

Allegan Township Board Meeting
November 7, 2016
7:30 PM

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Pledge and Invocation

- II. Roll Call
 - A. Supervisor Steve Schulz, Treasurer Jane Waanders , Clerk Linda Evans, Trustee Karl Spreitzer and Trustee Seth Hough were present.

- III. Approve Minutes of October 3, 2016 Regular Meeting
 - A. Spreitzer/Waanders made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
 - 1. Clerk Evans reported ten permits were pulled in October with three new home for total fees of \$3,717.00.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Board of Appeals had no business last month.
 - C. Jim Connell, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. Will meet next Monday evening and work on new medical marijuana changes and will review current information in zoning book placed there in 2011 to see if there is need to write some new regulations.
 - 2. Trustee Spreitzer asked if new regulation is regarding only commercial enterprise and learned that is the case.
 - 3. Township can choose not to do anything but it is good to review what we currently have.
 - 4. Connell also noted the Ice Cold Splash for Cash will be held on New Year's Day.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3rd District
 - 1. Has nothing to report.
 - E. Bob Kaarlie, County Road Commissioner
 - 1. They are challenged right now with downed trees.
 - 2. 34th Street from M-40 North to Dumont Road has now become a primary road.
 - 3. Road Commissioners are considering what they can do to help townships and will now do one more mowing each season, without cost.
 - 4. Schulz thanked the Road Commission for making 34th Street a primary road which gives more money for the township to care for other roads.
 - 5. A meeting regarding non-motorized trails will be held at the Griswold Auditorium in November.
 - F. Ryan Deery – Allegan District Library Director

1. Came to introduce himself as the new director.
- G. Allegan Fire District
1. Supervisor Steve Schulz reported Fire Chief Matt Gillies was arrested and has been suspended without pay and Nick Brink is now leading the fire department.
- V. Public Comment
- A. There was none.
- VI. Old Business
- A. Approve Resolution for Safe Routes to School
1. Schulz reported approximately two years ago new sidewalks had been put in place at the Hillside School on Western Avenue as the result of monies received from a grant.
 2. Now application has been made for a new grant from the City of Allegan, Township of Allegan and the Allegan Public Schools for West Ward, L.E. White Middle School and Dawson which would, for the township, provide a sidewalk from the high school north to DeLano Street, on both sides of the road.
 3. The grant would be \$200,000 for each of the schools and the township's expense would be 60% of \$100,000 for the engineering costs.
 4. Schulz explained to the students in attendance that the crossing guards who assist there are paid and Schulz had asked Burger King, Wendy's and Taco Bell if they would be interested in helping with the cost and Taco Bell had put in \$3,000 for the cost.
 5. Schulz would like a motion to go forward with this resolution with Trustee Hough raising a comment regarding the next to last paragraph which seemed open-ended regarding "including...permit fees, administration costs and costs overrun."
 - a. Schulz said we could table this resolution for more information at this point with Treasurer Waanders questioning if this resolution is just for this grant period?
 - b. Hough/Spreitzer made motion to approve with elimination of "permit fees, administration costs and costs overrun."
 - c. Motion passed with aye vote and Schulz will point out Allegan Township's change to George Mohr who is the school's liaison in this project.
- B. Approve Placement of Clean-up Costs at 2439 Horseshoe Cove on Winter Tax Bill
1. A blight ticket has been written as it has not been totally cleaned up as the township has already paid a contractor to clean what has been done.
 2. Spreitzer/Evans made motion to put on tax bill which passed with an aye vote.
- C. Approve Placement of Unpaid Rental Fees on Winter Tax Bills
1. Schulz noted we are still researching who hasn't paid yet and do have

until November 17th to do so before Treasurer Waanders prepares winter tax bills.

