

Allegan Township Board Meeting
December 3, 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, Trustee Jim Connell and Trustee Mike Bender were present.

- III. Approve Minutes of November 5, 2018 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. In October nine permits were pulled, five for new homes which is the most since 2006; the fees totaled \$7,028.00 which included one for O'Reilly Auto Parts.
 2. Only three permits were pulled in November, one for a new home with fees totaling \$980.00.
 3. Trustee Connell questioned how many new home permits have been pulled in 2018 and learned that information would be available in January.
 - B. Fritz Spreitzer, Board of Appeals Chair
 1. Was not present but member Ted Heckman noted a front yard variance will be looked at next week.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 1. They were to have a public hearing but couldn't answer several questions and tabled it; as well as getting confirmation from four planning commission members to be re-appointed.
 2. Supervisor Schulz commented there will be a public hearing also for a 93 acre development behind Sherman Street to put in a road and resume the tabled public hearing; as well as a gentleman coming in who is running a scrap business.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3rd District
 1. The county-owned Rock-Tenn business in Otsego will have the asbestos issue cleaned up and paid for by the EPA.
 - a. There are one or two developers who are interested in the property.
 2. The 2019 budget is \$34,000,000 to spend which is tax dollars while another \$60,000,000 is from governmental contracts.

- E. Other Reports
 - 1. There were none.

- V. Public Comment
 - A. Raylene Prymula – 2322 33rd Street
 - 1. She questioned why she is being charged \$72.00 for recycle and upon questioning from Treasurer Waanders learned it is because there is both a home and a trailer and upon learning the trailer was vacant, Prymula was encouraged to come in and see the assessor and get it corrected.

- VI. Old Business
 - A. Water Extension Project is Finished
 - 1. It is completed ahead of schedule down both 29th Street and Jeffrey Drive with a lot of trees removed, borings done under highway and the wells either have or will be plugged.
 - 2. The EPA paid for entire project with township paying for engineering.
 - 3. Heckman asked about extension out M-89 and learned township would have to pay for both engineering and extension with mobile home parks owner Kevin Kammeraad getting an estimate from his engineer as to his cost for the project.
 - 4. Audience member Cheryl Meade asked why would township have to pay and learned it is because the water in the trailer parks have not been considered contaminated but to bring water into the parks would be a precaution for those residents.
 - B. Update on 36th Street Blight
 - 1. Schulz reported the 90 days are up and Hasse has declined to pay and is gone with the landlord sending in a crew from Indiana to begin clean-up but a younger man who lives in the home and his friend stopped them as well as learning from the Allegan County Sheriff's Department that there would still need to be authorization from the court.
 - 2. Township will probably end up cleaning it up and putting bill on taxes with Connell asking if we have received the court order yet and learned we had not but Schulz commenting "I think we will see the end of it shortly."
 - C. Approval of Fence Bid for Cemetery
 - 1. Township had received three bids:
 - a. All Size Fencing - \$9.65 per ft. – 2 rail fence
 - b. Richland Fence Company - \$10.00 per ft. – 2 rail fence
 - c. T. Smith Construction - \$11.92 per ft. – 2 rail fence
 - 2. Treasurer Waanders asked if this is for along the west, south, east side of cemetery and back to 118th Avenue and learned it would not be done along 118th Avenue.
 - 3. Connell/Evans made motion to approve the All Size Fencing bid for \$9.65 per ft. which passed with an aye vote.

VII. New Business

A. Life Ambulance Contract Renewal

1. John Pinkster from Life Ambulance was present and talked about the renewal and it will include a 2.5% annual subsidy increase and contract would run from November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2020.
2. Audience member Meade noted she like their service and "it was very, very nice."
3. He also talked about changing ambulance engines from diesel to V10s for a savings of fuel, etc...
4. Waanders/Evans made motion to renew contract which passed with an aye vote.

B. Approve 2019 Meeting Schedule

1. Clerk Evans noted it is the same with all township board meetings on Monday with exception of Labor Day in September moving meeting to the next day (Tuesday).
2. Heckman questioned about Planning Commission meeting on Monday of the Fair Parade with Evans responding the fair periodically changes the day of the parade.
3. Connell/Bender made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.

C. Planning Commission Reappointment (Buese, Ruitter, Behm and Kruithoff)

1. Clerk Evans explained Planning Commission members are appointed for a three year term and can be re-appointed with all four stating they would like to be re-appointed.
2. Connell/Bender made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.

D. Discussion Regarding Leaf Pick-Up

1. Schulz noted it has been pretty successful with two companies picking up leaves.
2. Two years ago we charged \$20.00 per pick-up but last year and this it has been free but now that recycling monies are depleted, it had been decided to charge \$40.00 for third and fourth pick-ups but on the website it showed as free.
3. As a result, it has been decided to go ahead and keep it free with it noted we are collecting \$36.00 on tax bills now per proposal passed in August but will have to wait and see if there will be enough money next year to keep it free leaf pickup.
4. Connell felt if we advertised it as free than it should be and he questioned if we pay for leaf pick-up out of recycling and learned we do and he is glad to see that it cuts down on smoke from burning leaves.
5. Waanders noted if we do decide to charge, we will show it on the website.

E. Approve 2019 Proposed Fire Budget

1. City of Allegan and Allegan Township make up the district with 30% of the budget based on population; 40% on taxable value; and 30% on runs (with it being the number of man hours than actual runs this year).

2. Township portion is \$198,744.00 and City \$193,256.00 with the township portion getting bigger with Schulz commenting the fire business is getting more expensive as there is talk about a different truck they are saving up to purchase that would not be new; costly training and turn-out gear that adds to the expenses.
3. There was more revenue this past year as several older vehicles were sold that had been owned by the City's department and they gave the money to the fire district; as well as recovering about 10% from insurance monies.
4. It was learned the department participates in mutual aid and a lot of runs are out to Trowbridge Township.
5. Evans questioned as that being why projected salary is \$105,000.00 for fire fighters pay and learned it was, in part.
6. Connell pointed out the budget is \$40,525.00 less than last year.
7. Connell/Bender made motion to approve which passed following roll call.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$7,466.05 in bills were presented for payment with Connell questioning what GBS was and learned it stands for Governmental Business Systems and that company programmed the cards for the past November General Election.
2. Waanders/Connell made motion to approve which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

A. There was none.

X. Other Items of Interest or Concern

- A. Trustee Bender noted Neil and Marilyn Wilson of 2520 Harold Drive were in the audience and they had received correspondence in the mail regarding a fence and they questioned whether it needed to be removed.
1. Schulz pointed out according to the fence ordinance it needed to enhance the neighborhood and it did not meet that criteria and felt it would be nicer if it were taller and seen better with the good side facing the neighbor.
 2. It was learned it was put up to stop golf carts from going across the property line.
 3. Bender commented he had spoken with two neighbors who thought it was fine with Schulz stating he had a call regarding it and if someone calls, he, as the ordinance enforcer, has to check on it and found it did not abide by the ordinance.

4. Schulz suggested township board go out and take a look at it and make a determination regarding it with Evans noting she would like a copy of the ordinance to go over it.

XI. Adjourn

- A. Meeting closed at 8:37 PM by a motion from Waanders/Evans.