Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation:

Roll Call:
Members Present: Rick Eversole, Aaron Kindel, Dave Kohn, Paul Mason, Robert Richards, Gary Thompson, Pete Groendyk.

Members Absent: None

Public Comment: None

Commission Comment: None

Consent Agenda:
Approve December 3, 2015 regular meeting minutes, motion by Aaron Kindel to approve December 3, 2015 minutes, seconded by Rick Eversole, 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Secretary’s Report:
We have confirmed Kurt Schindler will be at February’s meeting to speak on The “Right to Farm Act” also you have a copy of a rough draft for the agenda for the next month’s meeting. Because it is a joint meeting there is certain protocol waiting on Robin’s response. Also both Township attorneys will be present.

Chairman Dave Kohn agreed to allow both Township Board Members to remain on Planning Commission for one more month in order to allow the Township to fill the vacant seats on the Township Board.
Also keeping of animals section 2.13: a request was made to the Township Board to possibly place a temporary moratorium on keeping of animals, section 2.13 which was turned down but it was suggested to send the 4H residents to Art Ross, I’m sure he can help them for now.

Old Business:
Keeping of Animals section 2.13 Chairman Dave Kohn said we will be waiting until next month’s meeting before we take any further action in order to hear from Kurt Schindler and the Township’s Attorneys. Also requested that we all submit a list of questions before next month’s meeting.

New Business:
None at this time.

Public Comments:
A gentleman expressed concern on how the properties are classified. He has farmland that has always been farmed but is listed as residential, and wanted to know how to get it corrected. He was referred back to Dennis Wright because this is an item that needs to be addressed by the Township Assessor to correct the classification.

Another gentleman spoke up and said his family had over 100 acres of farmland since 1929 and the Township did the same thing to them. “Why?”

Board Comments:
No additional comments.

Adjourned: 7:42 pm Aaron Kindel made a motion to adjourn and Rick Eversole seconded. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried