Special Town Board Meeting January 25, 2024, Minutes

The January 25, 2024, Sugar Creek Town Board meeting was called to Order at 5:00p.m., at Town Hall, by Chairman David Robers.

All open meeting laws have been complied with for this meeting.

Present were Chairman - David Robers, Supervisor -Jamie Morin, Town Clerk -Roxanne Johnson and Treasurer -Sharri Loveless.

Also present: Attorney Steve Koch, Allison and Adam from City of Elkhorn and 16 + Visitors Public Discussion – Jay Anderson asked for information on the benefits of the Extra Territorial Zoning. Allison from the City of Elkhorn advised that they are looking at what works best for both the Town of Sugar Creek and City of Elkhorn. Would like to work together on a Comprehensive Plan at the next meeting on February 1, 2024 at 5:00p.m.

Jay Anderson – he knows 2 stores that have dealt with the ETZ and has heard it was not pleasant. Dan Nettesheim - stated the ETZ is not viable and doesn't agree with it.

Gerald Abbe - asked if the ETZ goes through do both the Town of Sugar Creek and the City of Elkhorn have to approve all plans.

Scott Simons - asked if the ETZ goes through does that take the County out and City of Elkhorn is in charge. Do they pay fees to Town of Sugar Creek and if the Town of Sugar Creek approves the plans, then it goes to the City of Elkhorn, they can either approve or deny the plan.

Mark Gorecki - wanted to know what other townships have the ETZ. Allison stated that Lafayette, Delavan and Geneva and they only meet when projects come up.

Sharri Loveless Doesn't want the City of Elkhorn to tell her what to do with her property. Is not in favor of the ETZ at all. How many residents were made aware of this? How can we get this out to residents?

Matt Malvitz - How does the ETZ benefit the Town of Sugar Creek? Requirements would be the same just work on comprehensive plan. He pays taxes to Town of Sugar Creek and Walworth County not to the City of Elkhorn. They should not have a say in what he does to his property.

Larry Marzahl – Who started this process, seems no benefit to the Town of Sugar Creek only to the City of Elkhorn.

Dan Nettesheim – Id the ETZ gets passed is there anyway to get out of it? No

Jay Anderson – Too much red tape not in favor of the ETZ

Carl Hensel - Not in favor of ETZ wants no more red tape

Brian Jones – If ETZ passes there is no backing out.

As it stands right now it is a Moratorium and nothing can go through for 18 months started in October 2023. The only votes are from the 3 members on the Town of Sugar Creek ETZ Committee and the City of Elkhorn ETZ Committee members. In order for it to pass it takes one person from the Town of Sugar Creek ETZ committee to vote in favor of the ETZ. Once the 18 months is over which will be April 2025, City of Elkhorn cannot put another ETZ in place for 5 years.

Meeting Adjourned. Respectfully Submitted

Roxanne Johnson, Town Clerk

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