

Allegan Township Board Meeting
October 3, 2016
7:30 PM

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

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

- III. Approve Minutes of September 6, 2016 Regular Meeting
 - A. Waanders/Spreitzer made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
 - 1. Clerk Evans reported four permits were pulled in September with one new home for total fees of \$1,041.00.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Board of Appeals will meet next Monday night with no official business.
 - C. Jim Connell, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. Planning Commission met to go over zoning issues as well as any questions on the new zoning book.
 - 2. It was noted a renter had been given a special use permit and learned it can be done with the owner of the property co-signing.
 - 3. Legal opinion from our lawyer was sought to ask if we could check with the State if they have a business license and it was learned it is not the business of the commission but can suggest to them to obtain any licenses that may be needed for their business.
 - 4. They also learned if there are any site plan changes with Perrigo's planned expansion in township, they would have to come back to the Planning Commission.
 - 5. They also talked about fire pits and whether regulated by Fire District and learned it is all right to have in back yard.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3rd District
 - 1. He had nothing to report.
 - E. Other Reports
 - 1. Bob Kaarlie – *County Road Commission*
 - a. 34th Street is now a primary road from Babylon road to 122nd because of the Dumont Lake governmental complex traffic.
 - b. Road Commission had learned if roads are chip sealed or fog sealed it is good to have the cracks filled the previous year and they will last longer.

- c. Paving of 34th Street from 115th to Monroe Road will be finished soon.
 - d. Treasurer Waanders noted there have been people in complaining about the paving done on Rose Drive that the pavement doesn't butt up to their existing drive with Kaarlie noting he will check into it.
2. Supervisor Schulz – *Fire District*
- a. They did appoint Matt Gillies as chief; the department had 13 calls this past month – 20 recorded for last year; applying for grant for oxygen bottles; and will be checking candy on Halloween night.

V. Public Comment

- A. There was none.

VI. Old Business

- A. Consider New Interlocal \$25.00 Recycling Surcharge Agreement
 - 1. Schulz deferred to Waanders who noted this is a renewal from December 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020.
 - 2. Next free clean-up will be on Saturday, October 15th, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM which will include tires.
 - 3. Connell questioned if the signage reflects correctly what can be brought with Waanders noting it will be reviewed.
 - 4. Waanders/Spreitzer made motion to approve surcharge agreement which passed with an aye vote.
- B. SRTS (Safe Routes to School Presentation) – George Mohr
 - 1. Have already received one grant which is for the developmental center as well as sidewalk on north side of Cutler/Western Avenue.
 - 2. This receives support from the Michigan Fitness Foundation which encourages children grades K-8th to walk to school.
 - 3. Tentative submission for grant is October 17th with it reviewed and if corrections/additions are made October 31st is the deadline to return it with notification after first of year of those receiving the grant.
 - 4. It was noted there is a new rule in place that there has to be a sidewalk on both sides of the road.
 - 5. Three priorities were shown with Dawson School being first with sidewalk on DeLano Street planned for south side from Davis to Sherman.
 - a. Second was West Ward with sidewalk planned for Vernon to Sherman up to the bowling alley to the high school parking lot.
 - b. Third was the middle school with sidewalk planned to just past 116th Avenue (to Goodwill Store) on M-40 North.
 - 6. It was noted no grant can be given for the high school.
 - 7. The cost will be approximately \$100,000 for the engineering which is township/city cost with township at 60% (\$60,000) and city at 40%

(\$40,000).

8. Audience member Mike Bender asked who is responsible for snow removal on sidewalks with Schulz responding it would be us but there is the possibility of contracting with the City.
 10. Trustee Hough asked about the speed limit along by the high school and learned from Mohr that when a study is done by the State, and if it is deemed traffic can go faster, the speed limit will go up, not down.
 11. Schulz noted with sidewalks on both sides the township might consider extending to the corner of M-40 and DeLano Street.
- C. MDOT Reconsiders Pilot Program for Restriping Marshall Street
1. This will happen in the spring with a center turn lane with only one lane in and one lane out with Connell noting it will be safer for bicyclists.
 2. Spreitzer questioned where it would be and learned from the 2nd Street Bridge to where center lane currently is.
- D. Fence at Ely Manor Going Up Soon – 1200 Ely Street
1. Fence will go up this week or next between Ely Manor and neighbor as lights and garbage debris affect the neighbor's property.
- E. Perrigo Distribution Center Update
1. They will put off doing anything until next spring as awaiting purchase of 60 acres by investors.
 2. Perrigo had received an abatement from the township but township will set on it until next spring before filing with State, after purchase made and investors names made known to township board.
 3. Spreitzer asked if we had received minutes from DEQ for hearing held with Perrigo regarding wetlands and learned there was a 60 day wait period that ended on Sept. 19th following public hearing and there will be a declaration after that, but there are no minutes available, at this point that we are aware of.

VIII. New Business

- A. New Light at Babylon and Meadowlark Lane
1. Spreitzer/Hough made a motion to approve which passed with an aye vote with the cost being \$100.00 for township.
- B. Medical Marijuana
1. Schulz read what came from the attorney regarding new law in effect for medical marijuana distribution in Michigan which "provides a process for establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries, commercial grow facilities, safety testing facilities, transporters and processing facilities."
 2. Township doesn't have to do anything if we don't act on this.
 3. Connell questioned what it does for current ordinance with Spreitzer commenting this law deals with dispensaries, etc., and not those who are caregivers.
 4. Waanders suggested referring it back to Planning Commission with Schulz noting we should also get advice of township attorney with Connell

noting he would welcome as much input as commission could get.

- C. Appoint Election Inspectors for November 8, 2016 General Election
 - 1. Schulz explained this is a decision for the Elections Commission comprised of the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer.
 - 2. Clerk Evans noted new this time is an absentee voter counting board which will be responsible for only the absentee ballots that are returned.
 - 3. Waanders/Schulz made motion to approve which passed roll call.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
 - 1. \$8,190.26 was presented for payment with Waanders/Spreitzer making motion to approve which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Other Items of Concern

- A. Schulz asked students what their thoughts are regarding the presidential campaign with one student feeling Trump would be bad for the country.
 - 1. He also thanked the students for coming and their excellent behavior.
- B. Connell noted on October 22 at 7:00 PM will be "Dancing with the Docs" which is a fun night for a great cause, Wings of Hope Hospice.
- C. Connell also noted on January 1, 2017 at high noon will be another fund raiser for Wings of Hope with the Ice Cold Splash for Cash. The five men who last year made \$15,000.00 and Connell and Schulz have already said they will do it again.
 - 1. Schulz noted he and his wife have taken a class to be volunteers at the Hospice Home with Evans adding there is the opportunity to be a shadow to a volunteer and have your name put in a drawing for \$100.00.

XI. Adjourn

- A. Spreitzer/Waanders made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:45 PM.