

**MAIDEN ROCK TOWNSHIP OPERATIONS ORDINANCE STUDY COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes for May 13, 2024**

Members of the Maiden Rock Township Operations Ordinance Study Committee (OOSC) convened on Monday, May 13, 2024. In attendance were members: Mary Anne Wise, Bruce Thomes, Terry Timm, Cindy Nelson, Judy Krohn, and guests: Lisa Doerr, Ron Erickson and Rob Meyer.

Absent were members John Danneker and Kathy Arndt.

The meeting notice and agenda were properly posted by Bruce Thomes.

There being a quorum of members present, Mary Anne called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed, and suggestion offered by Judy Krohn to change the title of the minutes to reflect the name of the committee Operations Ordinance Study Committee (OOSC). Motion by Cindy, second by Terry; the minutes were approved as amended.

Lisa Doerr of [protectyourtown.org](http://protectyourtown.org) was the invited guest for our meeting. She and Mary Anne have cooperated to create a private access website to house our relevant working documents including Meeting Agendas & Minutes, Town Comprehensive Plan, Model Ordinances, and existing Town and County ordinances for reference purposes.

Lisa then walked us through the Town of Eureka's Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) Ordinance. Much of the language in the Eureka ordinance can be adapted to create our own Operating Ordinance. We will include a listing of our own Local Findings, based on maps of our Township showing land cover, water resources, soil types, our Comprehensive Plan language and other relevant Town Ordinances. Findings will include documented research on CAFO hazards to public health as well as extensive legal citations & laws allowing the Township to adopt Operating Ordinances.

Our local findings maps will be provided by GIS Specialist Donald Hutchinson of Socially Responsible Agriculture Project (SRAP) [sraproject.org](http://sraproject.org)

The question was raised as to why not adopt the local findings of a neighboring Township, rather than doing our own—each township's circumstances, government, land usage, geology and water resources are particular to that Town. The authority to regulate a CAFO operation lies in the policing authority vested in each Township.

John and Judy will review to Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Maiden Rock for any language applicable to our local findings, and look for any Town ordinances (i.e. road usage & repair) already in existence that may be cited as well.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:30. Potential agenda items will be a review of the Nutrient Management Plan zoom meeting attended by Terry & Judy; relevant language from the Town Comprehensive Plan and a report on the Pierce County Unit Meeting of May 30 by John. Cindy will check with Bennetts about setting up an on-site visit by the committee to their operation. We hope that Teresa Davis (a member of Pierce County Groundwater Study

Committee) will be able to attend and share information they have learned about water resources, contamination and high capacity wells.

Mary Anne will be in Guatemala May 17-29, with limited availability (e-mail) during that time.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Terry, seconded by Cindy. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Krohn, Scribe