

**SALEM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Minutes, January 4, 2024**

**Salem Township Hall, 7 pm**

**Call to Order. Pledge of Allegiance – 7 pm**

**Roll Call of Members – Present, Striegle, Coupe, Pitsch, Oosterink (chair) Wagner, Berens, Meyers**

**Recognition of Visitors – none**

**Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting – Motion by Pitsch, Second by Wagner. Motion carried.**

**Comments from the Public – J Hulst noted that County Parks survey is available at library and encouraged people to complete.**

**Approval of the Agenda for the meeting – Motion by Striegle, Second by Wagner. Motion carried.**

**Inquiry of Conflict of Interest – none noted.**

**New Business**

**Due to issues with current used computer, especially time to boot up and age (WIN 7), request to be sent through Striegle to Township Board for a new laptop for PC, funds to be taken out of PC budget. Not to exceed \$1000.00 and should include WIN 11, webcam, and Microsoft Suite installed.**

**Motion by Wagner, Second by Coupe. Motion carried. If approved, Pitsch will compare prices and purchase.**

**Old Business**

**Changes in maximum lot coverage for accessory buildings – discussed change from 3 to 4 percent total square footage for all accessory buildings, including those located in front yards b (1) in Ordinance and add “subject to b(1) to d (which addresses front yard accessory buildings). Public Hearing for this text amendment to be held at next meeting (February 1, 2024).**

**Training for PC – was discussed and will wait for more information on current topics to schedule. Recommended that new members complete “Citizen Planner”.**

**Correspondence Received – none**

**Reports and Comments**

**Township Board by Striegle – Chestag Drain – Approved advance pay to Allegan County Drain Commission in order to hasten the work and complete as soon as possible. Poverty Property Tax Exemption level approved.**

**PCI (Jason) - None**

**Master Plan – Coupe – Williams and Works has submitted audit report on Zoning Ordinance. Need to review.**

**Other/Roundtable – Stack of pallets on Newell by barn still there – letter sent – waiting for reply. Suggestions for next month discussions – Private rods, site condos.**

**Next Meeting – February 1, 2024.**

**Adjournment – Motion by Berens, Second by Coupe. Motion carried. 8:09 pm.**