

Allegran Township Board Meeting
August 3, 2020
7:30 PM

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

- II. Roll Call
 - A. Supervisor Steve Schulz, Clerk Linda Evans, Treasurer Jane Waanders, Trustee Jim Connell and Trustee Mike Bender were present.

- III. Approve Minutes of July 6, 2020 Regularly Scheduled Meeting and July 16, 2020 Special Meeting
 - A. Bender/Connell made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI) – Building Inspector
 - 1. There were eight permits pulled in July with three for new homes.
 - 2. Fees totaled \$3,940.00.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. Was not here with Trustee Connell reporting last month they looked at a special use permit for an Air BnB with Schulz interjecting he has learned the owner needs to have a seal of approval from the architect as building was originally intended for storage only and trusses in building are not conventional, because the contractor made his own trusses. Architect needs to inspect the building to make sure it is safe as livable quarters.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Zoning Board of Appeals
 - 1. Supervisor Schulz noted next week’s meeting will consider a variance.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner
 - 1. ORV – was discussed at last commissioner’s meeting with Sheriff’s Department and Road Commission against it with Schulz asking if anything has changed since resolution passed in 2014 and learned it hadn’t.
 - a. Thiele noted it is up to the people who want to pursue it to go to their township to gain support.
 - b. Audience member Matthew Campbell noted he had gone to the commissioner’s meeting and has come here for support but he knows with M-89 and M-40 (state highways) they wouldn’t be able to use them.
 - c. Schulz noted there would be the need to have some staging areas.
 - d. Schulz asked Thiele about snowmobiles and learned it is a totally different law.
 - e. Trustee Connell asked if township went ahead to approve, would

it then have to be approved by the County with Thiele responding "no."

- f. Thiele noted back in 2014 it was pursued to have ORV trails regionally and learned it had come before an MTA quarterly meeting held here with Schulz commenting we still have quarterly meetings with a group made up of Allegan County's cities, townships and villages (ACCTV) and that would be a good venue.

A. Fire District

- 1. There were 43 incidents in June compared to 37 for June last year.
- 2. New fire truck was purchased and is being rigged up for its needs.

V. Public Comment

- A. There was none.

VI. Old Business

A. Safe Routes to School

- 1. Construction is being done in front of high school and 115th Avenue is almost done.
- 2. 10 to 12 foot asphalt walk-way is being done across from High School.
- 3. Trustee Jim Connell asked if completion date was going to be met with response that progress is meeting expectations.
- 4. Trustee Mike Bender questioned about side walks and learned there has to be a sidewalk on both sides of the roads for grant approval.

B. Gypsy Moth Update

- 1. Schulz stated there is starting to be a little bit of a problem out near Medical Care Facility, Dumont Road, and also at his home on 118th Avenue.
- 2. He also learned no one in the area is putting out parasitic wasps any more.

C. Update on Allegan Metal Finishing Chromium Contamination

- 1. Schulz received an e-mail from EPA with a signed on-site agreement to inspect property week of August 24th with EGLE taking the lead.

D. Miner Lake Sewer

- 1. Resident Justin Goodenough has sent a petition around and approximately 50 people have signed it.
- 2. The intent would be to use a farm field nearby for a lagoon and not take sewer lines into city.
- 3. An updated engineering study is not needed at this time.
- 4. Schulz reported the last time (2008) cost was \$25,000-\$30,000 per Parcel.

E. ORV Traffic on County Roads

- 1. Connell feels it would make good sense for the County Road Commission to go along with it.

VII. New Business

A. Truth in Taxation

1. Evans explained this is an annual process to recapture in taxes what would be lost due to rate of inflation because if such a hearing does not happen, percentage raised would be by 2.6% and rate of inflation for 2019 is 1.019.
2. She also noted we do lose some millage each year with rate of inflation due to Headlee roll-back.
3. Connell/Bender made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.

B. Beechwood Drive Special Assessment

1. Seven out of ten property owners signed with actual cost of paving from Tustins at \$2,296.00.
2. Treasurer Waanders noted amount would be increased as there are two advertised public hearings, lawyer fees and township administration of special assessment at approximately \$300.00 per owner.
3. Since it is only for one year, on this winter's taxes, there would be no interest.
4. It was suggested to contact Tustin to see if they would wait payment until end of October as first public hearing could be advertised and held on August 31st, with second one planned and advertised for regularly scheduled meeting on October 5th.
 - a. It was noted first hearing is to go over entire project while second one is to set assessment roll with stated amount per owner.
5. Evans/Bender made motion to set public hearing for Monday, August 31st, with Connell asking for clarification.
 - a. It was noted of the three who had not signed, one is against it, another one no longer lives in the area and couldn't be contacted and the third is the First Baptist Church and Cheryl Kaechele had not approached the church as she didn't think they paid taxes but learned it does have to pay a special assessment with Evans, a member of the church, noting trustees of the church are now aware of new petition and had also paid the first time it was paved.
6. With question answered, the board approved it with an aye vote.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$12,032.62 were submitted in bills approved for payment by Connell/Waanders, passing with roll call.

IX. Correspondence

A. There was none.

X. Other Items of Interest and Concern

- A. Connell explained about Hospice and Wings of Hope and his goal to ride 500 miles in five weeks and to encourage people to sponsor him per mile for a very good cause.

XI. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Connell made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:38 PM.