

Allegan Township Board Meeting
November 5, 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, Trustee Mike Bender and Treasurer Jane Waanders and were present.

- III. Approve Minutes of October 1, 2018 Regular Meeting
 - A. Bender/Connell made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
 - 1. September report was available with five permits pulled, two of them for new homes, with fees totaling \$2,010.00.
 - B. Fritz Spreitzer, Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Was not present but member Ted Heckman noted a variance was approved at last month's meeting.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. Will hold a public hearing next week to look at changes to lake setbacks.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3rd District
 - 1. Was not present.
 - E. Other Reports
 - 1. *Fire District* – Supervisor Schulz
 - a. 27 calls were made in September with only 16 last year; a total of 273 man hours with 170.5 in township; 96 man hours on meetings and training; and \$7,235.00 in cost recovery.
 - 2. *Well-Head Protection* – Trustee Connell
 - a. Hopeful to get water out to our chromium contaminated area soon and PFAS and dioxins came up negative on wells tested in the City of Allegan.
 - b. Schulz noted Milbockers are now working on 29th Street and last easement has been signed for Jeffrey Drive and looking for temporary easement on east side of Jeffrey Drive.
 - c. Schulz has talked to Kevin Kammeraad, owner of Allegan Mobile Estates and Village East ,who does have interest in getting water and he is currently talking to his engineer.
 - d. Heckman asked if it would be extended out then and learned an extension might be done next Spring or Summer but that it wouldn't be practical to extend it out there if Kammeraad didn't

want it.

V. Public Comment

- A. There was none.

VI. Old Business

- A. Amend Resolution for Fees on Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate
1. Schulz noted we approved a resolution last month that would make an application fee of \$750.00 which would be used for publishing of notice in local paper and administrative costs.
 2. Schulz suggested we charge for actual cost only as township didn't want to overcharge and couldn't.
 3. Connell/Evans made motion to approve for actual costs only which passed with an aye vote.
- B. Public Hearing for IFT for 1291 Lincoln Road (Ropes Course)
1. Schulz reported it was cancelled today and we don't know the reason why.

VII. New Business

- A. Deficit Elimination Plan Resolution
1. Schulz deferred to Treasurer Waanders who explained money was borrowed from township's Capital Improvement Fund to pay for Riverview's paving project.
 2. Auditor and State want a guarantee we will put the money back in correct fund when collecting it through special assessment.
 3. If we don't provide a plan and pay it back, State will hold tax revenue.
 4. Evans/Bender made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- B. Adopt Poverty Exemption Guidelines
1. Assessor annually provides guidelines for board to approve for those who have low income level who can apply for poverty exemption on payment of taxes.
 2. Board of Review and Supervisor go over applications and can approve some or all of their taxes be exempt.
 3. Assessor is asking we increase it by 20% of the federal guidelines.
 4. First of all application needs to be approved with motion by Evans/Waanders which passed with an aye vote.
 5. Secondly, increase of 20% of federal guidelines needs to be approved with motion by Waanders/Connell which passed with an aye vote.
 6. Thirdly, asset level be set at \$15,000 (which includes consideration of savings accounts, etc.) with motion made by Waanders/Connell which passed with an aye vote.
- C. Cleanup Costs on Taxes
1. Schulz explained residents who do not clean up their blight themselves find the township cleans it up and puts the cost on their taxes; however

there is a process before it gets to that point in that a letter is written first and then a ticket is written if no compliance, followed by a court order and with no compliance the township can go in and clean-up.

2. Waanders noted there should also be approval for delinquent sewer bills which list she has not yet received from the City of Allegan.
 3. Trustee Bender asked if taxes don't get paid then what happens and learns they have two and a half years to pay them before they go up for tax sale.
 - a. As township gets paid for taxes owed them each year, the County then collects back taxes but if home goes up for tax sale and doesn't sell, County bills township for blight amount as it is not a tax.
 4. Waanders/Bender made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- D. State Revenue (\$67,244.00 – July & August - 2018) (\$64,778.00 – July & August – 2017)
1. Schulz commented these are the highest amounts he has seen.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$157,614.31 was presented for payment with Clerk Evans noting that as the audit is now complete, the \$50,000 shown in the budget each for Capital Improvement, Recreation and Road Funds per board approval, would now be placed in those funds accounting for \$150,000.00 of bills.
2. Connell asked about large monies in Road Fund already and learned from both Waanders and Evans that the road bills have not yet been received for the 2018 work.
3. Waanders/Bender made motion to pay which passed following roll call.

IX. Other Items of Concern

- A. Connell asked if there were any news about 36th Street (regarding Gard/Haase) and learned the three months will be up in December with Schulz assuming that won't be allowed to stay.
 1. The owner (Gard) allowed those three more months for payment to be made but Schulz notes there is still blight there.
 2. Schulz noted there is a lot of blight in the township and it is time-consuming and that in most cases, it gets worse and that it is not a fun job.

X. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Connell made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:09 PM.