

**SALEM TOWN BOARD MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
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November 12, 2020**

This meeting was held on “Go to Meeting” virtually.

Members Present: **Rick Lutzi**
 Gail Fritts
 Sharon Petersen
 Drew Moessner
 Brian Connelly

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Drew Moessner with the pledge of allegiance.

Brian Connelly asked that the agenda be amended to include a culvert request made by a resident. A motion was made by Brian Connelly and seconded by Rick Lutzi to add the culvert discussion to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian Connelly has been approached by a resident to purchase the used culvert that is in our ditch on 50th Street. After discussion, it was decided that Brian Connelly can offer the used culvert at no cost if he removes all the pieces and does not use it in the right of way. If he would like to donate for this that would also be acceptable.

CARES FUND

The purpose of the meeting is to approve some additional funds to be spent with the CARES funds.

The approved expenses to date are:

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| Election Booths | \$2622.00 |
| Hand Rail Repair | \$1025.00 |
| Frame for Screens | \$ 200.00 |
| Poly Carb Screen Material | \$ 273.80 |
| Sign | \$ 47.00 |

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| Sanitizing Supplies | \$ 69.20 |
| Whites—Sanitizing Town Hall (2 times) | \$7050.00 |

The board authorized the following additional expenses.

A motion was made by Brian Connelly and seconded by Rick Lutzi to approve the cost of the special meeting as a “CARES” fund expense. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Connelly and seconded by Rick Lutzi to approve the expense for a subscription for “Go To Meeting” for one year or a two years to facilitate virtual meetings because of the pandemic. The motion passed unanimously.

After discussion it was decided that the clerk should purchase five laptops. They should also have office program and adobe installed. A motion was made by Rick Lutzi and seconded by Drew Moessner to purchase five laptop computers with the software as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Drew Moessner and seconded by Brian Connelly to purchase additional sealing materials for the deck to preserve our entrance and exit recommendations to our town hall to comply with CDC guidelines for our town hall. The motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed and decided against an LED sign. They were looking at this for better communication with our residents. We have a web site and a sign maybe viewed as a luxury. We will continue to try to get e-mails for quicker response with our residents.

A motion was made by Brian Connelly and seconded by Rick Lutzi that the clerk will authorize drawing a check for Drew and Sharon to pay for the expenses that were authorized tonight and will be charged to their personal credit cards and will need to be reimbursed at a time outside of the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Brian Connelly and seconded by Rick Lutzi that we authorize a check to be drawn up for Olmsted County for the unspent CARES funds. The motion passed unanimously.

SOLAR FARMS

Drew gave the board members information he had gathered about a moratorium and what the procedures for declaring a moratorium. The initial period for a moratorium would be 12 months and it can be extended for an additional 18 months. It can be ended at any time by board direction.

The board discussed that they felt there was a need to gather more information on how solar farms may have an effect on properties in Salem Township. This will be a joint effort by the Planning and Zoning, TCPA and the board members. A new proposed ordinance needs to be thoroughly researched before we want to pass a new ordinance on this subject.

After discussion, a motion was made by Brian Connelly and seconded by Rick Lutzi to enact a moratorium on Solar developments at this time in Salem Township. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rick Lutzi and seconded by Drew Moessner to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The meeting passed,

Respectfully submitted,

**Drew Moessner
Chairman**

**Sharon Petersen
Clerk**