

Helga Township
Special Meeting for Township Board of Supervisors
Ordinance Work Session
Minutes of February 3, 2014

Present: Don Clay-Chairman, Supervisors; Mark Lawyer, Jeff Schussman, Joanna Olson
Hammerstrom, Treasurer-Jeanie Porter, Clerk-Sue Adkins

Also Present From Planning Commission: Mona Dagestad, Jim Lyle

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Discussion of Current Ordinance:

- There are many items in the ordinance that are already regulated by the county or the state.
- Compliance, enforcement and law suits were discussed.
- Previous ordinances, the process of handling the ordinance along with the appeal process and the role of planning and zoning was also reviewed.
- Districts were discussed and why there are two different commercial districts. It was brought up that the intent of the commercial district in the 2005 ordinance was to make it easy for businesses to move into that area.
- The 5 acre lot size was also discussed for commercial versus residential lots.
- The types of activities that are allowed or not allowed in the current ordinance were discussed and how it is too restrictive. The permitted uses list was discussed.
- CUPs and IUPs, the reasoning behind them and how they differ were also discussed
- Setbacks were discussed and how we compare to the county
- Mona had copies of fee schedules from other townships. It was brought up that the building permits could be based on the value of the building.

It was brought up that it is going to be tough to get through the ordinance because of the way it intertwines and what is the best direction to take. It was brought up that maybe the original attorney who wrote the ordinance can give us guidance.

Motion made by Don Clay for Jeff Schussman to contact attorney Troy Gilchrist regarding advice on rewriting the ordinance, **Second** by, Mark Lawyer, **Approved**

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion to adjourn made by Don Clay. **Seconded** by Jeff Schussman, **Motion Carried**
Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Adkins, Deputy Clerk

Donald Clay, Chairman