

**Allegan Township Board Meeting**  
**May 7, 2018**  
**7:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Pledge and Invocation
  
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Supervisor Steve Schulz, Clerk Linda Evans, Trustee Jim Connell and Trustee Mike Bender and Treasurer Jane Waanders were present.
  
- III. Approve Minutes of April 2, 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 12 building permits issued in April with four new homes with permit fees totaling \$4,835.00.
      - a. 12 permits were most since 2003 and most new homes since 2008.
  - B. Fritz Spreitzer, Board of Appeals Chair
    - 1. Was not present but member Ted Heckman noted there was no official business at last month's meeting.
  - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
    - 1. Heckman noted regular meeting will be held next Monday looking at site plan review for O'Reilly Auto Parts.
  - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3<sup>rd</sup> District
    - 1. The 2017 Board of Commissioners report is ready.
    - 2. Mike Day, Circuit Court Administrator, retired.
    - 3. Day is now part-time assistant county administrator.
    - 4. Financial condition of county, regarding law enforcement personnel is now a separate individual study.
      - a. There could be substantial cuts with Supervisor Schulz asking where would first cuts be made and learned they would be across the board but would need to take into consideration mandate of county as to which departments need to be fully staffed.
  - E. Bob Kaarlie, Road Commissioner
    - 1. Was not present.
  - F. Judge Bill Baillargeon, District Court Judge
    - 1. Presented 2017 Courts Report noting there is a lot of information as there are many excellent statistics with Allegan County.
    - 2. The level of work within the courts includes drug treatment with former

treatment graduates coming back to interact with current attenders; sobriety court, which just started last week; and Veterans Court which encompasses also Ottawa and VanBuren Counties.

- G. Aric Nesbitt – Candidate for State Senate
  - 1. Gave a brief resume and handout.
- H. Myrene Koch – Chief Assistant Prosecutor
  - 1. Came to introduce herself having been appointed to this position with Robert Kengis having replaced Judge Cronin.
  - 2. She has been a prosecutor for past 16 years and has specialized in child abuse cases and has also taught other prosecutors in the State.
- I. Other Reports
  - 1. Schulz - *Fire District*
    - a. There were 26 runs in February which is a 65% increase over 2017 while March only had 18 which is a 55% decrease from 2017 due to a bad storm that year.
    - b. There were also trainings and public events.

V. Public Comment

- A. Chris Willis – 2247 36<sup>th</sup> Street
  - 1. He came to check and see what has been going on regarding noise and blight at his neighbors as he was at last month's township board meeting.
  - 2. Schulz explained he has written two more tickets to Michael Gard and learned from our lawyer he can start writing tickets to neighbor (Kitty Haas) and he believes there is a court date on Friday, May 11, for Gard to evict Haas.
  - 3. Willis had several other neighbors, as well as his wife, attend this month's meeting, with several adding information to the conversation.
  - 4. Schulz hopes, after court date, to have situation done/solved by end of month noting Gard has had five tickets written to him and Haas will have two.
    - a. It was learned after a certain number of tickets written they can be held in contempt of court and could possibly be jailed.

VI. Old Business

- A. Next Spring Clean-up (May 19 – 9:00 AM-1:00 PM)
  - 1. Evans explained there were a little over 100 people who came last month and this month's will not include tires, electronics or appliances.
- B. State Revenue (Jan & Feb – 2017 - \$61,225) (Jan & Feb – 2018 - \$56,918)

VI. New Business

- A. Property Tax Act (PTA) Resolution
  - 1. Schulz explained need to make official what has been Allegan Township's practice to not impose a penalty to those buyers, grantees or other transferees of property who have not filed a property transfer affidavit

- within 45 days.
2. Waanders/Evans made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- B. Approve Resolution Authorizing Election for \$36.00 Recycling Agreement
1. Treasurer Waanders explained Allegan Township is part of Allegan County's Recycling Program where township is allowed to place a \$25.00 per household surcharge on resident owners tax bills, noting there has been an increase in participation but it seems to be mostly public trash which, when weighed when dumpsters are traded out, is then a charge township pays.
  2. To stop mis-use of recycling station here at township the board would like to go curbside which is a cost of \$36.00 per year but a letter of intent is needed to do so which is sent to County Clerk to provide notice of placing such request on August's primary election ballot for voters to decide.
  3. Currently, a resident can opt out of paying \$25.00 per year but if voted in at \$36.00 for curbside it would have to be paid.
  4. Trustee Connell asked Waanders how many participate right now and learned it is 91% with audience member Willis asking who would pick up and learned it would be the garbage company the County contracts with for the service.
  5. Trustee Bender asks how people opt out now and learned there is a form that can be filled out, annually, or let Waanders know when paying tax bill.
  6. Waanders/Bender made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- C. Approve Ballot Language for Recycling
1. Schulz read the language with Connell/Waanders making motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
  2. It was mentioned if it would not pass, a fence would be built around the existing dumpsters and there would be hours open with an attendant present.
- D. Resolution to File a County Drain Petition for an Extension of Trowbridge-Cheshire Drain
1. Allegan County Drain Commissioner Denise Medemar was present to explain there is severe erosion along the drain with ground dropping and a septic line showing and is looking for township board to approve and then project would go before the Board of Determination.
  2. Bender noted a couple of people have complained to him about how the water winds around.
  3. Terry Wichman of 346 Thomas Street (City of Allegan) noted it has gotten worse over last six-seven years and is concerned about additional money

for special assessments with Paul Hays of 615 Brookside Drive (City of Allegan) noting DEQ was not even aware of drain crossing on church property.

4. Clerk Evans read a portion of the petition: “cleaning out, relocating, widening, deepening, straightening, tiling, extending, improving, providing structures, adding lands, adding branches and a relief drain and/or relocating along a highway of the Trowbridge-Cheshire Drain”.
  5. Bender asked about landscaping and learned from Medemar there has to be easements even for the work.
  6. Waanders commented township does pay a portion with Medemar noting Road Commission does likewise.
  7. Schulz explained Board of Determination is made up of three individuals who go out and look at it and then hold a public hearing with Connell asking how many acres would it involve and learn that wouldn’t be known until engineered with Schulz noting it is “only fair to share (cost) with people when it goes down stream.”
  8. Evans/Schulz made motion to approve which passed following roll call.
- E. Amendments to 2017-2018 Budget – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter
1. Waanders/Connell made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- F. Community Action Month Proclamation
1. Evans read it with Connell/Waanders making motion for said proclamation with passed with an aye vote.
- G. Resource Recovery Event
1. Waanders explained it will take place on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at Hamilton Recycling Depot, accepting household hazardous waste, TV/computer and electronic devices.

#### VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
1. \$14,219.98 in bills were presented for payment with Waanders/Bender making motion to pay which passed following roll call.

#### IX. Correspondence

- A. Evans noted County had sent proclamation that May is Older American’s Month in Allegan County.

#### X. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Connell made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 9:03 PM.