

**GIRARD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
December 13, 2022**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Lindy Platz at 7:00 PM.

Present: Lindy Platz, Clay Brocious, Pete Dion, Roadmaster Jeff Ferrick, Zoning Administrator Tiffany Kramer, Solicitor Christine McClure, Juston Cannon, Sandy Anderson, Tony Pecorella, Pat Kennedy, and Jim Mattson.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA- *None***

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDES:**

- The **TREASURER'S REPORT** from 11/30/22:
- The **MEETING MINUTES** from 11/22/22:
- The **INVOICES** from 11/23/22 through 12/13/22:
- The **PAYROLLS** ending 11/26/22, 12/03/22, and 12/10/22

Motion by C. Brocious, seconded by P. Dion to approve the Consent Agenda, motion carried (3-0).

***PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS***

The Planning Commission gives favorable recommendation to the Supervisors to move forward with the Cypress Creek Renewables solar farm development contingent on the decommissioning agreement being approved.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/AGREEMENTS**

Motion by P. Dion, seconded by L. Platz to approve Resolution 22-13 PennDOT-Francis Road Bridge Application for County Aid of \$125,000, motion carried (3-0).

Motion by C. Brocious, seconded by L. Platz to approve Resolution 22-14 Erie Area Council of Government 2023 Annual Budget, motion carried (3-0).

Motion by C. Brocious, seconded by P. Dion to approve Resolution 22-15 Adoption of the 2023 Girard Township Budget, motion carried (3-0).

Motion by P. Dion, seconded by C. Brocious to approve Resolution 22-16 Levying 2023 Tax Millage, motion carried (3-0).

Motion by L. Platz, seconded by P. Dion to approve Resolution 22-17 Levying other 2023 Taxes, motion carried (3-0).

Motion by C. Brocious, seconded by P. Dion to approve Resolution 22-18 SECURE and CARES Act Amendments to the Girard Township Defined Contribution Pension Plan, motion carried (3-0).

Motion by L. Platz, seconded by C. Brocious to approve the 2022-2023 Snow Plowing Agreement, motion carried (3-0).

**OLD BUSINESS- *None***

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by C. Brocious, seconded by P. Dion to approve the Erie Solar LLC Land Development Plan to show the construction of a solar farm to be located along the north side of West Ridge Road, opposite Imperial Parkway in Girard Township, Erie County Index Number 24-005-034.0-001.00, as shown on a plat prepared by Kimley-Horn and dated 06/01/2021, revised 09/06/2022, motion carried (3-0), contingent on the decommissioning agreement and engineering drawing being approved.

Motion by L. Platz, seconded by P. Dion to approve the advertising of the following Organization meetings; Supervisors on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.; Auditors on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.; Planning Commission on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.; the Water & Sewer Authority on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The Zoning Hearing Board will Organize at their first meeting of the year, motion carried (3-0).

Chairman Platz announced that there will be a PennDOT meeting regarding the Beckman Road Bridge on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:00 p.m. for Public Officials and 5:30-7:30 p.m. for the public at the Rice Avenue Middle School.

Motion by C. Brocious, seconded by L. Platz to advertise a Public Hearing for a liquor license transfer to Giant Eagle on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., motion carried (3-0).

Motion by P. Dion, seconded by L. Platz to reappoint Greg Baldwin and Paul Raupers to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5-year term expiring on 12/31/27, motion carried (3-0).

Motion by L. Platz, seconded by P. Dion to table appointing someone to serve on the Planning Commission for a 4-year term expiring on 12/31/26, motion carried (3-0).

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Christine McClure introduced a new hire to the Knox Law Firm, Pat Kennedy. Pat was the previous Public Defender for Erie County. Christine is looking to retire by this time next year.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT-None**

**COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS**

C. Brocious encouraged those attending to come to the PennDOT meeting regarding the Beckman Road Bridge and support replacing the bridge, rather than removing it.

**COMMENTS FROM THE STAFF**

T. Kramer stated that letters had been sent out to residents that have snow posts too close to the road. If the requests are not met, additional letters will follow. She also asked about Agritainment and looking into possibly adding it to the Township's ordinances.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Juston Cannon asked about a water source near the Beckman Road Bridge regarding emergency vehicles. Tony Pecorella questioned the status of VNET. C. Brocious explained that the application has been opened and money has been applied for. Sandy Anderson gave the Supervisors a report of revenues and expenses for Music in the Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by C. Brocious, second by P. Dion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM. Motion carried (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindy Platz  
Secretary