

Allegran Township Board Meeting
January 2, 2017
7:30 PM

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

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

- III. Approve Minutes of December 5, 2016 Meeting
 - A. Connell/Bender made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
 - 1. Clerk Evans reported two permits were pulled in December with one new home with fees totaling \$875.00.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Was not present with Supervisor Schulz noting they will deal with a variance request in February.
 - C. Planning Commission
 - 1. Connell reported they will look at recommendations regarding compliance for the state marijuana program to begin in December.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3rd District
 - 1. Approved 2017 budget.
 - 2. Lost a lot of experience with retirement of Blaine Koops, Joyce Watts, Fred Anderson and Larry Ladenburger.
 - 3. Paid off eight million dollars in bonds this past year which will save three-four million in interest.
 - E. Other Reports
 - 1. *Allegran Fire District* – Steve Schulz noted they have hired a new chief, Nick Brink, who has been on the force for 13 years and has good leadership skills.
 - a. All firemen are happy with that appointment.

- V. Public Comment

- VI. Old Business
 - A. Leaf Pick-up (2015 – 68 collections) (2016 – 170 collections)
 - 1. 2015 we charged \$20.00 per collection and this year board decided to not charge and it almost tripled in use including those who live near schools and more in the high density areas.

- B. Approve Budget Amendments
 - 1. Clerk Evans explained the need to approve amendments to the budget as they occur, per auditor's request.
 - 2. She then explained each category that was over: lawyer, elections professional service, treasurer office expenses, building and grounds repair and maintenance, cemetery for veteran markers and purchase of property, newspaper ads for Planning Board, ambulance and recreation/cultural including chargeback which Treasurer Waanders explained occurred when an adjustment at Board of Review is made on a parcel's taxes which could include people owing more or township needing to pay back.
 - 3. Trustee Connell asked what Recreation/Cultural was and learned township gives money yearly for children's recreation programs held at Wellness Center.
 - 4. Waanders/Connell made motion to approve adjustments which passed following roll call.
- C. Update on Appraisals Plus "Inc" to "LLC"
 - 1. Schulz reported this company does our assessing and they have restructured to an LLC for "one of the main reasons...liability."

VII. New Business

- A. Appoint Township Board Member to ZBA
 - 1. Schulz asked Trustee Bender if he were still interested and he said he was.
 - 2. Evans/Waanders made motion to appoint Bender to ZBA which passed with an aye vote.
- B. Reappoint Board of Review Members (Fran Brown, Sharon Peters, Fritz Spreitzer)
 - 1. Evans noted appointment is for a two year period and, when asked, they all said they would do it again for another two years.
 - 2. Waanders/Bender made motion to approve reappointment which passed with an aye vote.
- C. Reappoint to ZBA (Sharon Peters and Ted Heckman)
 - 1. Evans explained ZBA appointment is for three years and both of these people are willing to serve another three years.
 - 2. Connell/Bender made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- D. Resolution to Approve Work on Tobin Drain
 - 1. Schulz explained we are looking at a resolution from the County Drain Commission to approve expending funds in excess of five thousand per mile for the maintenance of the drain.
 - 2. The bid on the work is \$39,000 to replace over 2000 feet of tile which constitutes approximately \$24,000 in excess of authorized amount.
 - 3. Audience member Ted Gorby feels there is a more economical way.
 - 4. Denise Medemar, Drain Commissioner, noted there would be a public hearing and those affected would be notified in the mail and it would be

advertised in the paper.

5. Both the township and the Road Commission pay a portion as well.
 6. Much discussion followed including where the Tobin Drain is, who primarily is experiencing the back-up, who wants to have the tile replaced as well as when the current tile was installed.
 7. Gorby noted he “couldn’t sleep at night putting a burden on neighbors by not doing it economically.”
 8. Connell asked how many land owners this affects with Medemar not having that information with her with Schulz noting it depends also on how many acres each property owner in the drainage district owns.
 9. Bender asked if property owners are opposed to it being left open and learned the Timmerman Farms would prefer to have it tiled.
 10. Waanders suggested letting the owner pay for the tile if that is what they want.
 11. Schulz suggested to Medemar to get the cost for it being an open ditch and board will act on it at the February meeting.
 12. Audience member Bill TerAvest suggested having engineer come too to explain.
 13. Waanders/Evans made motion to table which passed following roll call.
 14. Audience member Charlie Olsen asked why his neighbor didn’t get the notice (about the meeting) with Waanders and Evans telling him to speak to Medemar about it as she has the list.
- E. State Revenue for September and October (2016 - \$58,853) (2015 - \$58,795)

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$2,757.39 were presented for payment with Connell/Bender making motion to pay which passed following roll call.
2. Waanders noted that Evans had attached all December’s bills paid to the previous minutes.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Other Items of Concern

- A. Question from a member of the audience was asked about making a decision next month regarding the marijuana issue with Schulz saying he was not sure and that we really don’t have to act on it at all.

X. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Bender made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:30 PM.