

**LILLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**January 8, 2024**  
**UNAPPROVED**

The **Regular Meeting of the Lilley Township Board** was called to order by Supervisor Bouwens at 7:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose building.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was recited; invocation by Anderson.

**Roll was called** Board Members present: Anderson, Bouwens, Hoving, Nelson and Way.

**Motion** by Anderson, seconded by Hoving to approve the Agenda. All in Favor, **Motion carried.**

**Public Comments:** Cindy Israels read letter from taxpayer regarding improper and negative use of STR's in their area. Another taxpayer, resident for over 35 years, commented on the negative use of STR's on her lake in the last few years.

**Minutes:** Motion by Hoving, seconded by Way, to approve the December 11, 2023 Minutes.

**Roll Call:** Anderson, yes; Bouwens, yes; Hoving, yes; Nelson, yes; Way, yes. **Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report & Items:** Checkbook Balance is 602,044.96.

The Dog Clinic is January 20 from 1-3 and she thanked the Fire Department for the use of their building. She stated that there had been no response on the grant for the radios.

**Motion** by Hoving, seconded by Anderson to approve the bills to be paid; **Roll call:** Anderson, yes; Bouwens, yes; Hoving, yes; Nelson, yes; Way, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**Clerk's Items:** Clerk received a request to change the Board Meeting time to 7pm, as well as the Planning Commission; tabled until next meeting. Voting will be on February 27<sup>th</sup> with 9 day prior voting available and the location will be in White Cloud. A drop box will also be available at the Township Office.

**Trustee Items:** **Trustee Anderson** said he has had a real struggle regarding the STR 's and those who have been renting for a long time and abiding by the rules, but knows that changes have to be made and he wants to continue to represent all the people of Lilley Township.

**Trustee Hoving** said she had been vacationing in the area since 1964 and has seen the negative effects of STR's in recent years. She stated that the Planning Committee has received many negative comments from people regarding those owning STR's. She wants to protect all the people of the township.

**Supervisor's Items:** Supervisor thanked the Planning Commission for all their hard work and trying to work together with all the residents of the Township. He said the Road Commission apologized for the roads, but weather has been a problem. He stated that he and Scott DeBruyne were working on a full time fire fighter job description.

**Fire Department and MFR:** Chief DeBruyne said they had 12 calls; 3 fire and 9 medical. Chief DeBruyne also reported all physicals have been completed. There are two people starting their MFR certification. They are already certified for fire. The department attended the Woodville Christmas light parade and decided to go through the village of Bitely as well. Many residents were very appreciative and they are thinking of making it a yearly community event. They have received a Special Use permit to hold a Corn Hole Tournament on February 10<sup>th</sup> and thanked the Bitely Boys for helping to coordinate the event. Trustee Hoving congratulated Scott on his education accomplishments.

**Planning Commission:** Chairman Israels said it has been a rough ride regarding STR's, but did appreciate the community's comments for and against, resulting in better clarification of due process and use of property. Chairman Israels then turned the meeting over to the Township's attorney for further clarification of the Ordinance.

Mr. Bloem discussed the November 13 Resolution Amendment and how it would help guide the Board in moving forward. He said that he has been involved with various entities for several years regarding the STR situation and the affect it has on residents. It has been an increasing concern with those living with their known neighbors, and the problems incurred with short term unknown vacation renters. Discussion also continued on who would be in charge of enforcing the rules and infractions. The Zoning and Planning Commission will be working on the procedure on how to implement and enforce the new ordinance.

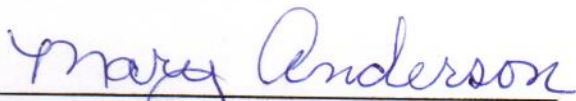
**Motion:** After much discussion, Trustee Hoving motioned to pass the Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2024-1, seconded by Nelson. **Roll call:** Anderson, yes; Bouwens, yes; Hoving, yes; Nelson, yes; Way, No.

**Motion carried.**

**Zoning:** 3 electrical, 4 zoning and 3 mechanical.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Way, seconded by Nelson to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Mary Anderson, Lilley Township Resident