

Allegan Township Board Meeting
April 2, 2018
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 5, 2018 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 five building permits issued in March with two new homes with permit fees totaled \$1,640.00 while last year had four permits with one new home.
 - B. Fritz Spreitzer, Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Was not present but Board of Appeals member Ted Heckman noted regular meeting will be next week with no official business.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. Heckman noted regular meeting was held last month looking at two site plan reviews (Material Transfer and Betten Chevrolet).
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3rd District
 - 1. Over past months there has been much discussion regarding financial assistance for Sheriff's Department as much county monies are going toward pensions.
 - a. Discussion has now ceased as liabilities are now being considered.
 - 2. Commission on Aging will have a renewal on August ballot but not sure what millage request there would be.
 - a. An evaluation is being done from 2015 to now as to programs, cost, etc...
 - E. Bob Kaarlie, Road Commissioner
 - 1. Not present.
 - F. Other Reports
 - 1. *Allegan County Bike Trail* – Trustee Connell
 - a. Another meeting was held this past month with two-thirds of original group in attendance of townships, road commission director and sheriff department.

- b. They came back after surveying roads and identifying points of interest which were marked on Allegan County maps and to see how they could connect bike paths around Allegan County.
- c. Thiele asked what resources would be and learned townships would be responsible using current roads and current road shoulders.
- d. Once done, all townships would have maps of where bikers could go and determine where they would want to put their monies in this project.

2. *Clerk News* – Clerk Evans

- a. New voting equipment has arrived with Allegan Township hosting arrival, testing and distribution to Allegan County municipalities;
- b. Qualified Voter File Refresh training has been done; and
- c. Accreditation for all clerks has taken place.

V. Public Comment

A. Chris Willis – 2247 36th Street along with two neighbors

- 1. Had discussion that day with police who state they can do nothing regarding neighbor who makes loud noises, revving cars during day and night as well as an issue with blight.
- 2. Audience learned this has been an ongoing problem that had also dealt with a sewer system that did not work but people still living there during that time.
- 3. Supervisor Schulz commented he had learned from township lawyer that day that owner of place (Michael Gard) had defaulted on last two tickets with its cost now about \$500.00.
 - a. Gard has not registered the land contract on property and board learned resident was actually paying for vacant property but has stopped making house payment and paying of taxes.
- 4. After much discussion, Schulz noted he is ready now to write two more tickets and will sit down and speak with either Sheriff Baker or the undersheriff.
- 5. Neighbors felt as though they are being looked at as the nuisance with their continual calls to the sheriff's department.
- 6. Schulz noted it is a huge problem for residents with the young man being extremely volatile and hopefully something will break soon.

B. Bruce Carns

- 1. Questioned if anybody has put in a permit for another dairy farm and learned nobody has as it would have to go by the Planning Commission.

VI. Old Business

A. Approve Budget for 2018-2019

- 1. One change was made for engineering costs doubling from \$40,000 to \$80,000 (*see C. below for the reason*).
- 2. Evans noted difference from last month's budget at budget hearing to now is revenues and expenses shown in the 2017-2018 Activity.
- 3. Bender/Evans made motion to approve 2018-2019 Budget which passed following roll call.

- B. Trees on DeLano Street
 - 1. The Road Commission has decided not to remove the old trees while paving street as township board decided it wasn't necessary to have five foot shoulders on the road.
 - 2. Connell thanked Road Commission for listening to the citizens and township board.
- C. Chromium Contamination Update from E.P.A.
 - 1. The E.P.A. (Environmental Protection Agency) called last week that they are ready and willing to put money forth for a water line from the City line, east to the Township line, also down 29th and Jeffrey Drive and asked if township would be willing to pay engineering on project, costing a little less than half a million dollars.
 - 2. The thought is why not take it out to township line which would be an additional \$300,000 - \$380,000 for the project with engineering costs being approximately 15% of total construction cost.
 - 3. Connell thought with the engineering done it would give township a closer idea of what total cost would be and learned from Schulz we could take additional monies for engineering cost from township's Capital Improvement Fund.
 - 4. Connell/Bender made motion to have engineering done on water line to Jeffreys Drive as well as proposed water line to township boundary with motion passing following roll call.
 - 5. Bender asked what rate would be for the water and learned it would be same rate as what City residents pay.
 - 6. Some discussion also included where the chromium might have come from that is in the neighbors' water and learned E.P.A. is researching that as well.
 - a. There is an obvious potential responsible party that they are looking into.

VII. New Business

- A. Township Spring Clean-up Dates (April 21, 2018 and May 19, 2018 – 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
 - 1. Evans noted April clean-up includes electronics, appliances and tires and is for Allegan Township residents and only those who have paid the \$25.00 recycling surcharge on winter taxes.
- B. Approve Ballot Wording for Expiring Road and Fire Equipment Proposals
 - 1. The millages are expiring end of 2018 and township would like to have them continue so Connell/Bender made motion to approve wording which passed with an aye vote.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
 - 1. \$11,215.47 was presented for payment with Schulz noting \$6,000 to City of Allegan is for Allegan City Police Department who make calls in the township.
 - a. Township wouldn't really have to pay it but it helps make township safer with police department responding to calls.
 - 2. Bender/Connell made motion to pay bills which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. Evans read a thank you note from Allegan County Clerk Bob Genetski for hosting voting equipment testing.

X. Adjourn

A. Connell/Bender made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:49 PM.