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Stanton Township Planning Commission Meeting January 9th, 2024

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Approved Minutes

**Attending:** Chair, Hannah Regenscheid; Secretary, Cheryle Peters; Commissioner, Jeff Davis; Commissioner, Mary Lundell; Supervisor, Ken Burns; Applicant, Jason Sachs attended via Zoom services.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair, Hannah Regenscheid, called the meeting to order; the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Agenda:** Time was dedicated to review the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes from December 12th, 2023:** Time was dedicated to review the December 12th meeting minutes; Mary Lundell made a motion to approve the December 12<sup>th</sup> minutes. Jeff Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/0.

**Public to Speak:** Chair Regenscheid called for any requests to speak, not on the agenda. None were heard.

**Public Hearing 7:15** The Regularly Scheduled Planning Commission meeting was suspended, opening the public hearing at 7:15pm. Chair Regenscheid read aloud the published notice from the Cannon Falls Beacon. Mr. Jason Sachs was invited to the podium to make his request, on behalf of MidContinent Communications. He requested a 10 year renewal, amending a township Ordinance regarding a franchise agreement to conduct cable television operations in Stanton Township

Current service areas were discussed briefly; customer satisfaction was noted, especially for the internet services provided as a service with the television services. About 40 homes are currently serviced, mostly, in the northeastern portions of the township.

The call went out three times for public comment; none was heard. The public hearing was closed at 7:35pm.

**Zoning Requests:**

The Regularly Scheduled Planning Commission meeting was resumed. Hannah Regenscheid made a motion to recommend, to the Town Board, approval of the request for renewal, a ten year term with MidContinent Communications. Jeff Davis seconded the motion; the motion passed 4/0. Mr. Sachs was advised to attend the Town Board meeting January 16, 2024, for a review.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

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**Ordinance Review:**

Chair Regenscheid offered an analysis of the non-conforming A-2 parcels, for minimum lot size, using a Report format. The document was reviewed. Also offered and reviewed was a spreadsheet showing the non-conforming A-2 parcels, for minimum lot size, by Section.

.Jeff Davis made a recommendation, to the Town Board, to amend the township ordinance for A-2 zoning district be 100 feet for the front, 50 feet for the sides, and 50 feet for the rear setback. Also, recommending that the ordinance would adopt the caveat laid out in the Goodhue County Zoning Ordinance Article 22 Subd. 3 (2) & (3) that references livestock buildings be subject to side and rear setbacks of 100 feet. Cheryle Peters seconded the motion; the motion passed 4/0.

Some discussion occurred, comparing township to county setbacks in the respective Residential zones.

**Reports of Meetings Attended:**

**Announcements:**

- \* Planning Commissioners were asked to please complete and sign a time sheet for Planning Commission service ending January 15th, 2024.

**Adjourn:** Jeff Davis made a motion to adjourn. Mary Lundell seconded the motion. The motion passed 4/0. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cheryle Peters  
Clerk, Stanton Township

Hannah Regenscheid  
Chair, Stanton Township Planning Commission

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