

## RUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Rush Township Trustees met in regular session on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Township Building in North Lewisburg. Present were Cinda K. Bailey, Ed Funderburgh and Andy Heath.

Cinda called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the meeting held on December 18, 2023 were read aloud and approved as amended.

The following receipts totaling \$13,743.10 were reported:

02-2024	CHAMPAIGN COUNTY AUDITOR	1037.49
03-2024	CHAMPAIGN COUNTY AUDITOR	12078.41
04-2024	PARK NATIONAL BANK	411.20
05-2024	SET N STONE	216.00

The following bills totaling \$6,398.61 were presented for payment:

04-2024	OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION	106.70
6497	NORTH LEWISBURG WATER & SEWER	65.00
6498	AES OHIO	55.22
6499	AES OHIO	129.42
6500	PIONEER RURAL ELECTRIC CO.	47.66
6501	REPUBLIC SERVICES	176.09
6502	CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ENGINEER	274.00
6503	CHAMPAIGN COUNTY TWP ASSOCIATION	53.00
6504	CINDA K. BAILEY	622.44
6505	EDWARD D. FUNDERBURGH	910.01
6506	STEPHEN A. HEATH	910.01
6507	BRADLEY G. HERRON	123.81
6508	RANDY L. HUNT	1517.00
6509	KATHLEEN A. PACKMAN	1408.25

Andy moved to pay the bills, Ed seconded the motion. All in favor. Fiscal officer instructed to issue warrants for the same.

Correspondence was gone over.

Old Business:

Randy Hunt said that he spoke with Lantz Sales and they told him to bring in the old Grasshopper mower when the new mower is ready to be picked up.

New Business:

Several guests were at tonight's meeting and chose to speak in regards to the Woodstock Solar Farm project.

Tom Frost spoke of his concerns as to possible road damage and who is responsible to protect the township's residents.

Val Deady spoke of her concern of property values and wildlife that will both be affected by the project. She stated that she first heard about this project this past Saturday and has spoken to lots of people who had no idea that this solar project was happening.

Tim Kemper stated that he is aware that the township has no authority of preventing this project from happening. He feels that road limit signs are necessary to be placed on Burton and McCarty Roads. He further stated that a community action group has been formed to oppose and protest the proposed Woodstock Solar Farm. He said that the project is sitting on the Darby Watershed and that might be a reason to halt the project. This community action group has raised the funds to hire Attorney Jack Van Kley. Tim said that the residents need the support of the Trustees. He also stated that Mark Westfall has removed himself from the property owners of the proposed solar project site as he did not refile his lease. Tim also questioned if Woodstock Solar has done a drainage study as they had promised. He asked the Trustees what do you need from us as a group. He said that the solar projects are built, they stay for two years and leave the area.

Josh Holland asked the Trustees at what point are the Trustees going to start asking questions.

Charles Cushman said that he recently called the PUCO and was told that Heelstone filed paperwork in 2020 as Heelstone Renewable Energy. They have not refiled as Woodstock Solar.

Liz Cave feels that homes will lose their value and residents must be kept safe if this project continues. She said that water needs to be checked for pollution before and again after the project is completed. She did state that meetings concerning this project have been going on for the past three years. She asked the Trustees if any members of their families were involved in the project.

Tim Durham stated that a moratorium on anything solar needs to be placed within the township. This will be a freeze on everything. But then again we would be very lucky if this is approved. Maybe someone could speak with the commissioners in Union County as they have approved solar farms. That way the township can get educated and up to speed on solar farm projects. Senate Bill 52 makes it more difficult in the future to start up new projects.

Grant Goddard said that when the solar project people first approached the community about the project they stated that they would be a good neighbor. He feels that they now have been lying to us all along.

Ed Funderburgh stated that Jane Napier has informed him that she has spoken to the EPA and no permits have been issued to Woodstock Solar.

Andy Heath stated that he has a meeting with the Champaign County Commissioners tomorrow morning to discuss concerns with this solar project.

There was no further discussion with no decisions being made by the Trustees.

The next township meeting will be held on Monday, February 19, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Being no further business, Andy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Packman, Fiscal Officer *Kathy Packman*

Chairman *Anna Buckley 2/19/24*