

RAISINVILLE TOWNSHIP
JUNE 2, 2026 7:00 PM
MINUTES

Location Change: 3775 S. Custer Rd (Monroe County Fair Expo Center)

PRESENT: Supervisor Blanchette, Treasurer Meyer, Trustee Woelmer, Trustee Jaworski, Clerk Fetterly

The Raisinville Township Board meeting was opened with the Pledge to the American Flag.

MINUTES: MOTION BY Trustee Jaworski **SUPPORTED BY** Trustee Woelmer, to approve the minutes from the May 6th, 2026 Township Board Minutes **MOTION CARRIED.**

TREASURER REPORT: MOTION BY Trustee Woelmer **SUPPORTED BY** Clerk Fetterly to approve the treasurer's report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT: There were 47 permits issued for the month of May there were 23 building permits, (2 new houses) 9 electrical, 10 mechanical and 5 plumbing, 5 reinspection fees for a total fee of \$8,418.00

BILLS: MOTION BY Trustee Jaworski, **SUPPORTED BY** Treasurer Meyer to approve the bills for this month. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BLIGHT: Grass complaints can be acted on now effective June 1st according to our ordinance Supervisor Blanchette moved up Citizen Comment Time for this meeting

DTE proposed Strasburg Solar Park, Special Use Approval and Final Site Plan recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at their May 18, 2026 meeting.

Supervisor Blanchette stated that there was an error found on the submitted Site Plan, and opened the floor for discussion.

CITIZEN COMMENT TIME: The following spoke and were opposed

Brian Tucker 5269 N Custer
Micala Bogi 5915 N Custer
Jason Ruehlig 5200 Stewart
Laura Perry 2610 Meanwell

Dan Rigato 5034 N Custer
Ned Burkey Douglas Rd
Sheri Hudson 2175 Doty
Reda Biniecki 2390 Doty
Terry Durocher 4639 N Custer
Maryann Doty 1685 Blazer
Pam Stoner 6591 Stewart
Josh Wolfenburger 8610 Eggert
Terry Durocher 4639 N Custer
Dale Biniecki 2390 Doty
Jeff (did not sign sheet)
Tom Doty Tipton, Mi

Contractor with Roncelli Inc. (did not sign sheet) spoke in favor of the project.

DTE representatives answered most of the questions directed to them about the project

MOTION BY: Trustee Woelmer **SUPPORTED BY:** Trustee Jaworski to approve Resolution # 188 denying Special use application and final site plan submitted by DTE electric company for a proposed Strasburg Solar Park and requiring submission of new application and supporting site plan Adopted June 2, 2026

ROLL CALL VOTE: Supervisor Blanchette-Yes, Treasurer Meyer-Yes, Trustee Jaworski-Yes, Trustee Woelmer-Yes, Clerk Fetterly-Yes **MOTION CARRIED.**

PLANNING COMMISSION: Trustee Woelmer, stated at the meeting on May 18th the Planning Commission approved recommending to the Township Board approval for special use application and final site plan for DTE ELECTRIC proposed Strasburg Solar Park.

LMR: Trustee Jaworski gave a report on the May 20, 2026 meeting, there were 193 calls so far this year. LMR is working on 4 grants right now, next meeting June 15, 2026

ZBA: No Meeting

BOARD COMMENT TIME: The board thanked everyone for coming to the meeting

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION BY** Trustee Jaworski **SUPPORTED BY** Treasurer Meyer to adjourn at 9:08 pm **MOTION CARRIED.**

Brenda Fetterly Raisinville Township Clerk

RAISINVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD
RESOLUTION #188 DENYING SPECIAL USE APPLICATION AND FINAL SITE PLAN
SUBMITTED BY DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR A PROPOSED STRASBURG SOLAR PARK
AND REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF A NEW APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING SITE PLAN
Adopted June 2, 2026

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2026, Raisinville Township (Township) received an application and supporting documents from DTE Electric Company (DTE) requesting special use approval (SUP) and preliminary and final site plan approval (collectively, the SUP and Final Site Plan Applications); pursuant to the Raisinville Township Zoning Ordinance (Zoning Ordinance); and

WHEREAS, the SUP and Final Site Plan Applications propose the development of a Project described by DTE as the Strasburg Solar Park (the Project) which is a proposed 100 MW Large Scale Commercial Solar Energy System on property bounded by North Custer, Doty, Stewart, and North Raisinville Roads on thirteen agriculturally zoned properties in Raisinville Township, (the "Property"), proposed to be located on the following parcels:

