

**SANDS TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
February 28, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – D. Walch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL: Darlene Walch, Kent Koehn, Justin Yelle, David Kallio and Carolyn Kerkela

ABSENT: None

EMPLOYEES IN ATTENDANCE: None

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Courtney Timmons, Rich VanderVeen, Nancy Olsen, Brian Rochon and Curt Sjöholm, with Robert Thall and Jared Belka via Zoom.

3. AGENDA: C. Kerkela moved, D. Kallio seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5. PUBLIC HEARING on Superior Solar Project PA328 Agreement & PILT:

a. **Open Public Hearing** – D. Walch opened Public Hearing at 7:02.

b. **Information on PA328 & PILT** – D. Walch gave a summary of the documents in front of the board for consideration tonight and the PA328 process.

c. **Open Public Comment** – Brian Rochon commented that he hoped the Board would share the amount of the abatement and what the PILT would be.

d. **Close Public Hearing** – D. Walch closed Public Hearing at 7:07.

6. BOARD DISCUSSION on Savion PA328 Tax Abatement Application and Savion PILT Agreement: Courtney Timmons gave a summary of the benefits to a PILT agreement. Board questions were answered by attorneys and Courtney Timmons.

7. RESOLUTION on PA328 Application – Motion by K. Koehn, Seconded by J. Yelle, to adopt Resolution #02282023, *Resolution Recommending a New Personal Property Exemption Application for Superior Solar Project, LLC*. Roll call vote was unanimous.

8. RESOLUTION on PILT Agreement – Motion by J. Yelle, Seconded by K. Koehn, to adopt Resolution #02282023-PILT, *Resolution for Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Superior Solar Project, LLC*. Roll call vote was unanimous.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Brian Rochon said if there is an exchange of lands with the DNR to keep land designated as “public land,” he would hope those lands are either adjoining or at least in Sands Township.

Jared Belka thanked the Board for their patience and working together to make this happen.

Rich VanderVeen appreciated the hard work put in by the board and the questions they asked.

10. ADJOURNMENT: D. Walch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor

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