

Ravenna Township Dakota County. MN

1. Jan Langenfeld called the November 30, 2015 Joint Meeting of the Town Board and the Planning Commission to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m. Town Board Supervisor Carl Reuter and Mike Waxon; Planning Commission members, Allen Clement, Scott Craigie, Jan Langenfeld, Junie Mundt, Rich Otteson, Tiffany Soucek, and Mike Wheeler; and Caroline Spurgeon, Clerk/Treasurer, were present.
2. Introductions were made as there are new planning commission members.
3. Mike Waxon moved to approve the agenda as printed. Carl Reuter seconded; motion passed unanimously.
4. Mike Waxon moved to approve the joint planning commission meeting of 7/21/2015 as printed. Rich Otteson seconded; motion passed unanimously.
5. Junie Mundt nominated Jan Langenfeld as Chair. Rich Otteson seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. Jan accepted the position.
6. Junie Mundt nominated Allen Clement as Vice Chair. Scott Craigie seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. Allen accepted the position.
7. The purpose of this meeting is to start writing an ordinance in regards to solar gardens/farms due to the one-year moratorium ordinance 02-2015 that went into effect October 8, 2015. The ordinance states that the planning commission shall complete 90 days before the Ordinance 02-2015 is to expire.
8. Discussion on items that need to be considered when drafting ordinance:
 - Commercial
 - Agricultural
 - Housing
 - Size allowance
 - Setbacks
 - Reflectivity
 - Impervious surface / run off from panels
 - Materials required under panels
 - Permit requirements – IUP, zoning
9. Consensus of group is no commercial solar farms will be allowed; only residential – private use.
10. Junie noted that electrical companies are mandated to have solar farms in Minnesota.
11. Started review of ordinance Hampton Township is writing. Caroline to find out if Empire Township has anything written as they have a solar farm.
12. The next joint meeting is Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caroline Spurgeon
Ravenna Township Clerk / Treasurer