

Minutes Constantine Township Board January 7, 2009

Supervisor Hutson called the Special Meeting of the Constantine Township Board and the Zoning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Hutson, Schmidtendorff, Brown, Klett, Paananen
(Zoning Commission: Roscoe Hassinger, Pat Klee, Mitch Moord)

Five Master Plan RFP's have been received. The Board and Commission reviewed these proposals.

1. Wightman / Petrie

From: Elkart

Primary contact: Ken Jones

Estimated cost: \$19,000.00

Time frame: 6 months

Good reputation

Hutson will call them to set up an interview

2. LSL Planning

From: Grand Rapids

Primary Contact:

Estimated cost: \$19,270.00 plus reimbursable costs

Time frame: 12months

Board member has had interaction with this company and was not impressed.

Board and Commission agreed to decline to interview.

3. Robert Toland

From: not identified on the RFP

Primary Contact: Robert Toland

Estimated cost: \$23,350

Time frame: 18 months

Highly recommended by a St. Joseph County Planner, Brad Neuman

Board and Commission agreed to decline to interview.

4. Land Plan

From: Okemos

Primary Contact: Mark Eidelson

Estimated cost: \$17,500.00

Time frame: 14 months

Ordinance Officer Kuhlman has had a positive experience with this company when working with them in zoning issues in other Townships.

Attorney Roxanne Sieber has had a positive experience with them as well, per conversation with Kuhlman.

Hutson will call them to set up an interview.

5. McKenna and Associates

From: Kalamazoo

Primary Contact: Chuck Eckenstahler

Estimated cost: \$19,500.00

Time frame: 12 months

A Board member has had a positive experience in working with Chuck.

Hutson will call them to set up an interview.

Hutson will try to set up interviews for one of the following days, January 27, 28, 29, 2009. He will set interviews for approximately 45 minutes each.

A professional should complete the Master Plan, as we are looking at many changes in the next few years, due to US 131 bypass and general growth. Also, to meet requirements for the Planning Commission changes for 2011.

Motion carried. Moved by Paananen and supported by Klett to adjourn. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Marti Brown, Township Clerk