

**Allegan Township Board Meeting
October 2, 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 September 5, 2017 Regular Meeting
 - A. Connell/Waanders made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
 - 1. August report was given with six permits issued, three for new homes which is the most in a long time and ties with 2007.
 - a. Fees totaled \$3,610.00.
 - B. Fritz Spreitzer, Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Was not present with appeals member Ted Heckman noting there will be a variance request looked at next Monday's regular meeting with Supervisor Schulz adding it is for a billboard.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. There will be a special meeting this month to go over a couple of site plan reviews, work on stand-alone ordinances and re-visit side yard set-backs.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3rd District
 - 1. Was not present.
 - E. Bob Kaarlie, Road Commissioner
 - 1. He is under the weather.
 - F. Bob Genetski, Allegan County Clerk
 - 1. Noted there will be a special election for the Allegan Public Schools for a proposed sinking fund; new voting machines will be arriving; and as Senator Tonya Schuitmaker will be termed out next year he will be running for her position.
 - G. Other Reports
 - 1. Fire District – Steve Schulz
 - a. Didn't have a meeting.
 - b. Trustee Connell asked about grants and learned fire department is applying for three other grants and a new fire truck should be coming soon.

- V. Public Comment
 - A. Laree Waanders – asked if we have been approached about improved public

transportation and learned we had not.

1. Saugatuck is involved and learned it is covering some townships in which volunteers take people to appointments, etc...
2. Allegan County Transportation has more restrictive services.

VI. Old Business

- A. 34th Street from Babylon Road to M-40 Asphalted
 1. The lines haven't been painted yet but the road is much wider with four foot shoulders for bikers and walkers.
- B. Next Township Clean-up – October 21, 2017
 1. This one is basically for junk.
- C. Update on Chromium Contamination – Meeting at Allegan Township Hall – October 17, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 PM
 1. The EPA and DEQ will be here to answer questions from 4:30-6:00 with the meeting following.
 - a. This is in regards to Allegan Metal Finishing.
 2. At this point there has only been one well found with chromium on Jeffrey Drive and the rest of the soil testings are not back yet.

VII. New Business

- A. Appoint Precinct Inspectors
 1. Clerk Evans noted with the November 7 election there is a need for the Local Election Commission, made up of the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer, to approve workers.
 2. As this will be a school election the two precincts will be combined and there is the need for only four workers.
 3. Waanders/Schulz made motion to approve Melanie Smith, Linda Evans, Corlie Harris and Connie Rushmore which passed with an aye vote.
- B. Review Cemetery Fees
 1. Evans explained the proposed new fees compared to the current ones noting the sexton did his homework in checking with other municipalities.
 2. Would like to increase cost of grave opening/closing from \$350.00 to \$500.00; cremation opening from \$100.00 to \$150.00 and foundation for footers from .35c a square inch to .40.
 3. In addition to the fees he would like an increase in annual wage from \$7,500 to \$10,500.00.
 4. It was noted the sexton is Bill TerAvest and the last time any increases were done was noted on the brochure which was 10/01/09.
 5. Schulz added Bill did do his homework in checking with other entities of the same size and as he is looking at retiring next year we would want to get somebody good who would have as much passion about caring for the cemetery as he has had.
 6. Treasurer Waanders added with the size of the cemetery increasing there

would be more mowing and maintaining.

7. Connell/Schulz made motion to approve which passed following roll call.

C. ACCTV Meeting – October 30, 2017 at 7:00PM

1. This will be an interactive session with local legislators.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$10,107.57 in bills were presented for payment with Bender/Schulz making motion to pay which passed following roll call.

IX. Other Items

A. Schulz explained ordinance amendments will be looked at again at the Planning Commission meeting as the setbacks were changed from 15 to 20 feet and then come to township board once again for approval in November.

B. Fire Code Ordinance was approved last month and published in the paper and will be effective shortly.

C. Connell noted there will be a fund raiser coming up for Wings of Hope Hospice and it will be a lip sync contest with about eight groups that have entered.

X. Adjourn

A. Waanders/Connell made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:06 PM.