

Allegan Township Board Meeting
August 7, 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. Also present was Catherine Kaufman, Allegan Township's lawyer from Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber & Kaufman, PC.
 - C. Absent was Treasurer Jane Waanders.

- III. Approve Minutes of July 3, 2017 Regular Meeting
 - A. Connell/Bender made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
 - 1. Clerk Evans reported seven permits were pulled in July with five new homes which is the most since 2014 with fees totaling \$4,869.00.
 - B. Fritz Spreitzer, Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Was not present with appeals member Ted Heckman noting they had a special meeting on July 31st with variance passing and their regular meeting will be on the 14th with no business planned.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. There will be a special meeting on August 28th with two rezonings in consideration.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3rd District
 - 1. Second year they have received a 100% bill of health for Allegan County but note the audit is a limited review.
 - E. Bill Baillargeon, District Court Judge
 - 1. He is giving his annual report on his fourth year as Chief Judge.
 - 2. He expressed appreciation for the amount of work his clerks do to help as they are the first faces people see.
 - 3. He spoke of the five specialty courts within Allegan County: Sobriety, Drug, Juvenile, Mental Health and Veterans Treatment and of some of their success stories.
 - 4. Supervisor Schulz asked if meth is still an issue and learned it is problematic with Trustee Bender asked about effect of making marijuana legal and learned Baillargeon has concerns just with the amounts used before making it legal.
 - F. Mary Whiteford, State Representative
 - 1. Spoke about mental health, revenue sharing is up to 2½%, Kalamazoo

River Superfund Site, Broadband and no-fault insurance.

G. Bob Kaarlie, Road Commission Chair

1. Was not present with Schulz noting 30th Street is being worked on from 118th – 126th Avenue.
2. Heckman asked about 114th and learned infrastructure on city's end needs to be put in before paving.
3. Trustee Connell had some concerns about width of 122nd Avenue in places and it was suggested he talk to Allegan County Road Commission.

H. Other Reports

1. M-40/M-89 Corridor Meeting – Evans
 - a. She reported they learned about updates of some of road projects going on and learned from Larry Brown, Allegan County Road Commission's director, how Allegan County, as the largest in the lower peninsula, has the most and some of the best roads in the State of Michigan with other counties asking "how do you do it?" and learned credit by Brown is given to the townships that faithfully support road millages.
2. Fire District Meeting – Schulz
 - a. He noted their meeting will be this Thursday at the City Station.

V. Public Comment

- A. There was none.

VI. Old Business

A. Second Public Hearing for Riverview Estates (Review the Roll)

1. Schulz introduced township attorney Catherine Kaufman who noted this second public hearing is to look over the assessment roll and to hear any objections.
2. 6% interest will be charged for those parcels that are paid yearly on their taxes with this a five-year special assessment with no interest on the first year through February 28, 2018.
3. Evans noted the ad was published both July 20 and 27 in the Allegan County News and was mailed by first class to each property owner on July 25.
4. The public hearing was opened at 8:24 PM and with no comment from the public the hearing was closed at 8:25 PM.
5. Evans commented there had not been any written comments or correspondence received and she also noted from Treasurer Waanders assessments will be set up by October 1st and anyone desiring to pay up front will have from then until November 1st to pay in full with assessment then not appearing on their taxes.
6. Connell wanted clarification that the amount is \$1,790.40 per parcel if paid up front and it is \$2,005.24 if paid over the five years and learned that was correct.

7. Kaufman noted we are doing this per statute and need to do exactly as required and read a summary of the resolution.
 8. Connell/Bender made motion to approve special assessment district number 2017-1 which passed unanimously following roll call.
- B. Update on Contaminated Well on Jeffrey Drive
1. Schulz noted City of Allegan, EPA, County Health Department and Allegan Township are working together on this project and have learned to have a water line supplied to Jeffrey Drive would cost \$569,060 plus engineer's study.
 2. The plan now is to figure out how to pay for it and proceed.
 3. No contamination has been found in any other wells but it does leave other residents on both Jeffrey Drive and the mobile home parks wondering.
 4. Heckman asked if it is a municipal well and learned it is an individual well and nothing has been found in any other wells.
 5. Connell asked about engineering costs and learned it may be \$20,000-\$25,000.
 - a. He also questioned if the well had been tested prior to the fire and that was not known.

VII. New Business

- A. Truth in Taxation Hearing
1. Schulz asked Kaufman to explain as it is not the easiest thing to understand with her noting it is done to recapture whatever is lost to Headlee roll-back, not increase taxes, just re-capture.
 2. The public hearing opened at 8:43 PM and closed at 8:44 PM with no comment from the public.
 3. Evans/Bender made motion to approve the proposed increase of 0.0556 mills which passed following roll call.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
1. \$5,089.00 in bills was presented for payment with Bender/Schulz making motion to approve which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Other Items

- A. Kaufman noted MTA has a model ordinance available for the marijuana act going into effect in December and learned from Schulz Allegan Township has chosen not to act at all on it and learned there is also an ordinance available to opt-out with Connell commenting "Allegan Township should think very hard on opting out."

B. Schulz noted Michigan will probably see recreational marijuana be on the 2018 or 2020 ballot, which will probably pass, but the public does not realize how much more this will put on law enforcement with Kaufman adding the Marijuana Act going into effect in December did write in 3% of monies received to be spread out among the municipal police forces.

XI. Adjourn

A. Connell/Bender made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 9:00 PM.