

**Allegan Township Board Meeting**  
**April 6, 2020**  
**7:30 PM**

**Note:** Because of COVID-19, this regular meeting was held under advisement by the township attorney to only approve the budget and payment of bills as the State of Michigan has given orders to not hold open meetings but closed meetings. However, per the Open Meetings Act we are to be available to the public and their interest and comment, thus the abbreviated meeting as it was necessary to approve the budget to be able to pay bills.

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Pledge and Invocation
  
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Supervisor Steve Schulz, Clerk Linda Evans, Treasurer Jane Waanders, Trustee Mike Bender and Trustee Jim Connell were present.
  
- III. Old Business
  - A. Approve 2020-2021 Budget
    1. Supervisor Schulz deferred to treasurer and clerk with Clerk Evans noting to the board that some numbers were changed since the public hearing held at the March meeting:
      - a. Elections – equipment was increased from 0 dollars to \$2,600.00 as the State’s Qualified Voter File will no longer support Windows 7 which means township will have to upgrade the electronic poll books to Windows 10 in order to conduct elections.
      - b. Crossing Guards – need to increase from \$3,000 to \$5,000; and
      - c. Allegan City Police Department – needs to be increased from \$12,000 to \$32,551 to accommodate the grant for a resource officer of which both the City and Township will pay \$20,551.00.
    2. Schulz added this grant is for five years as a citizen from the community will be putting in \$100,000 for those five years.
    3. Trustee Bender questioned if City has committed yet as noted he has talked to a few people from the City who are unaware of it. Schulz explained the City Council is aware of it as they are putting in the same amount and Evans added their fiscal year does not run on the same schedule as our township.
      1. Connell/Bender made motion to approve the 2020-2021 Budget which passed following roll call.
  
- IV. Pay Bills
  - A. General Fund
    1. \$11,450.70 in bills was approved for payment with a motion from Waanders/Bender which passed following roll call.

B. Miner Lake Fund

1. \$2,250.00 was presented for the quarterly payment to Progressive AE by Connell/Waanders which passed following roll call.

V. Other Comments

- A. Trustee Connell noted his appreciation to Treasurer Waanders who takes care of the financial investment of the CDARS (Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service), pointing out interest received from this past year was enough to pay for our portion of the school resource officer.

VI. Adjourn

- A. Connell/Waanders made motion to adjourn which passed with an aye vote with meeting closing at 7:45 PM.