

Allegan Township Board Meeting
September 5, 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, Treasurer Jane Waanders and Trustee Mike Bender were present.

- III. Approve Minutes of August 7, 2017 Regular Meeting
 - A. Connell/Bender made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
 - 1. A report was not available.
 - B. Fritz Spreitzer, Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Was not present with appeals member Ted Heckman noting there was no business for their regular meeting but did have a special meeting for a variance request which was denied.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. There were two requests for rezoning at a special meeting which were both approved as well as amendments for zoning ordinance 300.904.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3rd District
 - 1. Supervisor Schulz asked him to explain about the issue with the health department's inability to make inspections for sewer and well permits and learned there are approximately 377 permits a month and there has been as many as 149 behind as there has not been enough sanitarians to do the job who also do their own paperwork.
 - 2. There had been a meeting at which there was a full room of realtors, building contractors, Township officials and others who explained how they felt and the need for more help in the department.
 - 3. Audience member Laree Waanders noted Allegan County has always had the lowest amount for application/inspection fees with Schulz asking if they have somebody within to do and process the paper work with Treasurer Waanders questioning if they are down on staff with Thiele not being sure about that.
 - 4. After Thiele left there was further discussion regarding the topic.
 - E. Bob Kaarlie, Road Commissioner
 - 1. Was not present however Trustee Connell commented both 114th Avenue and 30th Street are quite accurate in the striping that was done.
 - F. Other Reports
 - 1. *Fire District* – Nick Brink

- a. It has been a slow month but had a lot of training; received an \$180,000 grant toward air pack replacement; held their first pancake breakfast raising \$1,000 in donations; will share time at fair with other fire department units with Pine Grove only one so far to offer their time as there are four track events.

V. Public Comment

- A. There was none.

VI. Old Business

A. Update on Chromium Contamination

1. A meeting was held with DEQ, EPA, both City and Township of Allegan, Michigan Department of Health and Allegan County Health Department to go over the situation with DEQ unaware of the drain pipe behind Allegan Metal Finishing Company that runs to the Kalamazoo River.
2. The group will meet again in several weeks after they further monitor the wells in that area.
3. The cost of running water out there would be close to \$600,000.
4. It was noted a tank was offered to the home that is on Jeffrey Drive but it needs to be cleaned.

VII. New Business

A. Adopt Uniform Fire Code for Allegan Township

1. Brink noted he had made some recommendations to a business on M-89 but does not have the authority to make businesses in township follow recommendations offered; this is to provide safety and security and give authority to Fire Department to enforce things such as recommendations, fire lanes and making fire inspections.
2. This new fire code is from 2015 with the last from 2001 that had been adopted.
3. The City of Allegan adopted this code several months ago.
4. Connell asked about side setbacks and learned for access by the fire department there needs to be 15 feet while a safety lane needs to be at least 20 feet with Brink noting the businesses in the township might be all right with 15 feet.
5. Evans/Connell made motion to adopt the 2015 code which passed with an aye vote.

B. Rezoning of Parcel #03-01-670-001-00 from R-2 to C-2

1. This property is across from Goodwill and even though Dollar General will not be located there as the variance did not pass, the owner of the property still wants to move forward with rezoning as it is along the state highway.
2. Benders/Waanders made motion to approve rezoning which passed with roll call.

- C. Conditional Rezoning of Part of Parcel 03-01-034-038-00 (Land Division Completed)
 - 1. This is located just before the curve on Bridge Road with the owner's son wanting to put in self-storage which is only allowed in Industrial.
 - 2. Planning Commission doesn't want to see actual industrial use in an R-2 area so this would be a conditional rezoning to Industrial for only self-storage and only on 5 acres that has been split out of total 19 acres.
 - 3. Connell wanted to make it clear it is conditional Industrial with self-storage and mini-warehouse making such a motion to approve with Evans making support which passed following roll call.
- D. Resolution to Opt Out of Having Any Marihuana Facilities in Allegan Township
 - 1. Lawyer suggested we should have a resolution on file with such intent of opting out.
 - 2. Connell/Evans made motion to approve which passed following roll call.
- E. Approve Amendments to Zoning Ordinance
 - 1. A few things were found regarding required setbacks in various ordinance sections and following Chief Brink's explanation of fire truck side yard setback, Connell noted perhaps we need to make the required side yard be 20 feet rather than the suggested 15 feet.
 - 2. Also it was noted the need to amend the Township Mining Contractors Licensing Ordinance regarding fees and licensing.
 - 3. Waanders/Connell made motion to approve amendments which passed following roll call.
- F. State Revenue for May – June – (2017 - \$61,146.00) (2016 - \$58,245.00)
 - 1. It is noted the economy is moving along well with state revenue based on sales tax.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
 - 1. \$6,705.51 were presented in bills with Schulz pointing out three of them were for the new Construction Board of Appeals which dealt with two condemnations and will probably visit several more.
 - 2. Connell/Bender made motion to approve which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Other Items of Concern

- A. Connell spoke about his biking to raise monies for Wings of Hope Hospice and he is at 347 miles of his projected 500 for the summer.

XI. Adjourn

- A. Connell/Waanders made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:48 PM.

