

November 10, 2021

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WIGHTMAN	INVOICE #722633 - HULL ROAD TRAIL	525.00
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CHASE	TAX MAPPING	640.48
ALLEGRA	ASSESSMENT DOOR HANGERS	150.00
JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	PENSION	67.50
IMAGECRAFT	NAMEPLATE - HENNEY TRUSTEE	11.75
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Motion Feazel, support Wade to approve the site plan for a new cell tower by Parallel Towers and AT&T with the following conditions: the applicant shall replace any drain tile damaged by construction so no drainage issues occur and applicant must receive special use approval for a commercial freestanding tower. Roll call vote. Ayes: Wade, Henney and Feazel. Noes: Ward. Abstain: Eldred. Motion carried.

Motion Feazel, support Wade to adopt Resolution 21-22-5 to set the schedule of fees for large solar energy systems under the Leslie Township Zoning Ordinance. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

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Adjourned 8:03 P.M.

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