

Allegan Township Board Meeting
July 1, 2019
7:30 PM

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

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

- III. Approve Minutes of June 3, 2019 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 nine permits pulled in June with three new homes included.
 - 2. Permit fees totaled \$2,972.00.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Board of Appeals Member
 - 1. The meeting last month was just to approve minutes.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. Will be looking at a rezoning and special use next week.
 - D. Max Thiele, Allegan County Commissioner
 - 1. Talked about modifications at court house and spoke on violations.
 - E. Larry Brown, Allegan County Road Commissioner
 - 1. First mowing is completed.
 - a. Audience member Jim Billman noted they mow about two feet in and then come back later and mow another two feet with his concern that he hates to see them get paid more for coming back and learned from Brown they only get paid per mile.
 - 2. More LED stop signs are being ordered and two are planned for River/Dumont Street and 118th Avenue but commented “they sometimes are not as effective and he has seen it before”.
 - 3. They are running behind on their work because of the weather.
 - F. Fire District Report for May
 - 1. They put in 113.5 man hours in Allegan Township and have put on a few new people.
 - 2. Trustee Connell asked if there has been a talk with Valley and/or Trowbridge Townships yet and learned they haven’t but do have the intentions to sit down and talk with them.
 - G. Other Reports
 - 1. Flooding at Jeff Melvin’s (1329 34th Street) in the basement appears to be caused by the Fox Run development across the road.

- a. There was much discussion regarding who is responsible for it, who should pay for correcting the problem and should there be engineering done for a retention pond with a solution needed.
- a. Supervisor Schulz noted in driving the development that part of the road had 1½ feet of water on it.
- b. There are not as many restrictions with a site condo.
- c. Need to talk to Drain Commissioner.

V. Public Comment

- A. There was none.

VI. Old Business

A. SRTS Update

- 1. The grant money is not in the State Fund yet so no bids are being taken; perhaps in July but don't know.
- 2. It might not get done until next year with Connell questioning if we would lose the grant and learned it would not be lost.

B. River Street Update

- 1. It will start this week with actual bid of paving \$41,000+ over engineers' estimate.
- 2. Allegan Township agreed to pay up to \$100,000 match with the City for this project.

C. Cemetery Update

- 1. Clerk Evans noted Mark Jakubik of Wightman had notified of their intention to start survey of existing roads and plans for new roads and lots in the addition with Treasurer Waanders stating they were working on it that afternoon.

D. Recycling Grant Update

- 1. Waanders hasn't heard a thing and probably will not until end of July.

VII. New Business

A. Significant Blight in Township

- 1. Schulz reported township had to get a search warrant for a home belonging to Norman Gorrige (who is in prison) on 36th Street and Schulz went with a representative from PCI and a patrolman from Allegan County Sheriff's Department last Thursday, noting you couldn't walk on the floor without stepping on something and that PCI condemned it after their visit, only on the first floor, and ordered lady to be gone by Monday.
- 2. The boyfriend called Schulz on Monday and said the place was fixed over the weekend and could now be lived in with Schulz responding he needed to contact PCI.
- 3. Schulz went on to say there are more places within the township that need to be demolished and perhaps township needs to look at PCI to help him with ordinance enforcement.

4. It was noted the taxes are delinquent about five years and should it be put up for tax sale and if it were not to be bought, because of back taxes due (about \$7,000) and the property not worth much, it could be the County wouldn't want to pay for the demolition and it would be up to the township with Waanders saying that County Treasurer Sally Brooks feels we shouldn't demolish the house right away as it certainly wouldn't sell with all the costs that would be associated with the home/property.
- B. State Revenue – 2019 (Mar & April) - \$59,337.00; 2018 (Mar & April) – \$56,214.00.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
 1. Waanders/Connell made motion to approve \$18,795.11 in bills which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Bender made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:40 PM.