

Allegan Township Board Meeting
July 2, 2018
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 Jim Connell, and Trustee Mike Bender were present.

- III. Approve Minutes of June 4, 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. Eight permits were issued in May, four for new homes, most since 2007.
 - 2. \$6,630.00 in fees were received.
 - B. Fritz Spreitzer, Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Was not present but member Ted Heckman noted minutes were approved at last month's meeting.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. Will review amendments to zoning at next Monday's meeting.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3rd District
 - 1. Approved renovations out at county youth home.
 - 2. Spoke much about casino property and gaming lands and monies County, local townships and schools receive semi-annually from tribe monies.
 - E. Bob Kaarlie, Road Commissioner
 - 1. Was not present.
 - F. Mary Whiteford, State Representative
 - 1. State budget has passed with an increase.
 - 2. She reported about bringing broadband to unserved areas, Michigan CARES hotline, mental health services, etc...
 - G. Other Reports
 - 1. *Allegan Fire District* – Supervisor Schulz reported they didn't have a meeting but he spoke about runs in May, including Co2 incidents, wires down, fire alarms, medical assists, etc...

- V. Public Comment
 - A. Trustee Connell plans to ride his bike 500 miles this summer for Wings Home and would like pledges per mile.

VI. Old Business

A. Update on Groundwater Contamination

1. Schulz met with EPA last Monday and has since learned township will receive funding for water to 29th Street and Jeffrey Drive with engineering almost done which township will pay for in amount of \$70,000.00.
2. Also, EPA will pay for hook-up for the four residences.
3. Township board has talked about extending water to trailer parks and Betten-Baker car dealership but it would be at our cost but that remains to be seen with additional engineering needed should we proceed, also at township cost.

B. Approve Beaudoin Bid on Township Construction

1. Schulz noted two other contractors were invited to offer bids but only Beaudoin submitted.
2. Treasurer Waanders explained projects listed and if they would get approved, work would get scheduled.
3. It was also noted there were several options board needs to determine to choose and it was suggested we have a bid not to exceed \$36,000 because of said options.
 - a. Connell asked if we are required to have higher toilets and learned since we are planning to have new ones we would make them ADA accessible.
4. Schulz/Evans made motion to approve which passed following roll call.

C. Update on Public Hearing for Material Transfer

1. Schulz reported paperwork has not been received yet and will hold hearing in August but work has already begun, explaining most of Material Transfer is in Trowbridge Township while parking lot is in our township.

D. Update on 36th Street Blight and Noise Issue

1. There is a court order for Kitty Hasse as two tickets have been written and she has defaulted on them with this issue needing to be remedied 30 days from 6/13/18.
2. Township could have blight hauled off and charged to taxes.
3. There is another trial, no date set yet, for her against home owner Michael Gard as she is in arrears of about \$10,000 for non-payment on land contract and \$6,000 for taxes.
4. Schulz noted this is "just one of the ongoing issues with blight in township and this is the worst it has been."

VII. New Business

A. State Revenue (2018 - \$56,214.00) (2017 - \$55,084.00) – March and April

B. Change in Recycling Costs

1. Waanders explained as Allegan County does not have their own land fill all recycling is taken to a processing center in Kent County.

2. Each time a load is taken the tipping (emptying) fee is \$40.00 per ton and effective January 2019 it will go up to \$70.00.
 3. Allegan Township will be voting next month to go from \$25.00 to \$36.00 per year and, if it passes, board will then decide if we can go curbside, knowing now possibly \$36.00 won't completely cover it.
 - a. If it does not pass, it will remain at \$25.00.
 4. Heckman asked if local garbage company picks it up and learned each residence receives recycling containers and they are emptied separate from garbage.
 5. Schulz added if it doesn't pass it might be we put a fence around our existing containers and pay an attendant as we are currently paying for people's garbage service who dump unrecyclables in the bins.
 6. Connell asked how much we currently pay (for emptying) and learned it is about \$3,670.00 - \$3,963.00 per month.
- C. Local Election Commission to Approve Precinct Workers
1. Clerk Evans explained for precinct workers to be able to work the election they have to be approved with Schulz noting it is the Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor who make up the local election commission.
 2. Waanders/Evans made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- D. Set Public Hearing for August 6, 2018 for Truth in Taxation
1. This is done annually with Evans/Waanders making motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
1. \$3,368.50 in bills were presented for payment with Connell/Waanders making motion to approve which passed following roll call.
- B. Miner Lake Improvement Fund
1. \$2,250.00 in bill to Progressive was presented with Waanders explaining this is a quarterly contract for water and weed control.
 - a. Waanders/Bender made motion to approve payment which passed following roll call.

IX. Other Items of Concern

- A. Audience member Jim Billman asked about an update on DeLano Street and learned first layer of paving had been put down to help keep dust down.
- B. Billman also asked about an update on the Querbach building and learned it has started to be fixed up but needs to be done by July 31.
1. If it is close to being done, "we won't bother them" but if it is no where near done we will have it torn down as they have "been given enough extensions in the past."

X. Correspondence
A. There was none.

XI. Adjourn
A. Waanders/Connell made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:38 PM.