

Allegan Township Board Meeting
February 3, 2020
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 January 6, 2020 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. Clerk Evans noted there were two building permits issued in January, with no new homes with fees totaling \$364.00.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Board of Appeals
 - 1. Meeting this next Monday to swear in re-appointed members and one new one as well as elect officers for year and approve minutes.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. Re-appointed member was sworn in, officers elected and heard a request for rezoning of property from R-2 to C-1 which was denied.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner
 - 1. A new fee schedule has been proposed for food licenses, etc., with non-profits to expect up to 40% increase in food service fees and all others with no changes.
 - E. Other Reports
 - 1. *Fire District Report* – with Supervisor Schulz commenting October showed 26 incidents compared to 23 in 2018 and November showing 31 compared to 15 in 2018 which is a 50% increase.
 - a. Insurance billing by fire department shows an approximate 41% return.
 - 2. *M-40/M-89 Corridor Meeting* – with Evans noting a report was given concerning how PASER ratings for local roads are considered using two entities (West Michigan Regional Planning Commission and Allegan County Road Commission) to determine the number rating from poor to excellent.

- V. Public Comment
 - A. There was none.

VI. Old Business

- A. Consider Recommendation by Planning Commission Not to Rezone Parcel 03-01-020-013-00 from R2 Low Density Residential to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial
1. Schulz explained meeting held before Planning Commission in January resulted in a vote of five to deny rezoning, one to approve rezoning and one to abstain.
 1. Schulz also commented it was to come now to Township Board for their final say with public having opportunity to comment.
 3. Frank Murphy – 3314 Westview Court – feels that as all are neighbors and friends with a number of homes built past few years and it would be an injustice to now rezone this R2 area to a C1 given the surrounding of R2 zoning.
 4. Tom Hardin – 3298 Westview Court – questioned if board were aware of recent letter from Wiedenaars, which all board members had received, and asked if there were anything incorrect about it with Schulz noting the comment about spot-zoning was not correct. Edward Jones property was rezoned to C-2 as most anything on a state highway would be considered commercial.
 5. Ron Stark – 1653 Fairview – built there to retire as area was quiet and doesn't believe that pole buildings would be a good asset.
 6. Jude Hardin – 3298 Westview Court – noted there were so many unusual trees in the area.
 7. Pat Miner – 3673 Emma Lane - from Valley Township, made a few comments in support of the residents.
 - a. Schulz informed the group that the development on the north side of Miner Lake has storage units at the very entrance.
 8. Mark Chambers – 3360 Autumn Trail – if he had known that property would be rezoned for pole buildings he never would have bought last July and felt disclosure up front would have been nice.
 9. Kirk Sternberg - 1664 Fairview Drive – it's more than the visual aspect, but it would be an ongoing business with increased noise in the neighborhood.
 10. Carolyn Murphy – 3314 Westview Court – it's a beautiful neighborhood.
 11. Allen Lynema – 3390 Autumn Trail – would haven't bought there either.
 12. Schulz asked Fred Neils, representing St. Johns Lutheran Church, his opinion and learned the congregation was not in favor of it.
 13. Tom Hardin – 3298 Westview Court – commented the month after the last lot on Autumn Trail sold, Partnership Development filed for rezoning.
 14. Schulz closed public comment and asked for any comment from the township board and as there were none he asked for motion to “consider recommendation by Planning Commission not to rezone parcel 03-01-020-013-00 from R2 Low Density Residential to C-1 Neighborhood Commercial.”

- a. Waanders/Bender made motion to accept to deny rezoning and following roll call, the vote was four to deny and one to accept by Trustee Connell who noted he was voting the same as he did on the Planning Commission and had hoped for the opportunity for conditional rezoning.

VII. New Business

- A. Set Budget Hearing for March 2, 2020 at 7:45 PM.
 1. Connell/Waanders made motion to set budget hearing which passed with an aye vote.
- B. Approve Budget Amendments for 4th Quarter
 1. Evans explained there are several categories that are over-budget and need to be approved to amend, taking monies from fund balance/contingency.
 2. Waanders noted this is done per auditor's request.
 3. Waanders/Connell made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- C. Peanut Butter Drive (Allegan Township Collection Center)
 1. Schulz commented there are 16 different entities that will distribute the peanut butter once collection is done on February 29th.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
 1. \$6,482.70 was submitted for payment with motion by Waanders/Bender to pay which passed following roll call.
 2. Waanders also noted the entire month's bills are stapled to the back of the meeting minutes with Evans noting January's is available in the lobby.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Connell made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:22 PM.