



# Watertown Township

2630 South Sandusky Road, Sandusky, Michigan

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## Watertown Township Planning Commission

**Approved Minutes: Thursday March 21st, 2024 - 6:00 P.M. Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE @ 6:05 PM by Chairman Jim Hacker**

**PRESENT:** Becky Cambridge, Nathan Campbell, Mark Batkie, Jim Hacker, Al Stoutenburg, and Jim Franzel

**ABSENT:** Jason Radloff

**GUESTS:** Soyoung Park, Seth McArthur, Colin Daning, Dick Henderson, Mike & Christine Papp, Jim & Holli Boyles, Don & Diane Ferguson, Clint Stoutenburg, Marc Kaszubski, Laura Genovich, and others.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST BOARD MEETING:**

*Motion to accept the minutes as presented by: Becky Cambridge, Support By: Mark Batkie, motion passed unanimously*

### **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:**

*Motion to accept the agenda as amended by: Becky Cambridge, Support By: Mark Batkie, motion passed unanimously*

1. Add ordinance updates to Foster & Swift

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**PUBLIC OFFICIALS:** none

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Marc Kaszubski representing local citizens talked about the new Act regarding renewable zoning and the ITC substation is solely for solar and does not qualify for public utility and is subject to the solar zoning ordinance.
2. Soyoung talked about the financial benefits of solar for the township and offered information from EGLE.
3. Diane Ferguson stated the building on 11 Watertown Road only had a building and residential permit. We are aiding & bedding criminal activities for 1 year, we need a fulltime zoning administrator, and no laughing.
4. Don Ferguson stated Franzels building needs to be tore down, Cambridge should be commercial, and Campbell should be commercial, and the house on the corner is blight and should be delt with.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Laura Genovich from Foster & Swift discussed Watertown Solar's application, public hearing, decommissioning plans, missing information in the application, and the PC needs to stick to the ordinance, not conditions to give a land use permit. Further discussion of ITC applying for its own substation permits. The capacity of the Solar needs to match the application and fee before the public hearing. Also, a completed application.

*Motion by Nathan Campbell to set a public hearing for Watertown Solar on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Support by Jim Franzel, roll call vote:*

*Becky: NO, Nathan: Yes, Mark: Yes, Jim H: Yes, AL: No, Jim F: Yes, motion passes: 4 yes, 2 no*

Foster & Swift is looking into answers for the Solar Ordinance amendments from July 2023.

2. Election of Officers:

*Motion to keep the Officers the same by: Al, support by: Becky, motion passed unanimously*

**ADJOURN:** *Motion By: Becky @ 7:30 PM Support By: Al, motion passed unanimously*

**Next Planning Board Meeting Thursday, April 18th, 2024 at 6:00 pm.**