



10128 Pence Hwy, Blissfield MI 49228

June 18th, 2024- 7:00pm- Ogden Twp Special Board Meeting- Approved Minutes

The sole purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Communication Tower Ordinance

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG/ROLL CALL

- Supervisor Marks called the meeting to order. All in attendance stood for pledge to flag. Board members in attendance included M. Vandenbusche, Rick Dennison, Richard Marks, Joshua Van Camp & Ashley Vandenbusche.

ADOPT AGENDA

- M. Vandenbusche motioned to adopt agenda as presented. Dennison supported. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- COMMUNICATION TOWER ORDINANCE
 - General Discussion was held around Communication Tower Ordinance, and a copy of a neighboring townships ordinance was available for reference/ starting point. Items below we want to ensure are added:
 - The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide guidance for Commercial Telecommunication towers over 50 feet in height, primarily designed to support one or more telephone, radio, television, or similar commercial communication transmitting or receiving antennas, which will be subject to compliance under this ordinance.
 - Towers shall not be artificially lighted, unless requires by the Federal Aviation Administration.
 - A signed & notarized statement by the applicant certifying compliance with all applicable Federal, State& local laws shall be filed with the application for permission to place tower in Township.
 - No advertising or identification signs visible from the site shall be allowed or permitted on the tower.
 - An application for permitting must include a site plan drawing detailing the proposed tower's location, type, height, surrounding land use, setbacks from adjacent property lines, elevation drawings of the tower, and plans for any other proposed structures or proposed collocation use of multiple towers. Setbacks should be a minimum of 1.5 times the height of the proposed tower.
 - Any & all information of an engineering nature that an applicant submits (civil, mechanical, electrical, etc.) must be certificated by a licensed professional engineer.
 - The application for permitting must include a legal description of the lot and copies of all contracts between the lessee and lessor concerning the land proposed for the communication tower.
 - All towers must be equipped with a fence that is at least 10 feet high, topped with Barbed wire and include anti-climbing devices.

- The tower must not cause interference with existing communication transmissions for nearby residents, including but not limited to radio, television, and cell phone or other communication signals.
- A minimum distance of two miles must be maintained between any type of Communication towers
- Vegetation on the site must be regularly maintained and groomed to prevent overgrowth. The area within the fence must be covered with stone, and measures must be taken to control weeds regularly.
- No day-to-day onsite personnel shall be permitted on the tower's premises.
- After 12 consecutive months of non-use, any Commercial Communication towers must be removed at the expense of either the property owner or the tower owner.
- M. Vandebusch motioned to have Clerk Vandebusch type up a draft ordinance, and submit to attorney for comment & review. Dennison supported. **Roll call vote:** Van Camp-Yes, M. Vandebusch-Yes, Dennison-Yes, Marks-Yes, A. Vandebusch-Yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A question was posed on who enforces this. The answer given was the board and /or if necessary, the police.

ADJOURNMENT

- Mark Vandebusch motioned to adjourn. A. Vandebusch supported. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Ashley Vandebusch- Ogden Township Clerk