



**CLYDE TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2024 3:00 P.M.**

Supervisor Kern called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Supervisor Kern, Clerk Smith, Treasurer Compton, Trustee Dortman, Trustee DeShon, Trustee Voight, Trustee Beiser

Members Absent: None.

Guest: Robert J. Seibert, Attorney Seibert and Dloski, PLLC, Allen Francis, Township Attorney

Public Comments:

- P. Richards – questions regarding closed session pertaining to settlement. Opposed to a settlement.
- J. Barto – asked board to not settle lawsuit with Portside Solar
- C. Barto - asked board to not settle lawsuit with Portside Solar
- D. Rushing – affect the county protect safety of residents
- D. Fulk – would like to invite board to meetings that were presented.
- M. Allen - ask board to do their due diligence and not settle.
- R. Hembroff – opposed to solar.
- S. Simasko – County Comm. District 1 – watching what is going on and working on public health code to make sure safe to residents.
- R. Fielitz – County Comm. District 5 – been fighting it and would
- B. Nugent – does not fit in our township residents don't want it.
- S. Nutt – opposed to the solar don't want land destroyed.
- A. Defrain – don't settle ask board to do research.
- A. Heering – know what you're getting into take time and do research. Don't settle.
- M. Wilton – no positives to the area there will be impact on public health and noise. Need to delay.
- J. Wilton – opposed to solar.
- D. Jawor – don't settle this is worth fighting for don't settle.
- V. Richardson – urge board to listen to Planning Comm. and residents vote it down.

- F. Wisson – don't be afraid to say no have residents behind you.
- S. Richardson – would like board to do the right thing. Don't settle.
- D. Pickard – don't let it go through it is affecting her farm.
- Hoffman – talked about health risk not made for residents and homes.

Supervisor Kern mentioned he had 5 emails against the solar and not to settle.

New Business:

- Closed Session – To consult with the Township attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation in the matter of Portside Solar, LLC -v- Clyde Township and Clyde Township Planning Commission, St. Clair County Circuit Court Docket No: 24-002088-AA pursuant to Section 8(1)(e) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.**

The Board went into closed session at 3:57 p.m.

Motion by Supervisor Kern, supported by Trustee DeShon to go into closed session to consult with the Township attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation in the matter of Portside Solar, LLC -v- Clyde Township and Clyde Township Planning Commission, St. Clair County Circuit Court Docket No: 24-002088-AA pursuant to Section 8(1)(e) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kern, Smith, Compton, Dortman, DeShon, Voight, Beiser

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Closed session ended at 4:41 p.m.

Motion by Supervisor Kern, supported by Treasurer Compton to go back into open session.
Vote: 7-0. Motion Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Kern, supported by Trustee DeShon to have Robert J. Seibert, Attorney with Seibert and Dloski, PLLC to litigate the lawsuit with Portside Solar, LLC. and fight it till the end.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kern, Smith, Compton, Dortman, DeShon, Voight, Beiser

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Public Comments:

Heard public comment from 6 people voicing concerns and thanking the board for not settling.

Adjournment

Motion by Supervisor Kern, supported by Treasurer Compton to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. Vote: 7-0. **Motion Carried.**



Jeffery Kern, Supervisor



Stacey Smith, Clerk