

Allegan Township Board Meeting
March 5, 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 February 5, 2018 Regular Meeting and February 12 and February 26, 2018 Special Meetings
 - A. Waanders/Bender made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
 - 1. There were four building permits issued in January with one new home; permit fees totaled \$1,388.00.
 - 2. February had five permits issued with two new homes as well as one commercial building (Dollar General) for fees totaling \$4,312.00.
 - B. Fritz Spreitzer, Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Was not present but Board of Appeals member Ted Heckman noted there was no official business and current board members were re-appointed (Chair – Fritz Spreitzer, Vice-Chair – Matt Kleifgen; Secretary – Sharon Peters).
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. Heckman noted regular meeting will be held next Monday evening and they will look at two plan reviews (Material Transfer and Betten Chevrolet).
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3rd District
 - 1. Not present.
 - E. Bob Kaarlie, Road Commissioner
 - 1. Not present.
 - F. Other Reports
 - 1. *Allegan Fire District*
 - a. Supervisor Schulz noted there were 27 incidents for January compared to 19 last year for a 70% increase.
 - b. No man hours spent on public relations for month.
 - c. Approved 2018 budget as well as applied for a grant for six helmets at cost of \$350.00 per helmet as well as planning a Cadet Program which entails 16-17 year olds taking 12 basic trainings.
 - d. Trustee Connell asked how we could trade mobile radios for a

new command vehicle and learned it was not worded right.

2. *Allegan County Bike Path Meeting* – Connell explained idea of linking all Townships and Cities with bicycle routes and just about every township was represented at last Thursday's meeting.
 - a. It was planned by Salem Township Supervisor Jim Pitsch who wanted to take inventory in what County already has, with Connell noting there are great places to bike around here with Allegan Township leading the way by blacktopping shoulders.
 - b. Schulz added several townships had concern about money to pave bike paths as it is difficult to have money to pave their roads but he felt it was a very positive meeting with it noted County would not be financially responsible for it.

V. Public Comment

- A. Mel Brown asked what we are doing with roads this year and learned it will be addressed later in the meeting.
- B. Sam Martin reported more about Michigan Gas interest at Miner Lake noting the company had sent out cards to all residents to see if there were any interest and have not yet heard the final tally.
 1. He commented in speaking with residents and it appears 35-45% of residents need to be on board and wanted it known the Miner Lake Association is not opposed.
 2. Connell knows post cards don't always make it to their destination.
- C. Schulz asked teenage girls in attendance if anything were going on at school and they reported Girls Basketball is playing in regionals and Chamber Choir is going to State.

VI. Old Business

- A. Budget Hearing (2018-2019)
 1. Schulz closed regular meeting and opened public hearing for budget commenting on the General Fund regarding: salaries (2% raise), engineering (for Safe Routes to School), Recreation (\$5,000 to City for July 3rd fireworks and \$10,000 for kids recreation program), transfer to Road, Capital Improvement and Recreation Funds (done after audit is completed and funds are available), transfer to Fire Fund as .5 millage is not enough.
 2. Fund Balance is \$320,414.00 which gives a healthy balance but noting numbers will be different next month as there is still one month left in current budget.
 3. General Fund monies (\$6,000) are also given to Allegan City Police Department who are able to quickly respond to calls in township as well as monies given for crossing guards for Allegan High School which is in the township.
 4. There is also some talk about possibly sharing expenses with the City for

the Wellness Center as many of our township kids take part in sports at the complex.

5. Road Fund has a significant amount of money in it but will speak about upcoming road projects shortly; and we will be relinquishing the sewer in 2032 to the City and no longer collect revenue from it.
6. Connell noted this is a conservative, responsible budget.
7. Schulz closed the public hearing and re-opened the regular meeting.

B. Recycling

1. Township is considering putting up a fence and having hours and having area monitored to cut down on the junk as the recycling contractor may not take recycling anymore if there is too much junk with Treasurer Waanders noting we are not the garbage service with resident Sam Martin responding we wouldn't have those issues if we had curbside. Schulz noted it was a good point but it does allow us now to do leaf pick-up without charging residents.
2. Curbside is an additional \$11.00 with Waanders noting we can ask County about bidding out for curbside.
 - a. Trustee Benders asked where we dispose of leaves and learned there are times Badger Evergreen has taken them to place around the pine trees.

VII. New Business

A. Road Work for 2018

1. Brown noted 28th Street by Basil Smith's is bad and learned it is one of the road projects from 120th to 122nd with 2.5 inches overlay for \$133,333.
2. He questioned also about 25th Street, north of 122nd and learned it is also on the list for preliminary engineering of 25th Street and 123rd Avenue.
3. Also included for bidding is 121st Avenue (36th to 34th) for \$23,909; Fern Street with a 2 inch overlay as nothing has been done to it since it was constructed in 1980; 27th from 120th Avenue, south and east to 26th Street for \$56,000; 28th Street - 122nd to Monterey Township line with crack seal for \$6,500; Bluebird Lane, Meadowlark Lane, Signal Point Drive and Circle for \$112,147 and also dustlayer and gravel with Trowbridge for several boundary roads.
4. Schulz pointed out we ask for April bids as they generally come in with cheaper bids and noted we appreciate the taxpayers who allow us to have this money to keep the roads up.
 - a. Two of the road millages are coming up for renewal later this year.
5. Brown didn't think we had too many gravel roads left in township and learned there are only about four miles left.

B. Trees on DeLano Street

1. Schulz noted both 34th and DeLano Streets are primary roads and County

plans to pave and widen out DeLano this year to enable township to have wider shoulders there but there are a few really nice trees marked to come down and Schulz wanted to speak with Allegan County Road Commissioner Craig Atwood about saving them if possible.

C. State Revenue (Nov/Dec – 2017 - \$59,696.00) (Nov/Dec – 2016 - \$59,061.00)

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$4,142.90 in bills were presented for payment with Connell/Waanders making motion to approve which passed with roll call.

IX. Correspondence

A. There was none.

X. Other Items of Concern

A. Bender brought up about River Street and learned it is the City's responsibility and will be done next year with a small urban grant.

1. Township would like to purchase extra right of way on corner of 118th Avenue and River Street to improve sight distance of intersection.
2. Boundary streets such as River, Thomas, Goodrich and Goodwin are maintained by the City but township participates in paying monies toward those streets as many township residents use those roads.

B. Waanders noted the meeting table has been refurbished with Schulz adding it was made by former clerk Hollis Hough for this building in 1994 and went on to add with the 24 year old building this year there will be some upgrades to bathrooms, kitchen, water fountain and new roof for part of the building to complete the roof project.

XI. Adjourn

A. Waanders/Bender made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:31 PM.