

**Alleghen Township Board Meeting**  
**August 5, 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, Treasurer Jane Waanders and Trustee Mike Bender were present.
  
- III. Approve Minutes of July 1, 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 nine permits pulled in July with four new homes.
    - 2. Permit fees totaled \$7,228.00.
  - B. Ted Heckman, Board of Appeals Member
    - 1. There is no business planned for this month's meeting.
  - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
    - 1. Two rezonings were approved at last month's meeting with one for Babylon Road from AG to R-2 and one for Lincoln Road from C-1 to R-3 and are recommended to township board tonight for approval.
  - D. Larry Brown, Alleghen County Road Commissioner
    - 1. Was not present.
  - E. Other Reports –
    - 1. State Representative Mary Whiteford – arrived after meeting was over.
    - 2. Miner Lake Association President Sam Martin –
      - a. Gave report from meeting of previous Wednesday evening's Miner Lake Board regarding Eurasian Millfoil and Starry Stonewort problem on the lake.
      - b. Trustee Connell asked about harvesting and learned it is not recommended because it can make the problem worse.
  
- V. Public Comment
  - A. Trustee Connell made comment of taking epic crash on bike and now doing fundraiser for Wings of Hope Home by walking several miles and invited others to join him on his last walk on August 17<sup>th</sup>.
  
- VI. Old Business
  - A. Recycling Grant Update
    - 1. Treasurer Waanders explained that a "high volume of applications" had

been received and “due to recycling program priorities and limited grant funding available, we regret to inform you that your project was not recommended for funding.”

2. She also wondered what priorities for a grant were but noted township could try again but we had put money in this year’s budget and will talk as a board and do something this year.
3. Trustee Bender noted he had come to recycle several weeks back and dumpster was empty except for garbage in end of it and learned it happens from time to time.

A. River Street Update

1. Supervisor Schulz noted adjustment of utility poles and they have started to dig out retaining walls (four of them) with Heckman asking about grade on northern end of street and learned it should be dropped down about a foot more.
2. Waanders also commented solar powered stop signs were installed on Monday morning at River and 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

B. Blight Update – (2239 36<sup>th</sup> Street – Gard) (2029 36<sup>th</sup> Street – Gorringe)

1. 2239 36<sup>th</sup> Street – Gard
  - a. Gard passed away in May and estate is in probate.
2. 2029 36<sup>th</sup> Street – Gorringe
  - a. Gorringe is in Correctional Facility in Jackson and has responded with letter to appeal condemnation PCI has placed on his home.
  - b. Tuesday morning Construction Board of Appeals (Jamie Beaudoin, Jon Hestera, Bill Creech and Frank Tooker), along with Schulz, will be looking at it to make a determination regarding condemnation, etc...
  - c. Connell questioned about who Bret Reikerk was and learned he was the Building inspector that condemned the house.
  - d. Schulz noted the person who lives there, Justin Hall, has never applied for any permits or inspections on what he has done.
3. Schulz also noted there are four-five others homes in the township that need to be condemned.

VII. New Business

A. Consider Rezoning Recommendation for 1269 Lincoln Road from C-1 to R-3

1. Planning Commission is asking for rezoning from C-1 to R-3 which is a medium density residential district as owner would like to construct multi-family residences.
2. Evans/Bender made motion to approve which passed with roll call.

B. Consider Rezoning Recommendation for 3487 Babylon Road from AG to R-2

1. Planning Commission is asking for rezoning from AG to R-2 as it is a six acre piece owner would like to split “to create a rental with existing home and build a new home on the remaining parcel.”
2. Waanders/Bender made motion to approve which passed following roll

call.

C. Consider Fee Schedule Change for Variances, Special Uses and Rezoning to \$285.00 for Regular Meetings and \$600.00 for Special Meetings and Must Be Present

1. Schulz explained fees were all over board at different prices with variances at \$205.00 and special uses and rezonings at \$285.00 with special meetings likewise inconsistent.
2. Special meetings would now cost \$600.000 to try to keep from having such meetings.
3. It was also noted applicant should be present to answer questions.
4. Clerk Evans explained variances had been set at a lower rate as there are only five members to Board of Appeals that looks at variances as opposed to seven member Planning Commission board that looks at both special uses and rezoning.
5. Bender asked if it is an automatic denial if owner doesn't come in and learned that is not the case.
6. Connell/Evans made motion to approve fee schedule change with it passing with an aye vote.
7. Waanders noted if that includes if owner does not come in, they would need to pay again and learned that is correct.
8. Applications will be changed and so worded to indicate the need to be present.

D. Truth in Taxation

1. As it is a public hearing, Schulz closed regular meeting at 8:08 PM to open public hearing with Evans explaining process is to recapture what would be lost due to rate of inflation because if such a hearing does not happen, percentage raised would be by 2.9% and rate of inflation is only .1752.
2. The public hearing was closed at 8:13 PM with Waanders/Connell making motion to approve Truth in Taxation which passed following roll call.
3. Waanders also noted we do lose some millage each year with the rate of inflation due to Headlee.

E. Appoint Marsha Behm to Board of Review

1. Schulz reminded board and audience Fran Brown had passed away several months before who had been a long-time member of the Board of Review.
2. We had received a letter of interest from resident Marsha Behm and Schulz was recommending her for appointment.
3. Bender/Waanders made motion to approve Behm which passed with an aye vote.
4. Schulz also noted we will need another member to replace Fritz Spreitzer who plans to be gone for the entire winter months.
5. Evans explained we do send the new members to training with township paying for it.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$14,687.95 were presented in bills with Waanders/Bender making motion to pay which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Bender made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:15 PM.