

Allegan Township Board Meeting
September 4, 2018
7:30 PM

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

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

- III. Approve Minutes of August 6, 2018 Regular Meeting
 - A. Waanders/Bender made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
 - 1. 11 were issued in August, the most since 2005, with six new homes which is the most since 2003, with fees totaling \$4,027.00.
 - B. Fritz Spreitzer, Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Was not present but member Ted Heckman noted they approved last meeting's minutes and adjourned.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. There is nothing planned for next Monday's meeting.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3rd District
 - 1. Commissioners dealt with budget and well testing in Otsego Township which some proved positive for dioxins but it is not PFAS.
 - E. County Road Commissioner
 - 1. Was not present.
 - F. Tori Harris – Executive Director of the Allegan Conservation District
 - 1. Has worked there since last fall and became director this past March.
 - 2. Their work involves Qualified Forest Program, Invasive Species Treatment, Critical Dune Program, best management practices, Gun River clean-up, Canoe the Kazoo and plans to do future water clean-ups.
 - 3. It was noted they were able, along with the Road Commission, to help write a grant to replace Allegan Township's culvert under 121st Avenue, just east of 36th Street, here in Allegan Township.
 - a. Supervisor Schulz thanked them for what they are doing for us and asked how we could help them.
 - b. Trustee Bender asked how old the culvert is with Schulz thinking it was 70-80 years old.
 - 4. It was also learned there are 40 different sets of funds/grants available for different invasive species.

5. Mike Ludlam introduced himself as the head of the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program which is an innovative, proactive program that helps farms voluntarily minimize agricultural pollution risks.

G. Other Reports

1. *Fire District – Schulz*

- a. The District is composed of both City and Township of Allegan which also does mutual aid to Valley, Trowbridge, etc. without pay to assist other departments on fire runs.
- b. It was noted this past month 57 hours were spent in Trowbridge Township compared to 43 hours in Allegan Township with Schulz noting it really isn't fair to the taxpayers of both the City and Township and we "may as well get paid for it" and they are talking about it with Trowbridge.

V. Public Comment

- A. See VI. F.

VI. Old Business

A. Public hearing for Material Transfer Tax Abatement

1. Ken Rizzio of Lakeshore Advantage Team noted Material Transfer is half in Allegan and half in Trowbridge Township and Trowbridge approved abatement in August.
2. Schulz closed regular meeting at 8:28 PM and opened public hearing and noted the only thing he didn't see was the number of jobs it would create and learned it was one to three and could be written in agreement once abatement is approved.
3. They are looking for 12 years for real property and learned Allegan Township switched to 10 years in 2001 with Treasurer Waanders asking if this is only for real property and not personal and learned that was so.
4. Waanders/Evans made motion to approve abatement which passed following roll call with Waanders noting the need to talk to our assessor about how she will handle 12 years with Trowbridge and 10 years with Allegan.
5. Public hearing closed at 8:33 PM and public meeting was opened back up.

B. Trowbridge-Cheshire Drain Update

1. The project is in a holding pattern now as City has filed an appeal as they do not want to be part of the assessment district.

C. Water Line Extension into Township (Water Service Agreement)

1. This is an agreement between the EPA, the City and Township as to how this will take place, describing what is going on the process.
2. Bender/Waanders made motion to approve which passed following roll call.

- D. Extension to Trailer Park
 - 1. Schulz noted he had received an estimate of probable cost to extend water to the trailer parks, commenting we do have money in the Capital Improvement Fund with him personally thinking it would be good and knew Trustee Connell would be in favor.
 - 2. Waanders asked if City wouldn't want people to hook up and was concerned about it being put in and it setting there for 20 years with no one hooking up.
 - 3. Bender noted we (Allegan Township) wouldn't gain anything but it is a benefit for the City and residents with Schulz noting City gets \$900.00 for each hook-up.
 - 4. Schulz would like to see us approve the engineering and construction tonight and then talk to the owner of the mobile home park.
 - 5. Schulz/Bender made motion to approve both engineering and construction with motion passing following roll call with Schulz adding he will try to set up a face to face meeting with the owner.
- E. Township Clean-Up – Saturday, September 22, 2018 (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
 - 1. Waanders noted it is for disposing of old carpet, chairs, etc., as well as tires, electronics, appliances and hazardous waste.
- F. Update on 600 DeLano Street
 - 1. Schulz deferred to Evans who noted she had since talked with owner Mike Kiella who had water actually coming into his garage as a result of previous week's bad rain and he is trying to be patient with Road Commission.
- G. Update on 36th Street
 - 1. Chris and Stacey Willis were present and noted the man has been out at midnight with his 4-wheeler in the road and it is basically the "same thing" for two years now with police taking two hours to get there.
 - 2. It was learned although Kitty Haas is \$22,000 in arrears on land contract, when she appeared in court 10 days ago, she was given an additional three months to get it paid.
 - 3. Schulz notes he can write more blight tickets and if they are in contempt of court in negligence of paying, the court will deal with that.
 - 4. Schulz also suggested about having City police respond to calls and learned from Waanders, at night 911 calls immediately go to County dispatch.

VII. New Business

- A. Aerial Imagery Contract
 - 1. Allegan County contracted with Pictometry to collect new aerial imagery and we have opportunity to purchase Allegan Township's portion.
 - 2. Evans/Bender made motion to pay, by lump sum, the cost of \$2775 which passed with an aye vote.

- B. Local Construction Project Timelines
 - 1. Schulz noted Allegan County Road Commission has new timelines for submitting work to be done as they are trying to do all engineering in house which will mean township board needs to adjust their thoughts when working on road budget in February.
- C. Crack Sealing on Cherry Lane and 26th Street from 122nd Avenue North to Township Line
 - 1. These were suggested by Larry Brown of Road Commission to still be done this fall with Cherry Lane's approximate cost about \$1,300 while 26th Street would be about \$7,500.00.
 - 2. Waanders/Evans made motion to approve which passed.
- D. State Revenue (May and June 2018 - \$63,954.00) (May and June 2017 – \$61,146.00)
- E. Approve Resolution Adopting Township Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Procedures and Guidelines
 - 1. Evans explained in light of state-wide FOIA request to all clerks for copies of November 2016 ballots, absentee voter envelopes, provisional ballots, etc., it was necessary for updating of our procedures and guidelines; also learning they are to be posted on township's website.
 - 2. Evans was appointed FOIA co-ordinator by board in February 1997 and a fee schedule was approved in 2002.
 - 3. Bender/Evans made motion to approve which passed following roll call.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
 - 1. Waanders/Bender made motion to pay \$11,278.53 in bills which passed following roll call.
- B. Road Fund
 - 1. The bill is for dust-layer with Waanders/Evans making motion to pay \$7,251.53 which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Evans made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 9:10 PM.