

April 26, 2021

**PERCH LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING & INFORMATION MEETING:
DRAFT ORDINANCE ON REGULATING TOWNSHIP ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL

Chair Gary Harms opened the public meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a roll call.

Members: Chair Gary Harms, Supervisor Steve Olson (virtually), Supervisor Keith DePre, Treasurer Cheri DeMenge, and Clerk Lora Eames.

Supervisor DePre hosted the meeting on Zoom.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION (DePre/Olson): To approve the April 26, 2021, public hearing agenda as presented. Motion carried. Roll call: Gary Harms-yes, Steve Olson-yes, Keith DePre-yes.

3. PURPOSE OF MEETING: REVIEW & DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

Chair Harms announced that the purpose of this meeting was to review and discuss a proposed ordinance entitled, "Perch Lake Township Right-of-Way Ordinance." Then, he turned the meeting over to Road Supervisor Steve Olson.

Olson explained what triggered the need for the ordinance – people dumping snow in the township road rights-of-way. The Township had no means to regulate these activities.

Olson highlighted parts of the draft ordinance, whereby the Township establishes:

- A policy on culverts - the homeowner buys the first culvert, and the Township replaces it when it becomes unserviceable, mostly due to rust.
- The authority to tow cars as needed and put up "NO PARKING" signs.
- The authority to regulate utilities in the right-of-way.

DePre reported that the Township had no visitors on Zoom; however, interested persons may view the entire ordinance on the Township's website at the following site:

http://www.perchlaketownship.org/Draft_Perch_Lake_Township_Right-of-Way_Ordinance.pdf.

In addition, Board members asked the Clerk to post a notice stating that the Board will take public input until the next regular meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021.

4. NEXT STEPS.

Harms announced that the Board's intention was to vote on the Perch Lake Township Right-of-Way Ordinance at the next regular meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021.

5. **COMMENTS.**

None.

6. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Chair Harms adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by Town Board

Lora Eames, Clerk

Gary Harms, Chair