

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from 10/22/2025

Meeting Attendees: Wayne, Lori, Fred, Travis, Kat, Dale, Prescott

Meeting called to order 6:04pm

Meeting was properly noticed

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting 9/16: Motion made-Travis and second by Fred. All approved.

Discussion:

- Began reviewing the ordinance from Maiden Rock
 - Specific maps etc. for Martell
 - dollars per animal is the only change
 - Concern was raised on how we would handle any legal actions if any of them would to be raised
 - The question was then raised do we also need to start publishing these meetings and minutes in the news paper as well as at the Hall, Dump and now on the website.
- Call began with MaryAnn from GROWW
 - Broad overview was provided of Operations Ordinances
 - Discussion around Ridge Breeze Dairy
 - CAFO's are defined by the number of animal units (700 cows define a CAFO)
 - One of the main issues is how to manage the waste of the animals in a way that doesn't impact the surrounding communities. Ie. Water supply
 - Nutrient Management Plan is the plan for the removal or hauling of the waste from the site.
 - Currently there is no limit on the number of animals a CAFO can house
- When reviewing Isabel Townships ordinance, it is more "up to date" versus the Maiden Rock. Maiden Rock is more of a living document.
 - Need to really do your education to fully understand both sides of the issues as the town progresses
 - We have an obligation to protect the township and work to educate the broader county.
 - Next AdHoc water meeting is on November 17th at 6pm
 - Discussed the need to possibly expand or create a sub-team that has more farmers or farming representation.
 - Who do we believe we would invite and how.
 - Maybe we really don't need any additional people as this was more direction from the comprehensive plan
 - Perhaps we need a separate study group.
 - Continued the discussion regarding the Operations ordinance.
- Began discussion on the road ordinance
 - How do we tackle these one at a time. What is the most important work on them and how do we do the work

- Discussion during the last Town board meeting concerning terms and Wayne and Prescott basically flipping roles.
 - They do not serve terms as “President” or “VP” they serve terms based on the Planning Committee Ordinance. From there they are voted on by the Committee and will serve out their term in that office unless they ask to step down. Terms do not change simply because someone takes a new title.
- Approved the driveway permit on 29 and 690th. Based on the current ordinance he can have a driveway that meets that ordinance. It has the AT&T panel and a Pierce Pepin pole in the location but that was determined to be the landowner’s issue to resolve.
- Review the Application form that Robin sent to the committee for review
- Discussed another potential land use issue that Robin was going to send a letter based on the potential of operating a business where it isn’t zoned for that process.
- Request was made to have Lowberg provide any documentation he has on road ordinances he has written for other towns as well as any Operations ordinances he has written.

Set Agenda for next meeting

- Next meeting date 11/20/2025 Thursday 6pm
- Read Isabel Ordinance paying specific attention to the road ordinance section and enforcement.
- Excel Energy discussion
- Budgeting
- All Croix fees
- Review anything from Lowberg that was provided on Operations and Road Ordinances.

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion made by Travis and seconded by Lori
 - Motion carried.