

Allegan Township Board Meeting
February 6, 2017
7:30 PM

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

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

- III. Approve Minutes of January 2, 2017 Meeting
 - A. Bender/Waanders made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
 1. Clerk Evans reported three permits were pulled in January with two new homes with fees totaling \$2,648.00; compared to previous years this is the most since 2008.
 2. Also noted there were 48 permits for 2016 with 16 for new homes compared to 55 in 2015 with 17 new homes; noting it has stayed pretty flat.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Board of Appeals Chair
 1. ZBA will meet next Monday night to approve minutes and go over a variance request on Miner Lake for both side yard and front yard.
 - C. Jim Connell, Planning Commission
 1. Heard presentation from Allegan County Sheriff Department regarding law enforcing realities with marijuana and the implication with new laws in state to take effect in December of 2017.
 2. Planning Commission has chosen to bring to township board recommendation to not participate and not expand when new laws go into effect.
 3. The commission plans to review and update the stand-alone ordinances to lessen ambiguity and streamline them.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3rd District
 1. Was not present.
 - E. Other Reports
 1. *Fire District* – Supervisor Schulz
 - a. 27 incidents in December compared to 14 in 2015.
 - b. 79 man hours in Hopkins Township and 68 in Trowbridge Township, both which were mutual aid.
 2. *Road Commission Meeting* – Evans
 - a. A meeting was held at the County Road Commission with three other townships to go over what was done on their roads in 2016

and look at what will be done in 2017 with it being noted Allegan Township will have a lot done:

1. DeLano Street from City limits to M-40 will be completely redone;
 2. 114th Avenue from City limits to 26th Street will be done this year although it was planned for last year; and
 3. 30th Street from City limits to 128th Avenue.
- b. It will not cost the township anything except for paving wider shoulders on all roads to accommodate walking and biking.
3. *M-40/M-89 Corridor Meeting – Evans*
- a. There was election of officers and not much else occurred.
- F. Bob Kaarlie, Allegan County Road Commission
1. Things are going fairly smooth as they don't have to plow roads right now but gravel roads are pretty soupy.
 2. They are removing dead ash trees along the roads.

V. Public Comment

- A. There was none.

VI. Old Business

- A. Resolution for Tobin Drain
1. Schulz noted trenching would cost \$45,100 as it is quite a deep cut and is significantly higher than the tile bid, looking like tile is cheaper than open ditch because of the deep cut.
 2. Peter Klooster, the engineer from the Allegan County Drain Commission was present and noted the cut would be almost seven to eight feet deep which translates to approx. 32 to 36ft. wide ditch.
 3. Audience member Ted Gorby questioned if we can trust the figures and learned we could.
 4. Schulz drew everyone's attention to the hand-out sheet showing the Drain Commission has been involved since 1909 when drain was established, noting there have been quite a few repairs.
 5. Audience member Bill TerAvest suggested need for a 24 inch pipe and learned from the engineer that it would require engineering the project which would put it into next year.
 6. Audience member Betty Orweller made comment about Carns Farms being cheaper if it became an open ditch and the dirt hauled away.
 7. Trustee Connell asked if tube under 30th Street is functional and learned it is.
 8. Much discussion followed including Orweller questioning what happens to the old tile learning it is rendered obsolete and would probably be busted up and left there.
 9. Treasurer Waanders asked Gorby and TerAvest what would they like to see happen with TerAvest responding he is interested in having an

adequate pipe capacity for better drainage which means a 24 inch diameter tile.

10. Schulz added it would add more cost to project but he didn't see need for engineering for a larger tile and also noted assessment per parcel is quite often based on a % of total acreage.
11. After more discussion, there was consensus to approve the original plan.
 - a. Connell/Bender made a motion to approve authorization of expending more than \$5000 per mile for maintenance and repair of the Tobin Drain with motion passing following roll call.

B. Perrigo DEQ Permit

1. It was just granted on January 31, 2017 for placing 10,512 cubic yards of clean fill material in approximately 0.86 acres of wetland with the total wetland impacting 0.97 acres; "In order to compensate for these impacts, the applicant proposes purchasing wetland mitigation bank credits totaling 2.27 credits/acres", in the amount of \$113,500.00, purchased by May 1, 2017, from the Bear Swamp Drain Wetland Mitigation Bank.
2. The land has not been purchased yet but will be this spring.
 - a. The building to be constructed will be leased to Perrigo.

VII. New Business

A. Approval of Advertising 1979 Chevrolet Box Van for Sale (Formerly Fire Vehicle)

1. It is owned by the township and has become obsolete for fire protection use and would like to place an ad in the paper for sale with a minimum bid of \$3000 and accept bids until March 1st.
2. Connell noted we don't want to turn our property into junk yard.
3. Evans/Waanders made motion to approve selling of vehicle which passed with an aye vote.

B. Review City Police Costs in the Township

1. Schulz read from a report submitted by Sgt. Jay Gibson of the Allegan City Police Department regarding the number of calls the City Police respond to in the township as they are generally first on the scene.
2. In 2016's first ten months there were 260 calls and following a formula, it pretty well figures out to \$6,000 in costs for police time and use of vehicle(s) with Schulz noting if we paid for a sheriff's deputy and vehicle for one shift, it would be over \$100,000.
3. Schulz was quick to note, he asked for the report and we are not obligated to pay them but he felt obligated to ask as we are thankful they are willing to assist.
4. Waanders noted if we considered paying them then the Allegan County Sheriff's Department might also come knocking with Evans suggesting we talk about it when we work on the budget.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$8,179.16 was presented for payment with Connell/Waanders making motion to pay which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Evans made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:56 PM.