



# ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP

## Planning Commission

### Special Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM – Wednesday, October 29, 2025  
Onondaga Township Hall, 4756 Baldwin Street

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The Onondaga Township Planning Commission held a special meeting on October 29, 2025 to receive public comment for a Special User Permit application by TowerCo. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Matt Austin at 7:00 pm with the following members:

Chairman - Matt Austin,  
Secretary - Charlie Bush  
Member - Jody Munn

Member Loyce Hake  
Member - Richard Hoskins  
Board Liaison - Pete Garner

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

#### 2. **ROLL CALL**

Member Brandy Tinkey was absent. Matt Autstin made a motion to excuse Brandy, motion was seconded by Jody Munn. All members were in favor.

About 10 members of the public were present, two representative of TowerCo were present.

#### 3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Matt opened the meeting to public comments.

- Randy Mayville spoke about concerns regarding the setback of the tower being close to the property line, collocating equipment on existing towers in the area instead of this new tower, and if TowerCo used the proper position data in preparing their permit application. He mentioned he is appealing the tower height with the state of Michigan.
- An unnamed resident spoke about having a mutual agreement of all parties.
- Ann Hecter spoke about concerns regarding radiation limits and zoning designation of her property.

End of public comment 7:12

#### 4. **DISCUSSION/DECISION**

Representatives of TowerCo were asked if they could address the radiation concerns. Jason Woodward of TowerCo indicated that the radiation from a cell tower is radio frequencies previously used by radio and television stations and the amount emitted from the proposed tower is much less than other towers in the area and that there is no ionizing radiation that would cause cancer concerns emitted at all.

TowerCo was asked to address the set back concerns. Jason indicated that the tower is designed to withstand multiple 3 second burst of 105 mile per hour winds with the weight of more than 0.5 inch of ice on it and if it fails it is designed to collapse within its footprint.

TowerCo was asked to address the colocation concern. Jason discussed that the News 10 tower would not provide the necessary documentation and that TowerCo has concerns regarding the integrity and if it could handle the weight of the needed equipment and that the

age of the tower may require significant maintenance for TowerCo's equipment.

TowerCo in their responses added that MDOT has approved the height of the tower with regard to the nearby heliport.

After all comments, Matt asked if there was a motion. Charlie Bush made a motion to accept the Special Use Permit. Jody Munn second the motion. Matt called for a roll call vote to accept the Special Use Permit.

Jody Munn – Yes

Loyce Hake – Yes

Charlie Bush – Yes

Pete Garner – Yes, but vote based on tower height appeal

Richard Hoskins – Yes but vote is based on tower height appeal

Matt Austin - Yes

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Matt made a motion to adjourn, Pete seconded it. All were in favor. Adjourned 7:49