

**Special St. James Township Meeting**  
**October 11, 2021 6:00PM**  
**St. James Township Hall**  
37735 Michigan Avenue – Beaver Island, MI 49782

Minutes:

- I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.
  - b. Roll Call PRESENT: Nathan Altman, Marcy Dean, Mark Engelsman, Bob Tidmore, Lori Taylor-Blitz, ABSENT: Paul Cole, Beth Croswhite, OTHERS: Rick Speck and Sheri Richards
- II. Review, Modify and Approve Agenda
  - a. No modifications
- III. Approval of September 7, 2021 Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve September 7, 2021 minutes made by Mark Engelsman, second by Marcy Dean. All yes
- IV. New Business
  - a. Electric Vehicle Webinar
  - b. Open Meeting Act – Zoom
    - i. Nathan Altman volunteered to research the electronic meeting rules.
  - c. Chairman Position
    - i. Bob Tidmore announced he would be stepping down as chairperson in December.
- V. Old Business
- VI. Correspondence
  - a. Public Comment
    - i. Mark Engelesman inquired about enforcement of zoning ordinances. Rick Speck addressed the question noting a violation letter is issued with 30 days to comply, if no response it becomes a Municipal Court matter with citation issued and

up to \$100 per day fine is possible. The township has the option to take to Circuit Court and sue for damages.

- ii. Sheri Richards asked about zoning township erosion ordinances. Rick Speck defined the ordinance criteria and a brief discussion about the Critical Dunes ordinance followed.
- iii. Nathan Altman summarized a recent green energy event that took place on the island that was led by Seamus Noorgard.

#### VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Mark Engelsman, seconded by Lori Taylor-Blitz, All yes. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM