**WALWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**ON PROPOSED CHANGE TO SOLAR ORDINANCE**

**March 7, 2024, 9:00 a.m.**

**In Attendance:** Commissioners Jim Houck, Kevin Holgard, Duane Mohr, Justin Jungwirth, and Scott Schilling by phone. Also, present were County Auditor Kim Dills, Deputy Auditor Deb Kahl, Director of Equalization Greg Pudwill, Emergency Manager Jeff Jensen, Register of Deeds Brenda DeToy, Sheriff Josh Boll, among others attending including Colton Berens, Marlin Berens, Jason Berens, Lance Andree, Tom Fiedler, David Schneider, Tonya Kraft, Karen J. Keyer, Steve Zabel, Duane Zabel, Scott Schanzenbach, Saniford Andree, Dan Beaman, Linda Beaman, Pam Wells, Levi Stiegemeier, Mark Stiegelmeier, Josh Stiegelmeier, Josh Stiegelmeier, Corey Eisemann, Leonard Schneider, Mitch Peterson, Loretta Stone.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

**Convene as County Commission** Chairman Houck called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Agenda:** Holgard moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mohr. All in favor – All voting aye – Motion carried.

**First reading for Solar ordinance:** Opponents and Proponents were heard regarding the solar ordinance under consideration. Commission Holgard stated that he has received a few phone calls from concerned business owners wondering if were possible to try to have a compromise in the setbacks. Holgard moved to set the setbacks at ½ mile from a dwelling and 500 feet from a property line. Second by Schilling. Roll call vote; Jungwirth – no; Mohr – no; Houck – no; Schilling – yes; Holgard – yes. Motion failed.

**Discuss second reading date:** March 27th had been advertised as a date for the second reading of the ordinance. Discussion was held delaying the second reading as was requested by Colten Berens. Holgard moved to re-set the second reading date until September 9th. Seconded by Mohr. Roll call vote; Jungwirth – no; Houck – yes; Schilling – yes; Mohr – yes; Holgard – yes. Motion carried.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** None

**Adjourn:** Moved by Holgard to adjourn. Second by Jungwirth. All in favor – All voting aye – Motion carried.

**APPROVED: ATTEST:**

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