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**Palmyra Township  
Special Board Meeting Minutes  
March 27, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Supervisor Jim Isley at the Palmyra Community Room.

Members present: Jim Isley, Matt Koester, Christine Whited, Perry Pooley, and Steve Papenhagen

Members absent: None

Audience attendance: 15

Motion Pooley, support Koester to approve the agenda as written. *Motion carried.*

The Special Meeting notice was properly posted.

**Public Comment:**

- Dave Brewer (Driggs Rd.) – Expressed his concerns regarding possible changes of WET setbacks and also provided visual aids of WET setbacks.
- Frank Vereeki (Van Hwy.) – Expressed interest in knowing what changes are being made to the WET ordinance.
- Laura Brown (Scott Hwy.) – Asked if new Board members have had access to all information regarding WET placement in Palmyra Township. She also wanted to know who was making the changes to the WET ordinance.
- Joe Adkins (Gorman Rd.) – Expressed concern that visiting a WET site does not provide enough information about them. He also wants to know who desires changes of the WET ordinance.
- Coty Seiler – Expressed that he would not like WETs in Palmyra Township.
- Mark Crane (Grosvenor) – Acknowledged that Clerk Whited did offer to view WETs at her request.
- Dave Pixley (Planning Commission) – Expressed appreciation to Clerk Whited for visiting a WET site.
- Vivian Pell (Planning Commission) – Expressed appreciation to Clerk Whited for visiting a WET site.
- Ron Garno (Sharp Rd.) – Asked if the WETs are still being subsidized.

**Communications: N/A**

Motion Isley, support Koester to add to the agenda under *New Business*, “COTS Battery Pack Replacement.” *Motion carried.*

**New Business:**

- Motion Papenhagen, support Koester to purchase two Stryker battery packs at a cost not to exceed \$700.00, and the cost of the packs will come out of the FD donation fund. *Motion carried.*
- Review of the proposed Palmyra Township Zoning Ordinance:

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- **Section 8.49.2 – Definitions:**
  - Motion Isley, support Koester to strike “Construction Bond” and replace with “Performance Guarantee” and definition. *Motion carried.*
  - Motion Pooley, support Koester to strike “Direct Relative” and its definition. *Motion carried.*
  
- **Article II: Definitions**
  - Motion Koester, support Whited to strike “Construction Bond” and replace with “Performance Guarantee.” *Motion carried.*
  
- **Section 8.49.5.2, Part B**
  - Motion Koester, support Papenhagen to strike all of B-1, B-2, and B-3 and replace with the following amendment :
    1. All *commercial* WETs shall be setback a minimum distance of 2,000 feet or 4 times the total height, whichever is greater, from the property line of the nonparticipating property/parcel. \*
    2. All *commercial* WETs shall be setback a minimum distance of 2 times the total height from inhabitable structures on participating property/parcel.\*
    3. All *commercial* WETs shall be setback a minimum distance of 2 times the total height from state and local *road* right of ways.\*
    4. All *commercial* WETs shall be setback a minimum distance of 3 times the total height from Federal *road* right of ways.\*

**Roll call vote:** Pooley – No, Papenhagen – Yes, Isley – No, Whited – Yes, Koester – Yes *Motion carried*

\*(“Commercial” and “road” were added as a result of the following two motions)

    - Motion Pooley, support Papenhagen to insert “road” before “right of way” in the amended Section 8.49.5.2, Part B-3 and B-4. *Motion carried.*
    - Motion Isley, support Papenhagen to insert “commercial” before WETs in the amended Section 8.49.5.2, Part B-1, B-2, B-3, and B-4. *Motion carried.*
  
- **Section 8.49.2 – Definitions**
  - Motion Isley, support Koester to strike definitions and add them to Article II. Section 8.49.2 shall be labeled as “Reserved.” *Motion carried.*

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**Public comment:**

- Laura Brown elaborated on the necessity for setbacks.
- Mark Crane expressed appreciation for the Township Board's time spent on reviewing the Zoning Ordinance.
- Dave Brewer also expressed appreciation for the Township Board's time spent on reviewing the Zoning Ordinance.
- Joe Adkins inquired who would repair the roads if WETs came to Palmyra.

Motion Papenhagen, support Isley to adjourn at 9.05 pm. *Motion carried.*