

Allegan Township Board Meeting

October 4, 2021

7:30 PM

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

- II. Roll Call
 - A. Trustee Mike Bender, Trustee Jim Connell, Treasurer Jane Waanders, and Clerk Brande Gillies were present. The meeting was lead by Connell, as Supervisor Steve Schulz was absent.

- III. Approve Minutes of September 7, 2021 Meeting
 - A. Bender/Waanders made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspections (PCI)- Building Inspectors
 - 1. There was nothing to report because reports had not yet been received from PCI.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission – Chair
 - 1. They met for their regular meeting on September 13, 2021. They discussed the Wellhead Protection Ordinance and passed it on for approval from the Township Board.
 - 2. There was discussion regarding private roads and making them more compatible.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Zoning Board of Appeals
 - 1. The next meeting is October 11 at 7:30 PM. There is no business on the agenda.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner
 - 1. As of September 30, 2021, the mask mandate was rescinded by the Allegan County Health Department. There became a risk of losing funding due to legislation in the new State Budget. The only way that there would not have been a risk of losing funding was for the County Commissioners to approve the mandate, which did not happen.
 - 2. The county's budget went up 14.3% (approximately \$5 million). This is the largest increase in over 20 years.
 - 3. As of January 1, 2023, the number of county commissioners will be decreased from seven to five. Connell asked if this was due to population change. Thiele said this was the only way to prevent having to fracture township boundaries.

- V. Public Comment
 - A. Jim Billman expressed concern about the newly redone 123rd and 125th. Recent rain is washing the gravel out around the curve and on the side of the road. Connell said it needs to be brought to the attention of the road commission so that they can fix it.
 - B. Jim Billman asked about the public hearings regarding asphalt for Snow Farm Lane. The hearings were cancelled due to the petitions being done incorrectly.

VI. Old Business

A. Approved Wellhead Protection Ordinance and Overlay Map

1. Connell reviewed the maps and the ordinance for those present. Waanders noted that this is not just protecting the city of Allegan, but all those who live near the aquifers.
2. Waanders/Bender made motion to approve as presented by the Planning Commission. It passed unanimously following roll call.

VII. New Business

A. Last Clean Up Day is Saturday, October 16

1. This will be big dumpsters only, no electronics or hazardous waste.

B. Approved "Authorization for Change in Standard Lighting Contract" and "Resolution" with Consumers Energy

1. This is to re-instate billing for lighting districts that somehow was dropped from Consumers Energy billing.
2. Bender/Connell made motion for Waanders and Gillies to sign and submit, which passed unanimously following roll call.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$2,539.00 was presented for payment.

B. Miner Lake Fund

1. \$2,250.00 was presented for payment.
2. Connell/Waanders made motion to approve all bills which passed unanimously following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

A. None

X. Announcements

- A. Raffle tickets for the Wings Home are now for sale for \$50 each. The winner will get to choose between three items (a 3 night getaway to Sonoma, California; a John Deere Zero-Turn Lawnmower; a 4 night getaway to the Smoky Mountains). Tickets can be purchased at: Wings of Hope, 551 Linn St in Allegan; over the phone at 269-686-8659; or visit www.wingsofhopehospice.com, click donate and mention Winner's Choice Raffle as your reason for donating.

XI. Adjourn

- A. Connell/Waanders made motion to adjourn which passed following an aye vote. The meeting closed at 8:32 PM.