

Allegan Township Board Meeting

March 7, 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 February 7, 2022, February 22, 2022 and February 28, 2022 Meetings
 - A. Bender/Connell made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspections (PCI)- Building Inspectors
 - 1. There were three permits pulled in February, with one for a new home. Fees totaled \$2,047.00.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission – Chair
 - 1. The next regular meeting is Monday, March 14.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Zoning Board of Appeals
 - 1. Met for their regular meeting last month and approved a variance.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner
 - 1. The county has received several contacts about solar power projects through Consumers, and possibly using vacant land for solar power farms. There is an upcoming ACCTV meeting on March 22 at Allegan Township Hall that will hold discussion on this.
 - E. Fire District
 - 1. Report postponed for another meeting.
 - F. Mel Brummel, Mountain Bike Trail
 - 1. The current trail is in the city of Allegan and is three and a half miles long with one bridge.
 - 2. They are planning to extend the trail behind High Point apartments, running east from M89 to 113th Ave. This would include the building of a 65' long bridge. There is a grant-writer helping to find grants, a professional biker who is helping to design the trail, and a local contractor who is willing to use his equipment to build the trail at just above cost to give back to his community.
 - 3. Brummel needs the names and addresses of the land-owners in order to seek their permission. They will be able to write it off and get insurance coverage through the State.

V. Public Comment

- A. Laree Waanders asked where the township is going to use their ARPA funds. The board hasn't made a decision yet, but is considering: a Miner Lake Sewer Project, an extension of the water line on M89 for the mobile home park, road work, or to help repay the Fire District for Covid-related costs (splitting this with the City).

VI. Old Business

- A. Public Hearing for Snow Farm Lane (SAD) Review of the Tax Roll
1. The meeting was closed and the public hearing was opened. Schulz read out loud the Preamble written by the township attorney.
 2. Connell responded to Mr. Bonneau's letter. The letter stated that the by-laws had to be amended, but the township's lawyer disagreed. Connell also stated that he does not feel figuring out the amount owed per lineal foot of road frontage is wise. The opposing parties need to communicate and figure things out. It is a private road and the township is simply fronting the money and needs to be paid back.
 3. George Bush wants an association meeting to discuss this.
 4. The public hearing was closed and the regular meeting reopened. The resolution passed unanimously following roll call. Connell wanted it noted that he voted yes because our attorney said that the township can do this.
- B. Approve Resolution for More Roads Added for ORV Travel to Access City
1. Many primary roadways are shut off to ORV's. The city is interested, but there aren't currently many paths into it right now. Josh Driscoll was there to answer questions, as Scott Beltman was out of town. He stated that if the resolution was approved, it would then be taken to the road commission.
 2. Waanders/Connell made motion to approve the resolution, which passed unanimously following roll call.
- C. Public Hearing for 2022-23 Budget
1. The regular meeting was closed and the public hearing opened.
 2. Approval of the budget will happen at the April 4, 2022 meeting. Supervisor Schulz read through the minutes from the February budget meetings to review what had been discussed and changed.
 3. The public hearing was closed and the regular meeting reopened.

VII. New Business

- A. Approve New Cemetery Costs for Sexton
1. Connell/Waanders made the motion to approve, which passed unanimously following roll call.
- B. County Broadband Meeting on the 22nd at Allegan Township Hall at 7:00 PM
1. A Consumers representative will be attending. This will be an ACCTV presentation.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
1. \$30,656.45 was presented for payment.

2. Waanders/Connell made motion to approve all bills, which passed unanimously following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. Waanders wanted to make mention that Snow Farm Lane SAD can be paid off at any time by the residents.
- B. Connell announced that the Wings of Hope online auction will begin Thursday, April 19.
- C. Chris Moran asked if he needed to contact Wyoming Asphalt, regarding the paving of Snow Farm Lane. Schulz said for him to call them, but that he would as well.

X. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Connell made motion to adjourn which passed following an aye vote. The meeting closed at 9:00 PM.