Approved Minutes
Of the August 16, 2022
Conway Township
Regular Board Meeting
7:00 pm

#### REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Grubb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Present: Clerk Elizabeth Whitt, Supervisor William Grubb, Treasurer Debra Grubb, Trustee Richard Hohenstein, Trustee George Pushies.

Consent Agenda approved by roll call: Hohenstein – yes, Whitt – yes, W. Grubb – yes, D. Grubb -yes, Pushies – no Motion approved.

Call to the public: two attendees spoke

Motion to approve the Board Meeting Agenda: Motion by D Grubb. Supported by Hohenstein. Motion approved.

Resolution 220816-01 with one amendment offered by Hohenstein, supported by Whitt. Roll Call: W Grubb – yes, Whitt – yes, D Grubb – yes, Pushies – Yes, Hohenstein – yes. Resolution passed.

Resolution 220816-02 by Whitt, supported by Pushies.

Deliberation on the application: The concern that approval would set a precedent for spot zoning was discussed. Additionally, the applicant was asking for the board to deviate from the Township Master Plan for a second time, again potentially showing favoritism and setting a precedent. The township's planning firm and the Livingston County Planning Commission both expressed concerns regarding spot zoning. Traffic concerns on an already dangerous curve were also discussed. After consideration of the criteria for amendment stated in Section 4.06 of the zoning ordinance, the board voted to disapprove the application with a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Whitt – no, D Grubb – no, Pushies – Yes, Hohenstein – no, W Grubb – no, Resolution did not pass.

Resolution 220816-03 offered by Whitt, supported by Pushies. Roll Call: D Grubb – yes, Pushies – Yes, Hohenstein – yes, W Grubb – yes, Whitt – yes. Resolution passed.

Motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motion by Pushies. Support by Hohenstein. Motion approved.

Elizabeth Whitt, Township Clerk

Gabi Bresett, Township Deputy Clerk

# RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

Resolution No. 220816-03

### **CONWAY TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Township approved General Law Ordinance No. 27, known as an Ordinance To Place A Temporary Moratorium On Commercial Solar Energy Systems ("Ordinance"), on March 15, 2022;

WHEREAS, the Ordinance places a temporary moratorium on the acceptance of applications and issuance of permits and approvals for the operation of solar farms in accordance with Zoning Ordinance Section 6.26(F) within the Township for a period of 180 days, which period is set to expire on September 11, 2022;

WHEREAS, the Township has made and continues to make diligent efforts during the temporary moratorium towards amending its zoning ordinance regulations relating to solar farms, also known as solar energy systems, including discussions with its planning consultants, outside solar consultants, neighboring townships and their consultants, and the Township attorney, but it has become clear that additional time is needed to complete their efforts;

WHEREAS, the Ordinance provides the Board may extend the temporary moratorium by resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board does wish to extend the temporary moratorium through March 10, 2023, to allow the Township Planning Commission and Board additional time to amend the zoning ordinance;

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Board hereby extends the term of the temporary moratorium relating to solar farms established by the Ordinance to Place a Temporary Moratorium On Solar Farms, General Law Ordinance No. 27, from September 11, 2022, through March 10, 2023.
- 2. All other ordinances, policies, and procedures that are in conflict are hereby repealed

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Whitt. Second offered by Board Member Pushies.

Upon roll call vote the board members voted as follows:

Grubb, D: yes Pushies, G: yes Hohenstein, R: yes Grubb, B: yes Whitt, E: yes

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted by the Conway Township Board at a regular meeting held on August 16, 2022.

Elizabeth Whitt, Clerk

# RESOLUTION FOR IMPOSITION OF LATE PENALTY CHARGES ON PROPERTY TAXES

## Resolution No. 220816-01 Conway Township

WHEREAS, the Township of Conway, County of Livingston, Michigan, is a township with responsibility for assessing ad valorem property taxes, collecting property tax levies and handling review and appeal matters arising therefrom;

WHEREAS, MCL 211.44(3), authorizes the imposition of a three percent (3%) late penalty charge on property taxes paid after February 14 and before March 1 of the succeeding same year in which the taxes become due and payable;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Board to encourage the timely payment of taxes through the collection of late penalty charges in accordance with MCL 211.44(3);

WHEREAS, the Township does not wish to allow for waivers permitted by MCL 211.44(3);

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Township Board does hereby authorize the imposition of late penalty charges equal to three percent (3%) of the tax on all property taxes paid after February 14 and before March 1 of the succeeding year in which such taxes become due and payable.
- 2. This resolution shall apply to all property tax levies that become due in 2022 and every year thereafter and shall continue in full force and effect unless and until revoked or rescinded by subsequent resolution of the Township Board.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Hohenstein. Second offered by Board Member Whitt.

Upon roll call vote the board members voted as follows:

Grubb, B: yes Whitt, E: yes Grubb, D: yes Pushies, G: yes Hohenstein, R: yes

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Board held on August 16, 2022.

Elizabeth Whitt, Clerk