

Midland Charter Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 13, 2024  
7:00pm  
1030 S Poseyville Rd  
Midland, MI 48640

**Present:** Shelly Armstrong-Miller, Jim Avery, Haley Wenzlick, Dennis Lauer, Terry Holt, Mark Radosa, Paul Heyse, new trustee (not sworn in yet) Jeff Bourcier

**Guests:** 13

Pledge of Allegiance

**Meeting Minutes:** Approval October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Public Comment:**

Was heard by board  
Esa Solar reps present

**Building report:**

Building \$1073.00  
Elect: \$280.00  
Total: \$1353.00

**Fire Report:**

56 Runs  
Pump testing to occur

Radosa motions to approve Fire Dept to purchase batteries up to \$200 for flash lights. Avery Supports  
Yeas: Radosa, Avery, Wenzlick, Lauer, Heyse, Armstrong-Miller, Holt

**Enforcement Report:**

Sept/Oct  
2437 E Ashby Rd chickens  
2437 E Ashby Rd parking on grass  
2916 Nold, barking dogs  
4780 Wackerly Rd cows  
Oct/Nov  
4780 Ashby blowing leaves  
2493 S Dearing Leaves  
2928 E Nold Tractor in yard  
Nold road, burning leaves

**Planning Commission:**

BESS approved at Planning level sent to Township Board

**Financial Report:**

Radosa motions to pay the bills, Wenzlick supports:  
Yeas: Radosa, Wenzlick, Avery, Lauer, Heyse, Armstrong-Miller, Holt

**Unfinished Business:**

ESA Solar:

Armstrong-Miller motions to deny ESA Solar the special land use permit on the grounds that the property located in an R-1 district does not allow for this type of facility per the admission of the company, they are neither a substation, transformer nor gas line and therefore do not meet the requirements nor does it fall within our future land use/master plan. Wenzlick Supports

Discussion: Andrew Thompson: if the facility gets an authorization to connect then they become a public utility. Special land use permit meets the criteria then and can be used in the R-1 otherwise it would have to be rezoned to an M-1.

ESA Solar: Shaffer: Modern Substations are now being built with battery storage Javier from ESA might have been unclear when stating they are not a substation due to language barriers

ESA would also prefer to work with local government rather than state government. Local government would have better control over conditions than the state.

Vote:

Yeas: Armstrong-Miller, Wenzlick, Radosa

Nay: Avery, Lauer, Heyse Holt Motion failed

Avery motions to approve the ESA Special Land Use permit with the conditions as presented. Lauer Supports

Yeas: Avery, Lauer, Heyse, Holt

Nays: Radosa, Wenzlick Armstrong-Miller

Motion passes

There are various letters of support and non-support located in the minutes book

ESA Solar: Shaffer agrees that one of the conditions is they will work with the road commission.

Consumers has application for trail license

Budget Meeting for 7pm on Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>

New Business

Armstrong -Miller motions to keep Randi's Green Thumb for snow plowing; Avery Supports

Yeas: Armstrong-Miller, Avery, Lauer, Heyse, Wenzlick, Radosa Holt

MCTOA

Holt motions to allow board members to attend the Christmas party. Radosa Supports

Yeas; Holt, Radosa, Wenzlick, Heyse, Lauer, Avery, Armstrong-Miller

**Correspondence:**

**Other Business:**

Lee Walkowski has resigned from the Board of Review and the Zoning board of appeals. Dennis Lauer has been appointed to the Board of Review and Zoning board of appeals

**Public comment:**

Was heard by board

\*Possible speaker system for public hearings\*\*

**Adjourned 8:40 pm**

Terry Holt, Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Shelly Armstrong-Miller, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_