

Allegan Township Board Meeting
April 3, 2017
7:30 PM

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

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

- III. Approve Minutes of March 6, 2017
 - A. Bender/Connell made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
 - 1. Clerk Evans reported four permits were issued in March with one new home with fees totaling \$1,900.00; this was the first new home permit issued in March since 2012.
 - B. Fritz Spreitzer, Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Was not present but Supervisor Schulz noted their meeting is next Monday with no business planned.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. A new chair was elected as Laree Waanders had stepped down from the Planning Commission.
 - 2. There was a recommendation from township attorney to decline in participating in the new marijuana act.
 - 3. There was a recommendation to hire Williams and Works to go over the stand-alone ordinances.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3rd District
 - 1. Was not present.
 - E. Other Reports
 - 1. Bob Genetski, Allegan County Clerk
 - a. A FAQ (frequently asked questions) sheet to assist in determining what business can be done at the County Clerk's office is available and was handed out.
 - b. He strongly urged the DD214's, shown on the sheet, be done so all veterans are registered.
 - c. He also mentioned the May 2nd election and the fact new tabulators and ADA (Americans with Disabilities) equipment will be forthcoming with \$30 million ear-marked through HAVA (Help America Vote Act) and the State of Michigan.

2. Ryan Deery, Allegan District Library Director
 - a. They have applied for a USDA loan with approval given by the State but it is being held up on the federal level.
 1. This will enable them to save \$250,000 on the life of the loan with audience member Laree Waanders asking what the interest rate was and learned 2.75% fixed rate.
 - b. Would like to hopefully get project going while waiting for federal approval.
3. Steve Schulz, Allegan Fire District
 - a. He briefly spoke on the February report with Trustee Jim Connell asking about one who was terminated and learned from Schulz that employee had some issues that needed to be addressed.

V. Public Comment

VI. Old Business

- A. Approve Budget
 1. Public Hearing was held last month and so action can now be taken to approve with Evans noting the only difference on this month's budget is basically the income received in some of the accounts because of the last tax monies being deposited to those accounts.
 2. Connell/Bender made motion to approve 2017-2018 budget which passed following roll call.
- B. Update on 1979 Chevrolet Box Van
 1. It had been advertised several times with only one person interested.
 2. It was sold to him for \$500.00 with money going into the Public Safety Fund.
- C. Approve Master Plan
 1. Schulz noted it had been developed by the Planning Commission quite some time ago and had to be sent to adjoining townships and City of Allegan with at least 45 days allotted for their comment.
 2. As no comment had been received, the matter was forgotten and so now he is looking for a motion to approve.
 3. Evans noted Planning Commission had done a lot of work on it recognizing Mike Buese, Laree Waanders, Ted Heckman and Jim Connell (who were present) and it should be in good working order for the next five years.
 4. Evans/Connell made motion to approve which passed following roll call.
- D. Township Spring Clean-Up Dates (April 15, 2017 and May 20, 2017) (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM)
 1. Electronics are included this time as well as four tires, branches, tree limbs.
- E. Consideration of Asphalt Bids
 1. Prices came in good at about \$50.00 a ton with Reith Riley's bid of

\$286,326.25 the lowest.

2. When board talked about possible cost it was close to \$400,000.
3. Connell asked about what CL, II and LM stand for with Schulz not certain and Connell also asked about why the tonnage amount varies and learned that there are equipment transport costs and other variables that affect price.
4. Connell pointed out final cost could be as much as 25% more on the five projects with Schulz commenting that administration, overhead and engineering costs would most likely raise the final total.
5. Schulz also pointed out if we have enough money we are planning to restructure 25th Street and 123rd Ave. next year.
6. Evans/Bender made motion to accept the low bid which passed following an aye vote.
7. Bender questioned if the 25th/123rd project would be this year or next with Schulz saying restructure in 2018 and pave it the following year (2019).

VII. New Business

A. Perrigo Distribution Center Update

1. Allegan Township had received from David Smalla, who heads up the distribution centers, an e-mail informing us of another delay.
2. Capital funds are not there as Perrigo restructures although they are intending to actually buy the 60 acres and two parcels from the City themselves with closing in the next two months.
3. Connell noted we have done a lot to allow this business which includes rezoning to I (Industrial), have approved their plans and have given the tax abatement so he feels they are fairly secure but the time is not right.
4. Schulz reported some other good things will be happening in the township in the next few months.

B. Approve Cost Estimate for Stand-Alone Ordinances by William & Works

1. Connell commented this is absolutely the right way to approach this and it will match up with the Master Plan we now have.
2. Connell/Evans made motion to approve \$6,000-\$8,000 for work to be done on the stand-alone ordinances with motion passing with an aye vote.

C. Proclamation for Clean Water

1. Connell explained he is on the Well-head Protection Board with the board in place to ensure any and all well-heads in the City of Allegan and Allegan Township are plugged correctly to keep water uncontaminated.
2. The township is included because the water going to the City runs underneath the northeast part of the township.
3. They are attempting to educate children and residents/business owners so that they might be more aware of the need for clean and pure water therefore a proclamation has been made which was read by Connell (*see*

attached) for May 7-13 to be Drinking Water Week.

4. Evans/Schulz made motion to approve the proclamation which passed with an aye vote.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. Bills in the amount of \$5,310.43 were submitted for payment with Connell/Bender making motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Adjourn

- A. Bender/Evans made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:30 PM.