

**Allegan Township Board Meeting**  
**February 5, 2018**  
**7:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Pledge and Invocation
  
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Supervisor Steve Schulz, Clerk Linda Evans, Trustee Jim Connell, Trustee Mike Bender and Treasurer Jane Waanders were present.
  
- III. Approve Minutes of January 3, 2018 Regular Meeting
  - A. Waanders/Schulz made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.
  
- IV. Reports
  - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
    - 1. December 2017 report was available with four building permits pulled, with one new home, for \$1,742.00 in fees.
    - 2. The 2017 annual report showed 64 permits were drawn, the second highest in 10 years, for a total value of \$3,842,622 with Evans noting this translates into increased taxes to be received.
  - B. Fritz Spreitzer, Board of Appeals Chair
    - 1. Was not present with Schulz noting board will meet next Monday evening to approve minutes and elect officers.
  - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
    - 1. Was not present so Trustee Connell noted highlights of 2017 which included changes in fence ordinance and C1 Neighborhood Business setbacks as well as much work on some stand-alone ordinances.
  - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3<sup>rd</sup> District
    - 1. There is potential for County to not be as well off financially as a result of pension issue as some revenue from personal property taxes has been lost.
    - 2. Supervisor Schulz asked if this is occurring in other counties and learned it is across the board (State).
    - 3. County has a bond and every year it is borrowed from but won't be able to do that anymore.
    - 4. Regarding recycling, the DEQ has drafted a resolution which puts all counties, including Allegan, in position for certain mandates with which all entities need to comply.
      - a. For example 85% of Allegan County participates in funding but that is different in actually collecting items as there are 33 total municipalities in our county who participate in funding with 18 being tracked and 15 never having been tracked with Governor

wanting to increase to all being accountable.

- E. Bob Kaarlie, Road Commissioner
  - 1. Not present.
- F. Rosemary Graham (Resource Recovery Coordinator)
  - 1. An agreement has always been in place for recycling which is an equitable effective way across county but it needs to be a formalized agreement.
  - 2. Schulz asked who holds money and learned from Treasurer Waanders all money is in one lump account with one person at county who tracks the 18 entities.
  - 3. He also asked if there is interest gained on it and learned from Waanders at end of year the total balance remaining in fund balance is calculated for each entity and remaining amount receives a percentage of interest.
  - 4. Audience member Sam Martin asked about curbside and learned it is \$11.00 extra and was not considered at the time we started.
- G. Other Reports
  - 1. *Allegan Fire District* – Schulz reported on November and December runs and learned firemen have assisted downtown on a voluntary basis.
    - a. 2017 year’s report was also gone over noting there are many graphs breaking down their runs, personnel, equipment, etc...
  - 2. *Life Ambulance* – Schulz referred to eleven month report and financials are doing a little bit better as last year they were \$58,000 in hole.
    - a. They service City of Allegan and townships of Allegan, Cheshire, Trowbridge and Valley and are growing.
  - 3. *M-40/M-89 Corridor Meeting* – Clerk Evans noted new officers were elected for year and by-laws were gone over and cleaned up.

V. Public Comment

- A. Sam Martin – President of Miner Lake Association, noted they have been approached by Michigan Gas Utilities to have gas placed around lake at cost of about \$3,600 per household.
  - 1. He has come to get feedback from township board with Schulz asking if it would include all houses and Martin isn’t sure commenting Michigan Gas would pick the easiest route with Schulz asking what thoughts residents might have on sewer and learned some are in favor, some have concerns over development on east end and some don’t have lots that are large enough to build on without sewer.

VI. Old Business

- A. Approve Ordinance Adopting a Code of Ordinances (Stand Alone)
  - 1. Connell/Bender made motion to adopt which passed following roll call.
- B. Rental Inspections
  - 1. Schulz noted Professional Code Inspectors (PCI) do our building permits and rental inspections and had received a letter from owner Kirk

Scharphorn Sr. who has concerns over legislation recently signed into law which would allow landlords “to simply inform their tenants not to ever agree to let us in” for any inspections which would slow down inspections being made by his company and probably cost more.

2. Inspections are made every three years with a cost of \$60.00 for initial and could be more if issues are found that require re-inspection.
3. Schulz commented City originally had program with inspections changed from every two to every three years and then disbanded.
4. We went into program to address issues several renters had encountered who came to us to look for some resolution.
5. Schulz noted we have made some in-roads but Scharphorn is not very optimistic about how the new legislation will play out.
6. Trustee Connell suggested if we can’t get in, to get in with a warrant with Schulz adding if we get a complaint, it does give us the right to go in.
7. Clerk Evans felt we should continue as a lot of time and work has gone into establishing it and it is a way of protecting the renter.

#### VII. New Business

##### A. Authorization to Expend Funds from PGU Surcharge Account

1. Connell/Waanders made motion to approve authorization to expend funds which passed following roll call.

##### B. Approve Gabridge & Company as Auditors

1. This company has been under contract with township past three years for \$4,210 a year and are submitting a proposal for three years for \$4,400.
2. When asked by Connell what Waanders thought, she noted you get what you pay for, they are middle of the road, have appropriate licensing, come in for two days and do their work with Evans adding majority of reports are e-mailed to them ahead of time, they come in to do field work and ask questions of treasurer and clerk and later e-mail audit.
3. Waanders/Connell made motion to approve new contract which passed following roll call.

#### VIII. Pay Bills

##### A. General Fund

1. \$2,865.94 in bills were submitted for payment with motion made by Connell/Waanders to approve which passed following roll call.

#### IX. Correspondence

- ##### A. There was none.

#### X. Adjourn

- ##### A. Waanders/Connell made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 9:04 PM.