2. Evans noted the fee is \$32.00 when Hough asked if that is for the whole thing and learned Professional Code Inspections, who does the actual inspection, has their own fee for inspecting with Schulz adding that renters live in homes that perhaps have code violations and this helps them.
 3. Evans/Spreitzer made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- D. Approve Placement of Delinquent Sewer Bills on Winter Tax Bills
1. Schulz explained the township has two sewer districts with the City collecting the money and paying township quarterly.
 2. Those who do not make their monthly payments have their delinquent amounts placed on their winter tax bill.
 3. Hough/Spreitzer made motion to place on tax bill which passed with an aye vote with Evans asking Waanders how many there are and learned there are six.

- VII. A. Set Fee for Construction Board of Appeals
1. Schulz noted there have been no appeals the past sixteen years but now looking a two of them.
 2. Professional Code Inspectors, our building inspectors, have a list of those that should be condemned, with one owner already having a lawyer who would like to appeal.
 3. The board could consist of three, with a maximum of seven, and would cost the applicant \$600.00, most of which would be to pay the board \$100.00 each.
 4. Spreitzer asked who would be taking the minutes with Schulz responding himself.
 5. Hough thought it was kind of expensive (what would be paid to board members) compared to what we would pay for a variance and learned, upon the asking from audience member, Laree Waanders, that three of the four are licensed builders.
 - a. Schulz explained that is the standard per our attorney and since they have to inspect the building, it seems appropriate.
 6. Waanders questioned the mileage rate and it was determined, with motion by Hough/Spreitzer to skip that amount but approve the fee with motion passing following roll call.
 7. Connell questioned why four and learned it had been debated but felt that since a building code would be followed the consensus should be the same for all members with him then questioning why not two with it just felt with three as licensed builders, and one a former building inspector, that it was an adequate number.
 - a. Hough noted, also, at their first meeting it could be decided if one would be an alternate.

- B. Authorize Supervisor to Make Appointments to Construction Board of Appeals
 - 1. Evans/Hough made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- C. Approve Appointments to Construction Board of Appeals
 - 1. The four are James Beaudoin, Bill Creech, Jon Hestera and Frank Tooker with the first three who are licensed builders.
 - 2. Waanders/Spreitzer made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- D. Resolution to Establish a Deficit Elimination Plan for Capital Projects Fund
 - 1. Waanders reported that since we have had our audit it is now necessary, once again, to deal with the deficit from two private roads that were paid out of township general fund monies, and are being paid back by the residents of those roads on their winter taxes with two years remaining.
 - 2. In the past, a letter was written by the Supervisor, but now the State of Michigan requires a resolution to be approved by the entire board.
 - 3. With the two private roads in question, there is a deficit of \$9,177.00.
 - 4. It was noted this was due within a month following audit but received an extension as our meeting would not be held until tonight.
 - 5. Evans/Spreitzer made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote and Waanders will e-mail resolution in the morning to auditor.
- E. State Revenue for July and August (2016 - \$59,346) (2015 - \$58,522)

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
 - 1. The amount of \$204,292.71 in bills was presented for payment with Spreitzer questioning who Wolverine was and learned they came semi-annually to care for the generator and learned they were recycling.
 - 2. Spreitzer/Waanders made motion to pay which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. Evans noted a resolution had been received from the Allegan County Commissioners recognizing November as National Family Caregiver's Month with her stating it is nice to have caregivers recognized as she had been a caregiver of her husband for several years.

X. Other Items, Concerns, Etc.

- A. Schulz commented that this is the last year for Trustees Karl Spreitzer and Seth Hough with Spreitzer noting he has served for eight years and it has been enjoyable and has made a lot of friends with Hough noting it was interesting and had learned a lot but his work is taking him out of the area.
- B. Schulz commented to the audience, made up heavily of high school seniors fulfilling their government requirement of attending meetings, that it is good to be involved in local government on different boards, etc., with Evans also noting tomorrow would be the general election and that it is a responsibility and privilege to be able to vote.

XI. Adjourn

- A. Spreitzer/Waanders made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:28 PM.