

Allegan Township Board Meeting
August 6, 2018
7:30 PM

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

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

- III. Appointment of Meeting Chairman
 - A. In the absence of the Supervisor, temporary chair Clerk Evans presided noting the need for the board to select one of the board to act at meeting chairperson.
 - 1. Trustee Connell/Treasurer Waanders made the motion to have Clerk Evans chair the meeting which passed with an aye vote.

- IV. Approve Minutes of July 2, 2018 Regular Meeting
 - A. Bender/Waanders made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- V. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
 - 1. Seven permits were issued in June of which one was for a home with fees totaling \$2,550.00.
 - 2. In July there were 13 building permits, the most since the same number was issued in 2003, with four new homes with fees totaling \$15,372.00.
 - B. Fritz Spreitzer, Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Was not present but member Ted Heckman noted there is no business planned for next Monday's meeting.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. He noted he was not present at last month's meeting and deferred to Jim Connell who noted they had gone over zoning amendments also dealing with side lots and back lots and will look those over before recommending all amendments to township board for final approval.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3rd District
 - 1. Commissioners dealt with amendments also as well as authorizing lease of building on North Street (corner of Allett) to the Secretary of State to hold temporary hours during remodeling of current office.
 - 2. Also commented on 100 acres in Kent County, along Allegan County line, that will be used for commercial recycling center business park.
 - a. Connell asked if it would be businesses coming in for recycling

purposes and learned it was so with Bender asking where it is located and learned it is by 100th Street.

3. Audience member Ed Wedge asked about the Indian land being held in trust and learned they would like to take an additional 130 acres in trust.
 - a. It was also learned their compact states they have to pay monies to the municipalities equivalent to what it would be in tax for the gaming properties.
- E. County Road Commissioner
 1. Evans noted our Road Commissioner, Bob Kaarlie, had passed away this past month and we do not have a replacement yet with Thiele noting two people have submitted their names to fill the remainder of Bob's term and one will be appointed by the County Commissioners; Bob's term was to expire the end of this year.

VI. Public Comment

- A. Mike Kiella – 600 DeLano Street
 1. This is in reference to VI. C. regarding DeLano Street and that as a result of the paving the rain water now washes out into his driveway.
 2. He has brought his concerns before Craig Atwood, Director of the County Road Commission, who he has not heard from yet.
 3. He feels the project needed to be engineered with a rolled curve to divert the water as the water flows from Elm (in the City) down to Goodwin (in the Township); adding there was no supervisor who appeared to be in charge and he has come here for assistance as he would like to know who is in charge.
 4. Evans explained it would be beneficial for him to go to a road commission meeting and she will find out when the next one is and noted a township board member could go with him.
- B. Stacey Willis – 2247 36th Street
 1. She related a scary issue that occurred the previous weekend at her home with the same neighbor who has created issue for a number of months.
 2. Evans commented there isn't really anything township can do at this point as we are waiting for the attorney to let us know when the time has expired for the neighbor to be in court.
 3. She also related many tickets have been written by Supervisor Schulz with non-payment on all of them and that time just has to run its course.
- C. Ed Wedge – 1838 30th Street
 1. He and his wife were hit at the corner of 30th Street and 118th Avenue by a drunk driver and he is requesting township to contact road commission to ask for a light at that intersection, as well corner of 118th Avenue and Dumont Road, in addition to rumble strips at both locations.
 2. 118th Avenue has abundant traffic which goes fast along the road.
 3. He would like to know when the road commission meeting is and would

like to go along with Kiella and a board member to address his concerns.
4. Audience member Cheryl Meade – 3005 Clyde Road – also alluded to the accidents and speed along that area.

D. Trustee Connell added to Evans' comments noting township has little control over what County does addressing Kiella saying had we been aware of the water issue, we would have addressed it then, and responding to Willis that he "can't imagine living there."

VII. Old Business

A. Reset Public Hearing for Material Transfer for September 4, 2018

1. Evans noted we had just received the information needed to place the ad in the paper for the public hearing and is looking for a motion to reset the meeting for September 4 with motion made by Waanders/Connell which passed with an aye vote.

2. The audience was reminded this is for a tax abatement for the business that plans to increase the size of its building (located in Trowbridge Township) and its parking lot (in Allegan Township) which would increase the number of employees by one to three in addition to current ones.

B. M-89 – EPA Water Extension (plans are done for EPA portion, seeking costs for engineering and construction of extension to where the M-89 road grade begins ascending; do not want to pay for \$500,00 booster pump).

1. Connell commented the engineering is done from Jeffrey to bottom of the grade and it is a good opportunity and the right thing to do to extend the water system but it relies on the cost and something township will look at real hard.

C. Update on DeLano Street

1. Evans noted she had drove it that day and it looks good and all the markings are done on it.

D. Update on Querbach Building

1. Evans commented Schulz had spoken to one of the owners reminding them of the July 31 deadline and it was completed on time and looks good.

VIII. New Business

A. Public Hearing for Truth in Taxation

1. Evans explained this is a yearly hearing and its purpose, per what attorney Kaufman stated last year, is done to recapture whatever is lost to Headlee roll-back, and does not increase taxes, just recaptures what could be lost due to rate of inflation.

2. Connell asked if the increase would be what was found on page 3 which is \$12,712 with Evans saying that is correct noting that is the total increase for six of the millages we have.

3. Evans closed the public meeting to hold the public hearing at 8:33 pm asking for any comment from the audience, as there was none, the public

hearing was closed at 8:34 pm and public meeting was opened back up.

4. Connell/Waanders made motion to approve Truth in Taxation increasing the operating tax millage rate by .0921 which passed following roll call.
- B. Fall Clean-up – Saturday, September 22 (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
1. Waanders explained it was the time to bring couches, chairs, etc., as well as up to four tires and there would also be electronics included and appliances.
 2. She noted the date had been changed to the fourth Saturday to accommodate hazardous waste being included which includes paints, chemicals, pesticides, light bulbs, fluorescent bulbs, etc....
 3. Wedge asked about the tree limbs/brush pile in back and learned it will be burned in the future and he offered to do it with water source and keeping watch over it.
- IX. Pay Bills
- A. General Fund
1. Bender/Connell made motion to pay bills in the amount of \$26,294.42 which passed following roll call.
- X. Correspondence
- A. There was none.
- XI. Other Items of Interest and Concern
- A. Connell updated the audience of the Allegan Tri-Athalon held noting it was a good time.
- B. Also, he mentioned about his 500 miles in 50 days fund-raiser he is doing for the Wings Home noting the home has served 89 families who receive no bills.
1. Since July 1 he has road 377 miles with 123 yet to go and noted any donations received would benefit Wings of Hope Hospice.
- XII. Adjourn
- A. Waanders/Connell made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:52 PM.