

Allegan Township Board Meeting
June 6, 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, and Clerk Brande Gillies were present. Treasurer Jane Waanders was absent.

- III. Approve Minutes of May 2, 2022, May 5, 2022, and May 19, 2022 Meetings
 - A. Connell/Bender made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspections (PCI)- Building Inspectors
 - 1. There were seven permits pulled in March, with four of those for new homes (two of those are duplexes). Fees totaled \$5,270.00.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission – Chair
 - 1. At the May meeting, they discussed rezoning Parcel #03-01-025-010-00 from Ag to R-2 and decided to recommend this to the township board.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Zoning Board of Appeals
 - 1. Next meeting is June 13, 2022 and there is no new business on the agenda.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner
 - 1. The current law enforcement contract that allows vehicles to be leased by the municipalities is no longer in effect. Vehicles will now be purchased and owned by the county, which will increase the cost for the municipalities. MMMRA said it needs to be done this way due to liability insurance.
 - 2. The county has agreed to let Wishbone tear down the old animal shelter and build a modular building in its place. This will allow Wishbone to increase the services offered.
 - E. Bob Genetski, County Clerk
 - 1. The Annual Report for 2021 from the Allegan County Clerk and Register of Deeds has been released. The Clerk’s Office, Circuit Court Records, and Register of Deeds were open for all of 2021, despite Covid. This report is available online.
 - 2. Circuit Court records are now available online, instead of having to go to the courthouse to request them.
 - 3. Allegan County Veteran ID Cards are now available for free for all veterans and allow access to veteran benefits.
 - 4. It is going to be a busy election season (August and November), and there will be several training opportunities. Township boards should be saving and budgeting for new tabulators. One tabulator costs between \$3,100 and \$3,400 and lasts approximately ten years. The township’s tabulator’s are currently five years old.
 - 5. Clerk Genetski handed out an article regarding the seats in the state house and senate.
 - 6. Connell asked about the census numbers, and stated that the numbers don’t appear to be accurate, especially when comparing the township and the city. Genetski said he will

look into who to ask in regards to this.

F. Sam Martin, Miner Lake Improvement Board

1. The treatment of plants in 2021 was very successful and resulted in a significant decrease in invasive plants. Due to the success of this treatment, the expense to treat this year will be much lower. There will be a plant survey on June 15 to check for growth of these plants.
2. Schulz asked if it will be safe to swim. Martin said there will be no contact the day of treatment, but after that it is safe to swim. However, ornamental plants should be delayed until given the all clear.
3. Connell asked if there has been any talk regarding a wash station at the boat launch to minimize invasive species. Martin said that there has not been, but it is a good idea worth mentioning to the board.

V. Public Comment

- A. None

VI. Old Business

A. Swear in New Clerk

1. Michelle Waite was sworn in as the new clerk by current clerk Brande Gillies, effective June 8, 2022.

B. Proposal from Fleis and VandenBrink to Move Forward with the Application for a USDA Loan/Grant for Sewer on Minter Lake

1. Jeff Wingard reported that the next step for the Miner Lake project is the funding application. The meeting on May 28 had a very positive response. Once the application is complete, the township will receive an offer letter from the USDA with details of the offer (i.e. what the rate will be for users). This will take six to eight months from start to finish. The paperwork will be submitted soon in hopes of having an offer letter by the beginning of 2023.
2. Connell asked if the township can get a monthly progress report. Wingard said that is possible, and that Fleis and VandenBrink will be communicating often with the township regarding this. Connell also stated that an answer is needed from USDA before residents can make a final decision about this project.
3. Tom Slocum asked if they have done sewer sites before. Wingard stated that they do approximately ten per year, and have done hundreds over the years. Wingard also noted that there were 65 in attendance at the May 28 meeting, and it ended with all aye votes.
4. Sam Martin asked what is needed from the Lake Association. A final, solid number for the district is needed for this project. He said that the association will stay in touch with the township as the next phase begins.
5. Connell/Bender made motion to authorize the next phase, which passed following an aye vote.

C. Approval of Planning Commission to Rezone from Agriculture to R-2 Low Density Residential, Parcel #03-01-025-010-00

1. The Planning Commission made the recommendation to rezone at the last meeting. There are two parcels involved, and it is a boundary line adjustment.
2. Bender/Schulz made motion to approve, which passed with all aye votes.

D. Snow Farm Lane Update

1. Asphalt has been done. Not everyone is happy with the job that was done. That is up to Chris Moran to handle, not the township board. The township payed 50% down, but Wyoming Asphalt needs to fix the issues before the rest of the payment will be made.

VII. New Business

A. Wellhead Protection Meeting for June 9, 2022, 1-2pm at Allegan City Hall

1. This will be the first quarter meeting. Schulz will attend in Connell's place. This is open to the public.

B. Approve \$7,500 Contribution for July 3, 2022 Fireworks

1. Although coordinated by the city, this event is attended by both city and township residents. The costs for fireworks, and shipping, are increasing.
2. Connell/Schulz made motion to approve, which passed with all aye votes.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$14,184.86 was presented for payment.
2. Connell/Bender made motion to approve, which passed unanimously following roll call.

B. Miner Lake Fund

1. \$1,670.40 was presented for payment.
2. Connell/Schulz made motion to approve, which passed unanimously following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

A. None.

X. Adjourn

- A. Connell/Schulz made motion to adjourn which passed following an aye vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.