

**MERRILL TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
1585 W. 11 MILE ROAD
BITELY, MICHIGAN 49309**



Minutes

July 18, 2024

7:02 PM

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER 7:02pm by: BRIAN BORDEWYK

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY: ALGER CLINE

ROLL CALL LED BY: BONNIE ST AMOUR

- ALGER (Jim) CLINE: PRESENT
- BRIAN BORDEWYK: PRESENT
- BONNIE ST AMOUR: PRESENT
- JEFF WROBLEWSKI: PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: BRIAN BORDEWYK OPENED

- MOTION TO APPROVE: JIM CLINE
- MOTION 2ND: BONNIE ST AMOUR
- PASSED

MINUTES FROM JUNE MEETING APPROVED:

- MOTION TO APPROVE: BONNIE ST AMOUR
- MOTION 2ND: JIM CLINE
- PASSED

OPENING REMARKS: BRIAN BORDEWYK

- Introduced guest (Ryan Coffey)

NEW BUSINESS ALL

- Discussion of "Special Use Permits" for C & T Smith:
 - "Special Use Permit" Clark & Tammy Smith
 - Hasn't been invoiced for the Special Use permit, our Clerk will work to get it completed by first or second week in August.
 - Current fee schedule states, "Actual Costs." It's been recommended, the Township Board should change this to an actual fee. If this is not acceptable, the Board should direct their questions to the Township Attorney. There are four (4) permits on the fee schedule that state, "Actual Cost". These should have a dollar value instead of stating,

“Actual Costs.” To help the Board determine costs, consider the cost to the Township for the following:

- Notifying people within 300 ft
- The Zoning Administrator’s time
- Cost of listing it in the News Paper
- Cost for meeting & Clerk’s time

For reference, a neighboring Township charges \$500 for a Special Use Permit.

- Venola to address with the Township Board:
 - Fees on the Fee list state, “Actual Costs,” should have an amount associated with the fee.
 - Adding a message to the Township Website to promote Tire drop off day at Newaygo County May/June of 2025 and community clean-up day.
 - Allow one weekend for the community to drop off **anything** they would like to dispose of, to the transfer-station.
 - Add the Junk Control and Junk and Inoperable Vehicles & Motor Vehicles Ordinance to the website as a draft?
 - No August Planning Commission meeting, please post on the sign out front.
- Planning Commission to read Ordinance on Junk and Inoperable Vehicles/Motor Vehicles and Junk Control Ordinance for final discussion at the September Planning Commission Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chuck Hanlon: Would the Planning Commission please add the Junk Ordinances being considered to the website?

Request one weekend where people may bring anything they would like to dispose of to the transfer-station to be disposed of.

New phone system is working and will be released to the public soon.

Meeting Adjourned- 8:36

BRIAN BORDEWYK