

**Allegan Township Board Meeting**  
**January 7, 2019**  
**7:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Pledge and Invocation
  
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Supervisor Steve Schulz, Treasurer Jane Waanders, Clerk Linda Evans, Trustee Jim Connell and Trustee Mike Bender were present.
  
- III. Approve Minutes of December 3, 2018 Regular Meeting
  - A. Connell/Bender made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.
  
- IV. Reports
  - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
    - 1. There were eight permits pulled in December, the most since 2004, with two new homes and permit fees totaling \$3,016.00.
    - 2. 2018 in review showed 90 permits total were pulled, the most since 2004 also with 34 of those as new homes, the most since 2005.
    - 3. Trustee Connell noted PCI's report showed a value of \$10,234,625 in construction this year.
  - B. Fritz Spreitzer, Board of Appeals Chair
    - 1. Was not present but member Ted Heckman noted they will have a special meeting next Monday at 7:00 PM for a setback variance.
  - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
    - 1. Planning Commission will also meet next month to hold a tabled public hearing as well as go over a site plan just to the west of Sherman Street.
  - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3<sup>rd</sup> District
    - 1. He had nothing to contribute.
  - E. Bob Genetski, County Clerk
    - 1. Had handouts of services available from County Clerk's office, an update for Allegan Township, noticing that there is a change in passport processing fee increased to \$25.00 and their Annual Report from 2017 as well as the Register of Deeds is at a ten year high of deeds processed.
  - F. Ryan Deery, Allegan District Library Director
    - 1. The addition was completed in November and the older section is being updated now with a ribbon cutting planned for end of March/beginning of April with him suggesting we come "check out your new Library" with Steve noting it is a nice addition to see.
  - G. Other Reports
    - 1. There were none.

V. Public Comment

- A. There was none.

VI. Old Business

A. River Street Reconstruction Update

1. This will be from 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue down to Lumbertown.
2. City received a small Urban Grant for \$375,000.00 to do the road as it is their responsibility.
3. The plan is to make for better vision in intersection by lowering and widening the road.
4. There will be three to four retaining walls put in which will cost about \$65,000.00.
5. There will be two 11 foot lanes and two five-foot shoulders.
6. Bids will be put out this summer.
7. Supervisor Schulz also commented township board has talked about putting some money into project as road benefits township and noted engineering fee is \$75,000.00.

B. Update on 36<sup>th</sup> Street Blight

1. After about two years the people are finally gone, moving back to Indiana.
2. Trustee Bender said he has talked to several neighbors and they are quite happy now.
3. Trustee Connell asked about who will pay for clean-up with Schulz not sure but will contact owner and also look at court order which might give township permission to clean it and put cost on tax bill if owner does not clean up property.

B. SRTS (Safe Routes to School) Update

1. City, Township, and Allegan Public Schools will be receiving a \$600,000 grant, and the project, which they have worked on for the past four years, will happen this summer.

VII. New Business

A. State Revenue (Sept & Oct 2017 - \$62,525.00) (Sept & Oct 2018 - \$67,016.00)

1. Schulz reported this is the most we have ever received.

B. Recreational Marihuana

1. A business owner spoke about the need for recreational marihuana in this area and believes it would be a good thing to have, and asked Board to take it into consideration and get the facts, commenting it took State of Michigan well over a year before they had regulations in place for the medical marihuana.
2. Schulz noted since Proposal 1 on November ballot passed in the State of Michigan, as well as in Allegan Township by 29 votes, the township board has to decide whether to opt in or opt out with him noting we can opt out now and if we change our minds we can repeal it and opt in.

3. Connell feels that as an elected official we need to “exercise good judgment for citizens” as well as do “what is best for township.”
  4. Schulz noted he would like to see Planning Commission look at ordinance and make a determination to send to the Board.
  5. Connell/Evans made motion to send recreational marihuana information to local Planning Commission for discussion and recommendation.
- C. Approve ZBA Appointments (Matt Kleifgen and Fritz Spreitzer)
1. Bender/Connell made motion to appoint Kleifgen and Spreitzer to positions they currently hold and it is for three years which passed with an aye vote.
- D. New Recycling Charges Discussion
1. Treasurer Waanders reported some people had not realized in the past they could have opted out of recycling and paying the \$25.00 surcharge but now they can not.
  2. Some voters had thought we would now have curbside recycling but we had said we would look into it and now with the tipping and collecting fees rising it would cost too much, at least 50% more, and it is not really a good fit for our rural township.
  3. She added we will be looking at applying for a grant to be able to put up a fence, additional camera and light and then there would be an attendant and hours posted.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$15,449.69 was presented for payment with motion made by Waanders/Connell to pay which passed following roll call.

B. Road Fund

1. \$172,378.84 was presented for payment for chip and crack seal, paving, and culvert with motion made by Connell/Waanders which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Other Items

- A. Audience member Jim Billman asked about last month’s discussion regarding Wilsons on Miner Lake and their fence.

1. He learned majority of township board did not think it was a fence nor did one of the zoning administrators from PCI (Professional Code Inspectors) so Wilson was asked to remove the barrier and he will.

XI. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Bender made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:38 PM.