

VALLEY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
January 26, 2010

Call to Order: Melodie Dobbins called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM on January 26, 2010.

Roll Call: Melodie Dobbins, Paul Shamblin, Tony Garofalo, and Rhonda Mallory were present. Harry Smith and Brandee Ellis were excused absent.

***The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

Minutes: Mel made the motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Tony seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda: Rhonda made the motion to approve the January agenda and Mel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Camping Ordinance: Mel informed us that this will be on the Township agenda for the February meeting.

New Business:

1. Temporary Housing Ordinance: There was discussion on the legality of enforcement of "temporary housing". Many different situations were brought up. A consideration was migrant housing being year round and approved by the government. In situations where residents would like to live in "temporary housing" while their future home is under construction, Rodney DeYoung suggested that our Camping Ordinance would be sufficient to cover this time period. We all agreed that we would like our attorney's direction regarding enforcement, fines, etc. Mel will check with our attorney on this. A Rental Ordinance was also discussed and may be relevant in the future.

Open Discussion:

1. Mel noted that our attorney reminded us that our Annual Report will need to be completed and submitted soon. Rhonda will bring the updated report to our next meeting.
2. There was discussion regarding a planner and the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. Our ordinances must match our Master Plan. As we have worked on many ordinances over the last year and lack the funds to move ahead, a planner is recommended by many. We discussed ways to raise money for this endeavor and will discuss this again at the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Mel made the motion to adjourn. Rhonda seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Mallory, Secretary