Adjournment**

Commissioner Witt motioned to adjourn, supported by Albers. Motion carried unanimously to close meeting at 8:03 p.m.