

November 19, 2018

JESSENLAND PLANNING AND ZONING Minutes

1. Review and approve minutes of October 15, 2018 meeting. (John/Kyle/Passed)
2. Approve agenda. (Tim/John/Passed with correction of date to October 15, 2018 in the 'approval of minutes')
3. Requests:

Over the Counter:

Conditional Use:

Variance:

Other:
4. Action:
5. Other business:

*Township wants to know what changes have taken place this year with Cemstone. The township was notified of the new equipment being brought in, but there also seems to be a change in production volumes, truck volume, hours of operation, lighting. Cemstone claims that production has not changed and has even been less this year. Their goal was to increase efficiency with the new equipment. Matt said that the plant did not run later than 8pm all summer. Matt also pointed out that there are plans to improve/rebuild Co. 6. Dan Eibs pointed out that there are complaints that come to the township about the hours of operation and noise. Martha asked for a baseline of information on production and truck volume be sent to the township so that in the future there would be something in writing to go on for future discussions. Matt said the goal of the plant is to have 10 hours of operation but it depends on conditions such as losing production time to flood conditions.

*Discussion of hearing on solar ordinance additions. Motion made and seconded to recommend approval of new solar ordinance proposals to Town Board. John/Tim/unanimous

*A meeting with Sibley County's planning and zoning administrator, county attorney, and county administrator was held. Doug Thomas, Kyle Iverson, and Martha Wavrin attended. The outcome was that the township and county will try to work out a joint form for OTC permits. The county would let the township take over all the p&z permitting as long as the township also took over all the county ordinances, and with no mention of covering those extra duty costs for the township. There would be no fee reductions in this process either. The county would still want all of their current fees paid.

*In light of the discussion of forming a joint county and township OTC form, it seems that it is probably a good time to look at the current costs of permitting and make sure that the permit fees reflect the township's costs. Permitting fees have not been looked at in nearly 15 years. Martha will ask the Town Board to look into these costs.

6. Adjourned. (John/Tim)
7. Next regular meeting: December 17, 2018, 7:00p.m.

_____ Kyle Iverson, clerk

Members present: Deb Boettcher; Kyle Iverson; Doug Thomas; Tim Spletzer, John Skelley