

**Allegan Township Board Meeting**

**April 4, 2022**

**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 March 7, 2022 Meeting
  - A. Connell/Bender made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.
  
- IV. Reports
  - A. Professional Code Inspections (PCI)- Building Inspectors
    1. There was no report for this meeting.
  - B. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission – Chair
    1. There was no new business at the last meeting.
  - C. Ted Heckman, Zoning Board of Appeals
    1. The next regular meeting is April 11.
  - D. Fire District
    1. Chief Brink’s report shows a significant increase in monthly incidents.
  - E. Max Thiele, County Commissioner
    1. Gave an update on things happening within the county:
      - The ramp is being rebuilt at Gun Lake park, with trust money received to redo the boat launch.
      - Rock 10 has tentatively sold.
      - There is a scholarship available for students who will pursue a career in local government, but there are no details on how much money or how many recipients.
      - There is a broadband meeting on Thursday, April 7 in the communication room at the county building.
      - A topographical survey of West Side park is being done.
      - There are many jobs available at the county, which are listed on the website.
      - There was a county survey done three years ago. The county is going to revisit the results of this and what has been accomplished, and then send out a new survey through the mail.
  
- V. Public Comment
  - A. None.

VI. Old Business

A. 2022-23 Budget

1. Waanders gave a break down for each fund. The budget is available in the lobby for anyone who wants a copy.
2. Bender/Waanders made motion to approve the budget, which passed unanimously following roll call.
3. Waanders/Connell made motion to approve the transfers for budget adjustments from last years budget, which passed unanimously following roll call.

B. School Resource Officer Agreement

1. There is a cost break-down and written agreement. The officers will need training and are to begin with the school year in the fall.
2. Waanders/Bender made motion to approve, which passed following an aye vote.

VII. New Business

A. Township Sewer

1. This is a utility agreement with the city of Allegan. Over the last year, the city has made updates to ordinances for both water and sewer. City Council adopted new water and sewer ordinances and clarified the enforcement of connection.
2. If the township adopts the ordinances, the city can enforce this requirement. Schulz asked if there is a state statute requiring hook-up if within 200 feet.
3. The health department is starting to contact the city with permit requests if residence is close to the city.
4. Connell asked if EGLE received and approved the city ordinances, and if they approved the township's. The response was that EGLE does not need to be involved since the city is providing the services.
5. Those required to hook-up would have 24 months to get connected. The city will enforce this, not the township. Connell stated that an enforcement plan should be in the contract so that everything is clear. He also asked how it will be enforced and what is the penalty. The city said those who don't comply will have a court order to connect, and the city will proceed with the connection.
6. Bender asked what happens if someone can't pay for this. It would be financed through taxes over time, like a special assessment.

B. Appoint Election Inspectors for May 3, 2022 Election

1. Waanders/Schulz made motion to appoint, which passed following an aye vote.

C. Approve New Recycling Surcharge to go on August ballot

1. The charge will go from \$36 to \$50, and will be on the ballot to ask if residents want it or not. If it is a majority no vote, the township would have to drop it back to \$25 and drop some of the offered services. Connell asked if we could ask for \$40 instead of the \$50. Waanders said that we cannot. It is a county program and the township cannot decide it's own fee.
2. Connell/Schulz made motion to approve putting the \$50 surcharge on the ballot in August, which passed following an aye vote.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$5,837.31 was presented for payment.

B. Miner Lake Fund

1. \$3,150.00 was presented for payment.
2. Waanders/Connell made motion to approve all bills, which passed unanimously following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. Waanders made mention of the township's first clean-up day on April 16. The second one will be May 21.

X. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Connell made motion to adjourn which passed following an aye vote. The meeting closed at 9:10 PM.