- 5813 460 045 01, North Custer Road
- 5813 460 063 00, North Custer Road
- 5813 460 029 10, North Custer Road
- 5813 460 001 00, North Custer Road
- 5813 460 056 09, Stewart Road
- 5813 460 027 00, North Custer Road
- 5813 460 023 01, 6120 North Custer Road
- 5813 460 032 00, 5844 North Custer Road
- 5813 460 007 00, Doty Road
- 5813 460 019 00, North Custer Road
- 5813 460 035 00, 5776 North Custer Road
- 5813 115 410 01, Stewart Road
- 5813 115 308 01, 4636 Stewart Road

WHEREAS, DTE's SUP and Final Site Plan Applications submission was preceded by several pre-application meetings held at Raisinville Township Hall between DTE and Township representatives, at which pre-application meetings the plans were reviewed in detail; and

WHEREAS, during the pre-application meetings, which are required by the Township's Zoning Ordinance, the Project was introduced and preliminary plans were presented to describe the Project location, including property boundaries and setback lines of participating and non-participating properties and the location of the proposed solar panels, associated equipment, fencing, access drives, and site entrances were discussed, along with the proposed connection to the existing electrical system; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of the Township Zoning Ordinance and the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Raisinville Township Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on May 18, 2026 for the purpose of considering the SUP and Final Site Plan Applications and to receive comments from the public, DTE property owners, as well as to review the reports and recommendations of the Township's consultants as to the Project as proposed; and

WHEREAS, in reliance upon DTE's submissions and representations as set forth in the SUP and Final Site Plan Applications, the Planning Commission reviewed the SUP and Final Site Plan Applications and the reports of its consultants and after the close of the public hearing at the May 18th, 2026 meeting, the Township Planning Commission recommended approval to the Township Board, of both the SUP and Final Site Plan Applications with numerous conditions set forth in their motions, including certain minor adjustments to the Final Site Plan including for example adjustments to the DTE site plan showing the underground medium voltage line path such that it will be consistent with DTE's signed easement agreements; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the May 18th, 2026 public hearing and review of the site plan depictions provided and presented by DTE at the meeting for viewing by the residents and property owners, issues and discrepancies as to the SUP and Final Site Plan Applications were brought to the Township thereafter, including but not limited to the following:

1. Richard Becker, Trustee of the R.W. Becker Family Trust, a non-participating property owner, advised that the R.W. Becker Family Trust is the record owner of Parcel #58-13-460-045-00 on which the DTE SUP and supporting Final Site Plan Applications include solar panels as a part of the proposed Strasburg Solar Park Project, which claim by Mr. Becker is supported by a recorded warranty deed.
2. In that regard, upon information and belief, both the SUP and Final Site Plan Applications recommended for final approval by the Township Planning Commission at the May 18th, 2026 meeting, include development on a property which was not listed in the SUP and Final Site Plan Applications as a participating parcel and for which no proof of authority has been provided.
3. Leases, Easements, and Options Agreements and other documentation provided by DTE as to authority to apply for the SUP and Site Plan Approval and to develop certain of those parcels listed above have either expired and/or do not sufficiently demonstrate the requisite authority necessary to apply for and to develop the Project as proposed.

WHEREAS, Zoning Ordinance Section 13.01(2)(B) requires that a completed site plan must be submitted as a part a special use application as specified and required in Article 14 Site Plan Review; and

WHEREAS, Zoning Ordinance Sections 14.04(1)(A) and 14.05(1)(A) require that both a preliminary site plan and a final site plan shall include the names and addresses of the property owners; and

WHEREAS, Zoning Ordinance Section 3.31(5)(A)(ii) and (iii) require that in addition to a site plan in compliance with Article 14, an application for a large commercial solar facility shall include a plan showing the location of the proposed facility site with property lines and setback lines as well as locations of proposed solar panels; and

WHEREAS, Zoning Ordinance Sections 3.31(5)(B)(i) (ii) and (iii) require that an application for a special use approval for a large commercial solar facility shall include all property lines and dimensions, including a legal description of each parcel comprising the solar facility and the names of owners of each parcel that is proposed to be within the solar facility including proof that the applicant has authorization to act upon the owner's behalf; and a list of all adjacent property owners, property identification numbers and addresses; and

