

**SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020**

Present: Stein, Wiatrowski, Kiry, DeGrandchamp, Bertorelli and Lewandowski.
The meeting was held online.

Absent: Fisher

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stein at 7:30 p.m.

November 11, 2020 minutes were accepted as presented.

Gail Gladney gave a report from the Van Buren County Commission.

Motion by Lewandowski, supported by Wiatrowski, to accept the Agenda as presented. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Supervisor Stein reported that the second meeting with Casco, the City of South Haven and LIAA regarding Coastal Management went well and the third one is scheduled for next month. At that time they hope to draft a plan.

Supervisor Stein reported that there is nothing new with the signs on the bridges at this time.

Supervisor Stein reported that there has been no feedback on the current Noise Ordinance so for now it will be what we use if there are issues until we decide if we need to make any changes.

Supervisor Stein reported that a representative from Abonmarche suggested a survey be done to determine the boundary lines at Deerlick Park. There is a concern that the neighboring properties encroaching on the boundaries will be a cause for concern for current and future grants. He also reported a letter is being sent out regarding violations.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Lewadowski, that it is in the best interest of the township for securing future grants and to honor past grants to get a survey of the Deerlick Park boundaries both north and south. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Kiry, supported by Wiatrowski, to open a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering a Commercial Rehabilitation District on Phoenix Road. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Zachary Morris with Market Van Buren explained the requirements for establishing a Commercial Rehabilitation District and tax exemption. There are three acres of land where Amish Patel is currently building a new Holiday Inn Express. The old one across the street will be rebranded. He explained how the exemption would work and said that taxes are usually frozen for 10 years at the current rate. He explained that a new hotel would help that corridor draw new business.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by DeGrandchamp, to close the Public Hearing. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by DeGrandchamp, supported by Wiatrowski, to adopt Resolution 20-20 establishing a Commercial Rehabilitation District. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Zachary Morris did a power point presentation to introduce and promote Market Van Buren. He explained that South Haven Township could become a supporter and receive benefits from membership for an annual fee of \$3,167.59. Board Members agreed to put this on next month's agenda for future study.

Motion by Bertorelli, supported by Wiatrowski, to adopt the Budget Amendments as presented. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by DeGrandchamp, supported by Wiatrowski, to adopt the 2021 Meeting Schedule as presented. Meetings will continue to be held monthly on the second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Stein, supported by Kiry, to reappoint Marc Bertorelli, Al Dubussion and Cindy Compton to the Board of Review for a two-year term. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Stein, supported by Kiry, to reappoint Phil Poole and Greg Meyer for three-year terms on the Planning Commission. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Reports from various committees and authorities were received. Jean Stein was in attendance for the Library and W.C. Askew was in attendance for the Road Commission.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by DeGrandchamp, to approve payment of anticipated bills in the amount of \$48,311.09. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Brenda Bertorelli, Clerk

Ross Stein, Supervisor