

Allegan Township Board Meeting
August 2, 2021
7:30 PM

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

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

- III. Approve Minutes of July 6, 2021 Meeting
 - A. Waanders/Bender made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspections (PCI)- Building Inspectors
 - 1. There were six permits pulled in June, with two for new homes. Fees totaled \$3,628.00.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission – Chair
 - 1. There was a regular meeting last month.
 - 2. There was discussion about access to Jewitt cemetery being blocked by a neighbor, but it is being taken care of.
 - 3. They met with the new owners of the Allegan Motel, which is going to become an adult foster care facility for up to six people. Restrictions and guidelines were discussed.
 - 4. There was discussion in regards to the Well Head Ordinance, which is being referred to the township, and will be discussed again at the September 13 meeting.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Zoning Board of Appeals
 - 1. Board of Appeals meeting is next week. There is nothing on the agenda.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner
 - 1. Major topic of discussion at the county has been the ARPA funds.
 - 2. Many ideas have been discussed for how to use the money (broadband, revolving funding to the health department, mental health building, business development), but the board is stalled in making a decision.
 - 3. Thiele asked if there have been any questions or comments since the ORV ordinance passed. There have been complaints that some of the restrictions are a nuisance, and some issues between horse riders and ORV riders on county park roads.
 - E. Maria Robertson (Ely Manor)
 - 1. Not present
 - F. Linda Teeter (Allegan County Legal Assistance Center)
 - 1. An invitation was shared to attend the 9th Anniversary Celebration on September 2, 2021 from noon – 1:00 PM. Teeter expressed appreciation for the township’s support and mentioned that the number of clients continues to grow.

- V. Public Comment

- A. Tom Hardin asked about the ad he saw in the paper saying that there is going to be a tax increase. The board explained that it was going to be discussed in a public hearing about Truth in Taxation in just a few moments.

VI. Old Business

- A. Update on the Federal American Rescue Plan Act Dollars.
 - 1. The deadline was July 27th to either request or decline. Allegan Township requested it, and could potentially receive \$465,000. This is based on the population.
- B. Update on New Generator
 - 1. It should be installed this month, and ready by the end of August. This is needed not only for the hall, but for the Fire Department and the Allegan County Medical Care Facility.

VII. New Business

- A. Truth in Taxation
 - 1. The regular meeting was closed and the public meeting was opened.
 - 2. Waanders gave explanation of what Truth in Taxation is and how it relates to Headlee. The township has to do this to slow the loss of the millage it receives. Taxes will only go up based on the 2020 rate of inflation.
 - 3. Waanders/Connell made motion to approve, which passed unanimously following roll call. The regular meeting was reopened.
- B. Allegan County Community Mental Health (Mark Witte)
 - 1. Executive Director Mark Witte has been with ACCMH for five years. He has consolidated services and is forward looking. He wants to get all services under one roof.
 - 2. ACCMH is requesting that Allegan County and every township to contribute money (10%) from ARPA. They are under a purchase agreement for the old Shopko building, but due to rising costs the cost to purchase and remodel is \$1.5 million higher than originally quoted.
 - 3. The township board said they will give this consideration.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
 - 1. \$2,065.90 was presented for payment.
 - 2. Connell/Waanders made motion to approve all bills, which passed following aye vote.

IX. Correspondence

- A. None
- B. Connell announced that he has biked 143 miles of his 500 mile goal to benefit the Wings Home (end of life care facility). The home never sends a bill to families, and is run solely through donations and volunteers. The cost of \$155 per day for care for one person, and the home can house four people at a time. Donations can be made at www.wingshome.org.

X. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Bender made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:52 PM.