

Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes- January 7, 2026

1. **Call to Order**-Vice-Chair Cronenwett called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Roll Call-Present:** Cronenwett, Tarchala, Marshall, Schultz, Reiter
Also Present: guests
Not Present: David Jirousek, Horizon Community Planning
3. **Approval of Agenda**-Motion by Cronenwett second by Tarchala to approve the agenda as amended by Cronenwett to add discussion of meeting dates and appointment of Chairperson for Planning Commission. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes**-Motion by Cronenwett second by Reiter to approve the minutes of December 3, 2025 as amended by Schultz on Item 2. Roll Call Present, spelling correction of Reiter. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

5. Public Comments on Items not Scheduled for Public Hearing-none

6. **Annual Report**-Discussion among planning commissioners in regards to the Annual Report for 2025. Commissioners reviewed 2026 Potential Goals and added the following:

Item 3.-Environmental regulations should also include environmental overlay and Wellhead Protection guidelines.

Item 4.-On going progress in regards to the Trailway.

Motion by Cronenwett second by Tarchala to approve the Annual Report as presented with the addition of a 4th goal-Trailway. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. **Zoning Discussion-Principal-Use Solar Energy Systems**-Commissioners discussed the proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment for Solar energy systems. It was felt at this time to postpone this topic until guidance and educational sessions can be provided by David Jirousek, Horizon Planning for further discussion by commissioners.

Motion by Tarchala second by Reiter to postpone discussion as stated above.
All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. **Zoning Discussion-Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems**-Commissioners discussed the proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment for Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems.

Commissioners felt at this time we would like to further explore our options and have further Educational sessions on this topic.

Motion by Tarchala second by Reither to postpone discussion on Battery Energy Storage Systems so that further guidance and educational sessions may be presented to commissioners by David Jirousek, Horizon Planning. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. Additional Comments and Communications

Fouty-Oshtemo Township resident gave comments in regards to the Battery Energy Storage systems concern in their township.

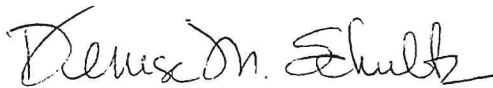
DeBruin-Oshtemo Township resident commented in regards to how they have been dealing with this concern in their township. An option to consider is not having anything in place so applicant goes directly to the state.

Cronenwett-discussion about Planning Commission meeting dates. Due to request from David Jirousek, planner in changing when Planning Commission meetings would occur. Planning Commission members request that we leave our meeting on the first Wednesday of the month.

10. Appointment of Planning Commission Chair- Motion by Cronenwett second by Tarchala to appoint Kalli Marshall as Chairperson for Antwerp Township Planning Commission as of January 7, 2025. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

11. Adjournment-Motion by Cronenwett second by Tarchala to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise M. Schultz, Secretary