

November 11, 2024

The board of Cessna Township Trustees opened in regular session on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the township hall with the fiscal officer and all trustees present. Twenty one guests were also present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read along with the presentation of the monthly financial reports. Mr. Hull moved to accept all reports as presented. Mr. Vermillion seconded the motion with all voting aye.

The board opened the floor to the guest in attendance.

Lee Ann Mathews read a statement that encouraged the board to enact legislation that would prohibit wind and solar farms to be constructed in Cessna Township.

Jessica Shepherd, Michelle Laubis and Mike Ault also spoke in favor of prohibiting the solar and wind farms.

Cessna Township Zoning Officer Mark Schwemer addressed the group in regards to the ongoing work the township has done in researching the solar and wind farm situation. He explained that the township is limited in the authority it has with these energy companies based upon the amount of megawatts they produce. The board of trustees are currently reviewing a proposed resolution that will limit the ability of facilities under 50 megawatts to be constructed in the township.

The board thanked the group for their attendance at the meeting and assured them that they would continue to monitor the issue.

Mr. Vermillion moved to certify the annual road mileage of 25.365 miles to the Ohio Department of Transportation and forward it to the Hardin County Engineer for his signature. Mr. Eibling seconded the motion with all voting aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE HARDIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARE CESSNA TOWNSHIP, HARDIN COUNTY, OHIO A RESTRICTED ZONE FOR UTILITY SCALE WIND AND SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code section 303.58 provides the Board of County Commissioners the ability to adopt a resolution designating all or part of the unincorporated area of a county as a restricted area, prohibiting the construction of an economically significant wind farm, a large wind farm, or a large solar facility; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of Cessna Township, Hardin County, Ohio have determined that such projects would be a detriment to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of Cessna Township, Hardin County, Ohio have determined that such projects may adversely affect the value of private and public property in the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF CESSNA TOWNSHIP, HARDIN COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION I. The Trustees of Cessna Township, Ohio hereby request that the Hardin County Commissioners declare Cessna Township to be a restricted zone for utility scale solar and wind energy projects.

SECTION II. That this Resolution shall be in force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Mr. Hull moved to adopt the resolution with Mr. Eibling seconding. Roll Call vote is: Mr. Hull yes, Mr. Eibling yes, Mr. Vermillion yes. Resolution adopted and forwarded to the Hardin County Commissioners.

The board had requested a quote for the installation of a heating system for the new equipment building from Schilling Propane with no response. Additional vendors will be sought.

The board also discussed 2025 budget items. Additional budgeting will be discussed at the December regular meeting.

The following voucher packets were presented for board approval and payment:

Check#

5525 Thru 5530 Void

5531	Craig Eibling	\$ 899.81	5532	Bill Hull	\$ 899.81
5533	Clayton Jackson	\$ 865.90	5534	Wes Potter	\$ 642.72
5535	Mark Schwemer	\$ 149.53	5536	Chris Vermillion	\$ 895.23
5537	Ohio Deferred Comp.	\$ 400.00	5538	OPERS	\$1,451.56
5539	Koenig Equipment	\$ 33.60	5540	Motter Lawn	\$1,610.00
5541	NAPA	\$ 184.91	5542	Mid Ohio Energy	\$ 96.95
5543	VISA	\$ 574.98	5544	MedMutual	\$ 56.40

Mr Hull motioned to pay all bills as presented, Mr.Vermillion seconded with all voting aye. Mr.Eibling moved to adjourn with Mr Hull seconding, all voting aye. Meeting adjourned until the next regular meeting scheduled for Monday December 09, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Wesley J. Potter, Fiscal Officer
