

**Allegan Township Board Meeting**  
**November 6, 2017**  
**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 were present.
  
- III. Approve Minutes of October 2, 2017 Regular Meeting
  - A. Connell/Bender made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
  
- IV. Reports
  - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
    1. September report was given with nine permits issued, four for new Homes which is the most in a long time and ties with 2006 with fees totaling \$2,096.00.
    1. October saw only one permit issued which was the least in keeping records; \$282.00 for a new home.
  - B. Fritz Spreitzer, Board of Appeals Chair
    1. Spreitzer wasn't here but Heckman noted there would be a special meeting for a variance next Monday evening.
  - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
    1. Their regular meeting is next Monday night with no business planned.
  - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3<sup>rd</sup> District
    1. Their millage has declined from the Headlee roll back from 6 to 4.19 and Commissioners have realized the six town hall meetings held to talk about a proposed funding for increased sheriff patrolmen was actually a failure as meetings were not well represented.
    1. Trustee Connell asked if they have the monies and learned they were looking at either a ¼ - ½ mill and the question was asked if there is still concern about the pension fund and learned there is.
  - E. Bob Kaarlie, Road Commissioner
    1. Riverbend/Oriole was being blacktopped and it was near the end of asphalt season.
    1. Kaarlie reported they are getting equipment ready for winter.
  - F. Other Reports
    1. *M-40/M-89 Corridor Meeting* – Clerk Evans
      - a. Learned in next year's planned paving of DeLano Street from the township line, at Goodwin Street, to M-40/M-89, a five foot shoulder will be included, with a curb, for a sidewalk.
      - b. She noted with the sidewalk from the SRTS grant and planned

paving there will some day be a sidewalk to Dawson.

3. *Allegan Fire District* – Supervisor Schulz
  - a. Reports were given for August and September noting the first pancake breakfast which netted \$900.00; a need for an industrial washing machine or a water rescue boat; and will look at getting a grant for one of them as well as several others.

V. Public Comment

- A. There was none.

VI. Old Business

- A. Approval of Zoning Ordinance Amendments
  1. Schulz noted it was brought up in September but was not published for the Planning Commission and so now was back for approval with required setbacks in C2 now made for 20 feet instead of 15; and also a licensing fee for soil removal.
    - a. Bender/Connell made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- B. Update on Safe Routes to School Grant
  1. The grant has been accepted to install five foot sidewalks for LE White Middle School, Dawson and West Ward Elementary for \$650,535.00.
  2. This was a 2 ½ year process which will be done in 2019.
- C. Approve Placement of Cleanup Costs for 2439 Horseshoe Cove, 3503.5 Monroe Road, 2603 114<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 275 Thomas Street and 1227 Lincoln Road on Winter Tax Bills
  1. Schulz noted with issues of blight going on including mowing grass, as well as dumpsters placed to remove trash and trailers, these amounts paid by the township will be placed on the taxes of those parcels.
  2. It was noted all proper channels were gone through as we didn't care to see anyone kicked out of their home but health department wouldn't allow anyone to live where there was no electricity and no running water.
  3. Evans/Waanders made motion to approve but prior to vote it was noted there was only one bill received at this point for 3503.5 Monroe Road and knew there was yet a dumpster bill to come and so motion was to put on taxes any and all bills with Evans/Waanders making such which passed with an aye vote.
- D. Approve Placement of Unpaid Rental Fees on Winter Tax Bills
  1. It was learned township cannot place the fee on taxes as County will not pay it to township if it were delinquent.
  2. It was noted township began rental inspections three-four years ago to keep landlords accountable as there are some who don't take care of places with deplorable living conditions in some.
  3. It is a stand-alone ordinance which allows township to write a ticket if

landlords do not comply.

- E. Approve Placement of Delinquent Sewer Bills on Winter Tax Bills
  - 1. We have done it for quite a while now.
  - 2. Waanders/Evans made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote with Evans noting there are only four delinquent this year.
- F. Approve Resolution to Establish a Deficit Elimination Plan
  - 1. Treasurer Waanders noted audit requires us to set up a plan as to how payment will be made to repay Township General Fund for money loaned to Capital Projects Fund, in this case for the last year of Alexa Lane.
    - a. This year it is for the remaining \$9,177 to be paid back which will be done at end of the winter tax season.
  - 2. She also noted with the new special assessment for Riverview Estates we will be doing this for five more years.
  - 3. Connell/Waanders made motion to approve resolution for Alexa Lane's deficit elimination with the motion passing with an aye vote.
- VII. Pay Bills
  - A. General Fund
    - 1. \$15,351.44 in bills were presented for payment with Waanders/Connell making motion to approve which passed following roll call.
- IX. Correspondence
  - A. Wightman and Associates will have a ribbon cutting/open house on Tuesday in the township.
  - B. Connell commented about the Death Café planned for Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, which is sponsored by Wings of Hope Hospice to help people learn about making most of remaining time left with loved ones dying of diseases.
- X. Other Items of Interest
  - A. Schulz noted Allegan County, Cities, Townships and Villages (ACCTV) held their quarterly meeting here with State Representative Mary Whiteford, State Senator Tonya Schuitmaker and US Senator Fred Upton present to give reports and answer questions.
    - 1. Also present was Allegan County Equalization Director Matt Woolford with Brian Kienle from Eagleview who gave presentation on high tech imagery applications.
  - B. Schulz also commented about a Leadership Conference held annually that he attended.
  - C. Evans reminded people about the election to be held the next day.
- XI. Adjourn
  - A. Waanders/Evans made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:23 PM.