

**Allegan Township Board Meeting**  
**June 3, 2019**  
**7:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Pledge and Invocation
  
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Supervisor Steve Schulz, Clerk Linda Evans, Trustee Jim Connell, Treasurer Jane Waanders and Trustee Mike Bender were present.
  
- III. Approve Minutes of May 6, 2019 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 six permits pulled in May with three new homes included.
    - 2. Permit fees totaled \$3,072.00.
  - B. Ted Heckman, Board of Appeals Member
    - 1. There were two special meetings in May: one for a variance in regard to rear yard setbacks and the other for a variance to front yard setback from the edge of the road right-of-way.
    - 2. There is no business planned for next week's regularly scheduled meeting.
  - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
    - 1. Planning Commission regular meeting looked at a rezoning from R2 to C2 which was approved as well as a special meeting for rezoning from Lake Residential to Commercial for boat storage out on Miner Lake which was not what the Commission had in mind for that property and was denied.
  - D. Max Thiele, Allegan County Commissioner
    - 1. Had no business to discuss but did have annual reports from different county agencies available.
      - a. Treasurer Waanders asked if those reports would be on-line and Thiele didn't think so.
    - 2. Trustee Connell then reported about Animal Shelter and need for increasing size of surgical unit and Wishbone, that operates the Shelter, is raising money.
  - E. Larry Brown, Allegan County Road Commissioner
    - 1. Have started road-side mowing; mentioned road paving proposal township will vote on tonight; LED enhanced stop-signs are being placed within the County with two more planned for this township at 122<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> as well as Dumont and River Street as these are all high-volume primary intersections.

2. He was asked about use of rumble strips and learned they cost about \$1,800 and their effectiveness is questioned as well as the fact they are noisy if homes are located nearby.
3. Brown commented he is “hopeful enhanced signs will help” with Schulz commenting the one placed at corner of 118<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Street is noticeable from the crest of 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue hill.
4. Heckman asked what work would be done on 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue and learned about 1½ inches will be ground off with 2½ inches asphalt layed back on and will have the five foot shoulder township requests.

F. Other Reports

1. Fire District Report – Supervisor Schulz
  - a. He noted in March 64 hours were spent in Valley, 47.5 in Trowbridge and 49 in Allegan Township while in April 32 in Valley, 68.5 in Trowbridge and 137 in Allegan; with the trend being it is costing a lot of money for mutual aid and he feels Valley and Trowbridge are taking advantage of the Allegan Fire District.
  - b. Audience member Ed Wedge asked “what do you suggest?” with Schulz suggesting those two townships need a higher millage or District could contract for northern half of Trowbridge and east half of Valley as we can’t keep paying for their fire protection as it is Allegan and part of Cheshire townships and City of Allegan tax payers who are paying, quickly noting we want to be available as most of the calls are for major fires.
  - c. It is getting harder and harder to find firefighters and might just have to pay to have three to four other men on staff with the Fire Chief.
  - d. There has been discussion only with Valley’s and Trowbridge’s supervisors but need to get in a discussion with their entire township board.

V. Public Comment

- A. Sam Martin, Miner Lake Association
  1. They had their meeting Memorial Day weekend and overwhelmingly moved to work on weed control this year.
  2. Treasurer Waanders asked Martin about sign-up for natural gas line going through and learned there are some private roads where not everyone has signed up.
- B. Laree Waanders, Allegan County Community Foundation
  1. Invited all to go to Jaycee Park this Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM to find out who won in Allegan for “Love Your Hometown Reveal” event.

VI. Old Business

- A. Cemetery Discussion

1. Clerk Evans noted her search for a company to lay out Section Five of the existing Hudson Corners Cemetery as well as the new eastern addition (purchased from the City) and found Wightman & Moored here in Allegan after several years of searching.
  2. There are five parts to expansion and township can do one of them or all of them which includes, in first part, of researching, locating existing roads and design of new roads to maintain size of existing; actual boundary staking; actual permanent monuments and drawing; eastern parcel design of cemetery layout; and landscape architecture design for both expansions with Evans commenting this would be done to make it more aesthetically pleasing which had not been done yet in Section 4 to have plants, shrubs, trees, etc. placed.
  3. Total cost for entire project would be \$10,850.00 which does not include plants themselves but there would be an additional cost of \$2,300.00 for “caps” which are placed at the corners as well as for each lot.
  4. Treasurer Waanders noted we have \$25,000.00 in the budget so let’s get it done and made motion to approve all five parts of project including the plantings with Connell seconding motion which passed following roll call.
  5. Connell thanked Evans for all her work and also asked to make arrangements to have sexton start mowing new section.
- B. Solar Powered Stop Signs
1. Schulz noted since Brown made comment about placing solar signs at corner of Dumont and 118<sup>th</sup>, we won’t have to buy them.
- C. Approve Amendments to Zoning Recommended by Planning Commission
1. Where commercial abuts residential, “the height of the masonry wall or privacy fence shall be approved by the zoning administrator at a height not less than 6 feet nor more than 10 feet in order to provide proper screening;”
  2. Add to special land use mini-warehouse or self-storage facility;
  3. Add to uses permitted by right mini-warehouse or self-storage facility;
  4. As well as deleting mini-warehouse or self-storage facility from Industrial.
    - a. It was noted 2., 3., 4., would reduce some of the variances they give; “if giving too many variances, we need to change the ordinance” Schulz commented.
  5. Private roads in Lake Residential need a 12 foot offset or more for a building as they are narrower.
    - a. Planning Commission would like to see the 12 foot offset removed from private roads with 66ft of right-of-way in Lake Residential.
  6. Connell, a member of the Planning Commission, would like to see these approved and made motion to approve with support by Evans which passed following roll call.
  7. Schulz added these will now be given to our attorney to prepare for publishing in newspaper being adopted eight days after publication.

VII. New Business

- A. Rezoning for Plesnicar (1235.5, 1231 and 1229 Lincoln Road) – R-2 Residential to C-2 Commercial
  - 1. Planning Commission made recommendation to township board to approve rezoning with Evans/Waanders making such motion to approve which passed with aye vote.
- B. Rezoning for Houser (Lorraine Drive – Lake Residential to Commercial)
  - 1. Planning Commission made recommendation to township board to deny with Waanders/Bender making motion of approval of denial which passed with aye vote.
- C. Approve Road Work
  - 1. Schulz noted the estimate we had received for work on 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue (M-89 to 26<sup>th</sup> Street), Pine Tree Street, Lake Drive and Oak Drive, came in \$16,000 less than estimate.
  - 2. Evans/Connell made motion to approve low bid from Michigan Paving and Materials Company for \$434,064.00 which passed with an aye vote.
- D. Allegan County Legal Assistance Center (Contribution \$1,000?)
  - 1. Linda Teeter was present and spoke about several townships that have contributed money as their own annual budget is \$60,000 but they spend about \$15,000 more with a huge gap and them having fund raisers like-wise to help provide needed funds.
  - 1. Between the City and Township of Allegan 2,000-3000 people have been assisted with Schulz agreeing it is a great service.
  - 3. Schulz/Connell made motion to give a contribution of \$2,000 with Waanders suggesting it be placed for on next year's budget.
    - a. The motion passed with an aye vote.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
  - 1. \$13,828.54 was presented for payment with motion by Waanders/Schulz to approve which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Other Items of Interest and Concern

- A. Connell noted he plans to ride 500 miles in five weeks for Wings of Hope Hospice and if anyone rides with him they will get their very own t-shirt.
- B. Schulz commented we had reconstruction done in the kitchen and bathrooms and to take a look before leaving.

XI. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Connell made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:34 PM.