

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH LAND USE MORATORIUM
REGARDING LARGE FREESTANDING SOLAR PANEL ARRAYS**

BENGAL TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees (the "Board"), Bengal Township (the "Township"), held in the Township Hall, 6586 West M-21, St. Johns, Michigan 48879, on the 8th day of December, 2021.

PRESENT: Denice Schultheiss, Eric Boak, Stan Sillman
Sharon Bassette

ABSENT: n/a

The following Preamble and Resolution were offered by Sharon Bassette and supported by Denice Schultheiss

WHEREAS, the Board currently permits applications for land use approval for large freestanding solar panel arrays (commercial solar farms), in accordance with Zoning Ordinance Section 6.04; and

WHEREAS, Township residents have raised concerns regarding the effects of or impacts from these facilities on underground drainage and sloping of lands; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Township to reevaluate the criteria upon which to grant land use approval for large freestanding solar panel arrays.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board shall and does hereby establish a land use moratorium on Ordinance Section 6.04 for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date hereof for the purpose of evaluating and adopting criteria deemed necessary for the equitable and reasonable regulation of land uses pertaining to large freestanding solar panel arrays (commercial solar farms), during which period no applications for such land use will be processed or granted.

120 days to research

2. The Planning Commission shall report to the Board within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date hereof regarding the evaluation of underground drainage, land sloping, decommissioning, and bonding criteria as an amendment, if any, to the existing Township Ordinance. If, upon hearing such report, the Board shall determine that additional time is required or is appropriate for such evaluation and adoption, this moratorium may be shortened or extended for a reasonable period necessary for ordinance amendment.

AYES: Eric Stan, Nick, Denice, Sharon

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: 0


Resolution declared adopted this 8th day of December, 2021, by the Board, governing body of Bengal Township.



Sharon Basette, Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss:
COUNTY OF CLINTON)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified clerk of Bengal Township, Clinton County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the proceedings taken by the Bengal Township Board of Trustees at a regular meeting held on the 8th day of December, 2021.



Sharon Basette, Township Clerk