

Allegan Township Board Meeting
September 3, 2019
7:30 PM

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

- II. Roll Call
 - A. Supervisor Steve Schulz, Clerk Linda Evans, Treasurer Jane Waanders, Trustee Mike Bender and Trustee Jim Connell were present.

- III. Approve Minutes of August 5, 2019 Regular Meeting
 - A. Connell/Bender made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
 - 1. There were eight permits pulled in August with two new homes.
 - 2. Permit fees totaled \$2,659.00.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Board of Appeals Member
 - 1. Held regular meeting and approved two sets of minutes..
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. Planning Commission will meet next Monday with discussion on pole barns on lake residential zonings and approve minutes.
 - D. Larry Brown, Allegan County Road Commission
 - 1. Was not present.
 - E. Max Thiele, Allegan County Commissioner
 - 1. Changes at County Building with planned new entrance and sally port.
 - 2. County-wide millage is being considered for Allegan County Medical Care to offer more beds/facilities with Schulz questioning if it passes, would cost savings go to residents there and learned "no" with Treasurer Waanders adding State would still tell how many beds they could add.
 - 3. Schulz questioned if all acreage is in use and learned only about 1/8 of total acreage is in use with Schulz personal opinion it needs to be sold and put back on tax rolls.
 - 4. Mental Health has statutory funding for past five years however State has stepped in as there has been concern over loss of monies locally.
 - a. Two Commissioners do sit on the Board.
 - 5. It was noted both Medical Care and Mental Health are underfunded.
 - F. Other Reports
 - 1. There were none.

- V. Public Comment
 - A. Trustee Connell noted although he was not able to bike for Wings of Hope

Hospice he did walk and a total of \$8,300.00 was raised for Wings Home.

VI. Old Business

- A. Clearing Fence Line and Trees in Hudson Corners Cemetery
 1. Schulz reported north side line along cemetery is done and south side trees are yet to be removed as well as knocking down big berm in new expansion.
- B. Dust Control Bill
 1. The bill was not detailed with only a total but did receive notification from Allegan County Road Commissioner Director Craig Atwood we pay by gallons and not by miles.
 2. Allegan Township does one application on 36th Street (Valley) and Valley does one; township also does 24th Street (Watson) as residents are all on Allegan Township side and weren't happy with Watson's application.
- C. Discussion on Fencing in Recycling
 1. We did not get the grant but still would like to pursue fencing as Waanders noted we had put money in budget as we didn't know at the time we had an opportunity to get a grant.
- D. Update on River Street
 1. It is going pretty well with one more layer of asphalt to lay.
 2. Trustee Bender noted how nice and flat it is and reminder was given there will be five foot shoulders on each side for walking/bike riding.
 3. Thiele questioned about sidewalks and learned that is part of Safe Routes to School project which will not happen until next year by high school, middle school, etc. and River Street is part of Small Urban Grant with township putting in money toward retaining walls and five foot shoulders.

VII. New Business

- A. Local Government Approval for Tantrick Brewing To Be Able to Apply to State for Micro Brewer, Small Wine Maker and Small Distiller Licenses at 1226 M-89 in Allegan Township
 1. Present were Patrick and Tanya Westover to explain request to pursue a move from 633 Hooker Road, City of Allegan, to 1226 M-89, Allegan Township.
 2. Local Government Approval is recommended by Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs for new on-premises license application, certain types of license classification transfers, etc...
 3. Schulz commented we are not granting them a license only giving Tantrick opportunity to pursue their application for a license.
 4. Connell/Bender made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
 5. Waanders asked if it moving from Hooker to new location they would be able to take their license from City to Township and learned they could.
 6. Schulz noted he is working on getting a rough estimate on sewer.

- B. Approve Petition for a Special Assessment on Beechwood Drive for Crack Repair
 - 1. Resident Walt Kaechele was present to explain they would like to see cracks filled in before winter and noted some do not want to participate in special assessment.
 - 2. Waanders gave details the road was paved in 2006 and special assessment on *thirteen* parcels were paid from 2006-2009 with only *seven* signatures on this petition.
 - 3. The cost would be a one year assessment of \$208.64 per *eleven* parcels as each owner would only pay for one parcel.
 - 4. Schulz/Connell made motion to approve contingent from advice from attorney if there can be a one time special assessment which passed following roll call.
- C. Approve Resolution Regarding Links to the Township Website
 - 1. Evans noted she periodically receives requests from organizations/blog writers/etc. who would like to place something on Allegan Township website and had learned other clerks also do and had checked with township attorney and learned that “by putting non-governmental/non township purpose links on your (township) website, you are using a township ‘asset’ in a manner that is inconsistent with lawful expenditures. You can advertise ‘the township’ and it’s amenities, such as a park, etc...but you cannot put a ‘restaurant’ or ‘boy scout’ link on your website. Not permitted because not lawful.”
 - 2. Therefore, township attorney put together a resolution with Evans asking for approval of such and she will e-mail it to entities who have made request at this point letting them know it is not lawful.
 - a. Waanders/Bender made motion to approve which passed following roll call.
- D. State Revenue – (2018 – May/June - \$63,954.00) (2019 – May/June - \$66,186.00)

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
 - 1. \$14,811.65 in bills were presented with Waanders/Bender making motion to pay which passed following roll call.
- B. Road Fund
 - 1. \$8,462.90 bill for dustlayer with Schulz/Bender making motion to pay which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. Evans received thank you note from GBS (Governmental Business Systems) who used township hall to do upgrades on all of Allegan County’s voting system upgrades, noting they were able to finish ahead of schedule.
- B. Schulz noted Public Officials Conference which will be held Monday, September 30, at Trestle Stop to include topics on emergency preparedness guidelines, the county’s emergency operations plan, etc. with Schulz noting Allegan Township

Hall has long been approved for Allegan County Medical Care Community to come here if needed.

X. Adjourn

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