WHEREAS, Zoning Ordinance Sections 3.31(5)(C)(i) and(v) requires that an application for a large commercial solar facility shall include a site plan showing the location of all proposed solar arrays and proposed setbacks from property lines; and

WHEREAS, the SUP with required supporting Site Plan and Final Site Plan Applications submitted to the Township which were a subject of public notice and public hearing do not comply with the Township Zoning Ordinance including but not limited to Sections 3.31(5)(A)(ii) and (iii); 3.31(5)(B)(i) (ii) and (ii); 3.31(5)(C)(i) and(v); 13.01(2)(B); 14.04(1)(A) and 14.05(1)(A) as described above; and

WHEREAS, the SUP and Final Site Plan Applications are a matter of great concern to the residents and citizens of Raisinville Township as well as to the Planning Commission and Township Board such that the Board deems it necessary to provide the utmost transparency and opportunity to the citizens to receive accurate information and plans and to provide comment and input and to feel that the Township Board has fully complied with the terms, conditions, application and development standards of the Township Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has been of the understanding that likewise, it is in DTE's interest and has been a goal of DTE to provide all available information and transparency as to this proposed Project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Raisinville Township Board hereby determines that DTE's SUP and Final Site Plan Applications must both be denied based on the following:

1. Richard Becker, Trustee of the R.W. Becker Family Trust, a non-participating property owner, advised that the R.W. Becker Family Trust is the record owner of parcel #58-13-460-045-00 on a portion of which the DTE SUP and Final Site Plan Applications include solar panels as a part of the proposed Strasburg Solar Park and Mr. Becker has provided the Township with a warranty deed in support of that claim.
2. Upon information and belief, the Site plan recommended for final approval by the Township Planning Commission at the May 18th, 2026 meeting, includes development on properties which are not a part of the application and for which insufficient proof of authority to apply or develop the Project has been provided and in fact has been specifically denied and as such new applications and review of such revised special use and final site plan applications are warranted.
3. Leases, Easements, and Options Agreements and other documentation provided by DTE as to authority to apply for SUP and Site Plan Approval and to develop certain of those parcels listed above have either expired and/or do not clearly demonstrate the requisite authority necessary to apply and develop the Project as proposed.
4. The recommendations of the Township Planner, Engineer and Planning Commission to approve the SUP and Final Site Plan Applications were based on submittals which do not comply with the Township Zoning Ordinance including but not limited to Sections 3.31(5)(A)(ii) and (iii); 3.31(5)(B)(i) (ii) and (iii); 3.31(5)(C)(i) and(v); 13.01(2)(B); 14.04(1)(A) and 14.05(1)(A) as described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the SUP and Final Site Plan Applications deficiencies are determined to be major and require a preapplication meeting, the filing of a new application, public notice in accordance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, public hearing and review by the Township Planning Commission prior to consideration by this Board in order to ensure that all requirements for special use approval and preliminary and final site plan approval have been met or exceeded, including but not limited to those set forth in Section 3.31.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member **TRUSTEE WOELMER**

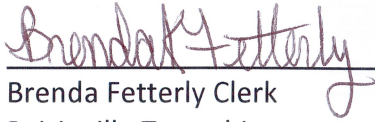
Second offered by Board Member **TRUSTEE JAWORSKI**

Upon roll call vote the following voted "aye": **SUPERVISOR BLANCHETTE, TREASURER MEYER, TRUSTEE JAWORSKI, TRUSTEE WOELMER, CLERK FETTERLY**

"nay": -0-

Absent/Excused: -0-

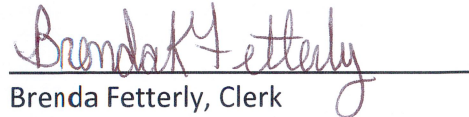
The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.



Brenda Fetterly Clerk
Raisinville Township

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Clerk of Raisinville Township hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an excerpt of the minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board held on June 2nd, 2026, at which meeting the above Resolution Denying the Special Use Application and Final Site Plan Submitted by DTE Electric Company for a Proposed Strasburg Solar Park and Requiring Submission of a New SUP and Supporting Site Plan, was adopted; all members of the Township Board present voted as indicated in said minutes; and that said meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.



Brenda Fetterly, Clerk

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