

Allegan Township Board Meeting
February 4, 2019
7:30 PM

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

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

- III. Approve Minutes of January 7 Regular Meeting
 - A. Connell/Waanders made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
 - 1. There were three permits pulled in January with two new homes and permit fees totaling \$1,540.00.
 - B. Fritz Spreitzer, Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Was not present but Supervisor Schulz noted they had a variance appeal at a special meeting last month that was approved.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. Was not present with Schulz noting at last month's meeting they had received information regarding Miedema property as well as a continuation of a public hearing regarding amending zoning for lake residential setbacks.
 - a. At question is the 66 foot road setback but with lake residential they are exempting to be a mandatory 12 foot setback.
 - 2. Trustee/Planning Commission member Jim Connell noted they also looked at recreational marihuana and are making recommendation to the Township Board to opt out at this time.
 - D. Other Reports
 - 1. There were none.

- V. Public Comment
 - A. County Commissioner Max Thiele noted county has purchased new software for \$185,000.00; county legal service for people who can't afford it is moving location within court house with the State now planning to send two million dollars for that service for Allegan and VanBuren Counties who provide this service together; and had handouts from Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development which is seeing more activity now.

VI. Old Business

A. Consider Ordinance Amendment to LR Zoning (Recommended by Planning Commission)

1. Connell noted this is to amend 66 foot road right of ways in lake residential to allow no setback requirement and made motion to approve with support from Evans with motion passing with an aye vote.

B. SRTS Update – Reimbursement Grant

1. Schulz noted a grant for \$600,000 has been received for sidewalks along M-40/89 and DeLano Street for the middle school and Dawson and had just recently learned it is a reimbursement grant; meaning monies are paid up front by the city and township and will be paid back.
2. Approximately 60% plus will be paid by the township and 30% plus by the city.
3. Aaron Haskins from the city did not know it was a Reimbursement Grant either but both municipalities are all right with it since it is a considerable amount being given.
4. Audience member Bruce Carns asked if percentage is based on number of kids from city and township attending those schools and learned that doesn't apply as there are kids from other townships; but it is based on how much actual sidewalk is in each municipality.

C. Recreational Marihuana – Opt In or Out

1. Planning Commission is recommending to opt out right now with Connell commenting he noted there were 29 more votes in favor than against but we can come back and review it.
2. There is supposed to be regulations forthcoming from State of Michigan by December that will give municipalities directives.
3. Connell/Bender made motion to opt out which passed following roll call.

VII. New Business

A. Approve Budget Amendments

1. Schulz deferred to Clerk Evans who noted it is necessary to amend budget amounts that have gone over and explained several categories: elections (new equipment so new training as well as additional things purchased with new equipment; building (Betten & Baker and O'Reilly) and recycling (additional people using recycling bins and calling for leaf pick-up).
2. To balance, \$43,168.50 would be removed from Contingency to amend numbers with Evans/Schulz making motion to approve which passed following roll call.
3. Carns asked if he could be included in leaf pick-up and learned it was originally planned for high residential areas and around schools as much burning had been done around Pine Trails.
4. Treasurer Waanders added the two companies we use to pick up leaves

take them to be composted.

- B. Set Budget Hearing for March 4, 2019 at 7:45 PM
 - 1. Bender/Waanders made motion to set budget hearing which passed with an aye vote.
- C. Approve Increase in Cost for Services from City Police from \$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00 Annually
 - 1. Schulz explained Allegan City Police respond to calls in our township more quickly than the County which is understandable and learned several years ago the City responds to approximately 300 calls and township board had decided to put \$6,000.00 in budget to give them annually.
 - 2. The City asked if we would consider \$10,000 which would figure out to about \$33.33 for each call which seemed reasonable.
 - 3. Schulz/Connell made motion to increase to \$10,000 which passed following roll call with Waanders adding that would be put in the new budget.
- D. Approve Investment of \$1,875.00 Annually in Lakeshore Advantage for Economic Development in Allegan County
 - 1. Greg King, Business Solutions Manager who oversees Allegan County, spoke about the company and the economic development they have done in Ottawa County and their ability to do grants.
 - 2. The investment of \$1,875.00 is done by a formula based on industrial and individuals.
 - 3. Schulz has seen the success they have had in Ottawa County and thinks it is a pretty reasonable amount and be a big advantage for Allegan County.
 - 4. Audience member Paul Wylie asked if anything can be done to not have four auto parts businesses and only one grocery store in town and learned that is not anything they handle.
 - a. Schulz added it isn't even anything the township can have a say in as three of the auto parts stores are within 800 feet of each other.
 - 5. Bender/Evans made motion to approve which passed following roll call.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
 - 1. \$10,660.27 in bills were presented for payment with motion by Waanders/Connell to approve which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Bender made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:24 PM.