

Allegan Township Board Meeting
April 1, 2019
7:30 PM

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Pledge and Invocation

- II. Roll Call
 - A. Supervisor Steve Schulz, Clerk Linda Evans, Trustee Jim Connell and Trustee Mike Bender were present.
 - B. Absent was Treasurer Jane Waanders,

- III. Approve Minutes of March 4, 2019 Regular Meeting
 - A. Connell/Bender made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
 - 1. There were two permits pulled in March with permit fees totaling \$410.00.
 - B. Fritz Spreitzer, Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Was not present but member Ted Heckman noted they will have their regular meeting next Monday with no business planned.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. He forgot to attend last month's meeting but understand they reviewed the 2018 business Planning Commission conducted (*this report was included for Allegan Township Board to review/read*).
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3rd District
 - 1. Handed out annual report of County Clerk – Register of Deeds.
 - 2. Showed several agendas of county commissioners, some over 200 pages which include grants.
 - 3. He noted a new Parks Ordinance was approved in March of which major changes include the minor age from nine to 12 years of age as well as now allowing alcohol on campsites where historically it was not allowed in any county campgrounds.
 - 4. Trustee Connell asked about increased park personnel because of alcohol and learned there will not be an increase.
 - E. Other Reports
 - 1. *Fire District Report – Supervisor Schulz*
 - a. January – had 33 incidents compared to 2018's 27 incidents;
 - b. February – had 44 compared to 26 of previous year's with Schulz noting if this trend continues, it can become a problem for payroll.
 - c. There is the continued effort to recover some of the cost, from insurance or owner.

1. January saw a 28% return while February a 11%.
- b. Heckman asked about marihuana inspection class held with Schulz not sure and will find out the answer for next month.

V. Public Comment

- A. There was none.

VI. Old Business

A. Approve 2019-2020 Budget

1. Schulz pointed out the public hearing was held last month but what he would like to see is an increase of the Blight Project cost from \$5,000.00 to \$20,000.00 as there are several projects to be addressed shortly.
2. He explained dumpsters are brought in and township pays for them and then cost is placed on winter taxes by board approval to be paid.
 - a. The township does this as part of their responsibility to maintain property values as they are willing to spend township money to do so.
 - b. Connell commented it makes sense and questioned if money is then taken from fund balance/contingency with Schulz noting it is so.
3. Bender/Schulz made motion to approve 2019-2020 Budget with amended blight projects increased \$15,000 to make the total \$20,000 and reduce fund balance/contingency \$15,000 to make total \$208,080.
 - a. Motion passed following roll call.

B. Tabled Rental Ordinance

1. The rental ordinance was tabled last month as Connell questioned if we would still have where-with-all to rectify situations between renters and owners with suggestion made to check with lawyer.
2. Schulz read response from lawyer which noted we still have a way of handling issues.
3. At the time of putting together the ordinance it seemed right to know how many rentals we had but it became time-consuming for receptionist Connie Rushmore to maintain the changing list.
4. In light of the lawyer's response, Connell/Evans made motion to repeal the rental ordinance which passed with an aye vote.
5. Heckman asked what kind of money was involved and learned application cost \$32.00 with an additional \$60.00 to PCI for inspection.

C. SRTS and River Street Update

1. Trees have been removed by end of March before the Indiana brown bat would be coming to set up house-keeping for the season.
2. Bids for roadwork will be going out soon that will include five foot shoulders and retaining walls (on River Street).
 - a. Heckman asked if road commission is doing it and learned both

the SRTS and River Street (which is in the City) are all under City of Allegan's oversight.

3. Schulz also shared we have a 425 agreement with the City in that Allegan Public Schools are part of the City so that they could receive a single rate for water as they had been charged a double rate in township.
 - a. This could affect the percentage of what both township and city will have to pay for engineering work along 115th Avenue as the percentage now is 62% for the township and 38% for the city.
4. It was also learned the bowling alley is actually in the township as some years ago they had requested a beer/wine license which the city did not have any to give but the township did.

VII. New Business

- A. Approve Amendments to Zoning Recommended by Planning Commission
 1. Schulz commented we haven't gotten word yet from our attorney regarding the last one but Planning Commission has approved all and this will be handled at next month's meeting.
- B. Child Abuse Prevention Month
 1. Schulz noted April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Safe Harbor has invited all to meet them at 402 Trowbridge Street on Wednesday, April 10th at noon when "Pinwheels for Prevention" will be planted.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
 1. \$34,404.91 was presented for payment with Clerk Evans explaining \$30,250 will be transferred from General to Public Safety quarterly for the quarterly payment to be made to Allegan District Fund which is \$47,151.00.
 2. Connell/Bender made motion to pay which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Adjourn

- A. Evans/Bender made motion to adjourn which passed with an aye vote; meeting closed at 8:18 PM.