

HAWES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2024

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman, Jeff Anderson, at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, at the South Shore Fire Hall in Spruce, MI.

Roll Call: Acting Chairman, Jeff Anderson, Vice-Chairman, (vacant), Special Secretary, Lacie Dahn, Trustee, Evelyn Gladhill, Cindi McGowen, Acting Regular Secretary. Shari Lee (absent).

Visitors/Guests: Rod Cordes

Approval of Agenda: Jeff Anderson made motion to approve, Lacie Dahn 2nd motion. All approved, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jeff Anderson that minutes of October 1st, 2024 be approved, motion 2nd by Lacie Dahn. All approved. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Melissa Chambers of NEMCOG will be the new planner working with Tri-Townships on completing the Master Plan.

Old Business:

- Report on Zoning Board of Appeals – None
- Jeff Anderson is the Acting Chairman for remainder of 2024.

New Business:

- Election of Officers: Motion by Cindi McGowen and 2nd by Lacie Dahn for Jeff Anderson to be new Chairman, approved, motion carried. Evelyn Gladhill made motion for Cindi McGowen to be new Regular Secretary, 2nd by Lacie Dahn, approved and motion carried. Jeff Anderson made motion and 2nd by Cindi McGowen for Lacie Dahn to continue as Special Secretary, approved and motion carried. Jeff Anderson made motion and 2nd by Lacie Dahn for Vice Chairman position to remain open for now, approved and motion carried.
- Trustee, Evelyn Gladhill and Rod Cordes updated PC from October- December 2024 Board meetings: Barton City Church, parsonage and cemetery will be turned over to Hawes Township and insurance on buildings in place. The township board has approved \$53K ARPA funds for Fire Dept Jaws of Life and to be installed in December 2024 with the remaining approx. \$1,500.00 to be used for insurance on church buildings and or utilities for them. Newly elected Township Clerk will not be taking the position in January 2025 therefore current Hawes Township Clerk, Janette Richardson-Stover will continue in that position. Resident on East Ritchie Road has been served with notice to clean his property from all the blight on it, with nothing heard back from him as of this date.
- Jeff Anderson made a motion, 2nd by Cindi McGowen to set Tri-Township Meeting date at Hawes Township for Thursday January 16, 2025. Motion approved and carried. The new Chairman, Jeff Anderson, to contact Alcona and Caledonia Townships to update them of planned new date at Hawes Township and present the information to NEMCOG for coordination.
- Jeff Anderson made a motion 2nd by Lacie Dahn to continue their meetings on Tuesdays at 6pm on the 3rd Tuesday of designated months. Motion approved and carried. Future Meeting dates are:

February 18, 2025, May 20, 2025, September 16, 2025 and December 16, 2025 with Chairman to notify the South Shore Fire Hall custodian of these dates and post those dates in the hall.

- Planning commission to research and inquire about Tiny Homes in Hawes Township. Property owners are setting up Amish built homes in Forest Rec areas

The next Tri-Township Meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, January 16th, 2025 at 7pm, (upon confirmation from NEMCOG and Alcona and Caledonia PC Townships) hosted by Hawes Township at the South Shore Fire Hall, Spruce, MI.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 6 pm at Hawes Township location at the South Shore Fire Hall.

Adjournment: Jeff Anderson made a motion to adjourn our meeting, 2nd by Evelyn Gladhill, approved. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi McGowen,

Hawes Planning Commission Regular Secretary

Minutes sent by email on Jan 2, 2025 to PC members, Rod Cordes, Janette Richardson-Stover and Esther Budreau