

**Allegan Township Board Meeting**  
**December 2, 2019**  
**7:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Pledge and Invocation
  
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Clerk Linda Evans, Supervisor Steve Schulz, Treasurer Jane Waanders, Trustee Jim Connell and Trustee Mike Bender were present.
  
- III. Approve Minutes of November 4, 2019 Regular Meeting
  - A. Connell/Bender made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.
  
- IV. Reports
  - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
    - 1. There were three permits issued in November with no new homes, with permit fees totaling \$466.00.
  - B. Ted Heckman, Board of Appeals Member
    - 1. A variance on Miner Lake will be looked at next week's meeting.
  - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
    - 1. Planning Commission met and rezoned from AG to R-2 property belonging to Tim and Marsha Reich as well as approving special use for a cell tower.
  - D. Max Thiele, Allegan County Commissioner – District 3
    - 1. The 2018 Annual Coroner's Report is one of the best reports and it is available on Allegan County website under County Commissioners' November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.
    - 2. The steps at Westside Park (along Lake Michigan) are completely gone as a result of wind and rain.
      - a. The cost was \$40,000 to take out an \$80,000-\$90,000 ramp.
  - E. Linda Teeter (Allegan County Legal Assistance Center)
    - 1. The Center has been open since 2012 and is for those who have no access to an attorney with no cost for the individual.
    - 2. The cases include divorce, custody/support/parenting time/paternity, etc. with Allegan Township having 527 patrons through November 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - 3. She also thanked the township for working with them through getting the contract together and signed to enable our financial partnership.
  - F. Other Reports
    - 1. There were none.

- V. Public Comment
  - 1. There was none.
  
- VI. Old Business
  - 1. Re-approve New Three Year Terms for Planning Commission Members Jeremy Dutkiewicz and Ted Heckman
    - a. Evans/Waanders made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
  
- VII. New Business
  - A. Approve 2020 Fire Budget
    - 1. Fire District Chair Jon Cook and Fire Chief Nick Brink were present with Cook explaining Allegan Township was fast becoming primary contributor of District that also includes the City of Allegan.
      - a. As Fire District does not have taxing ability the amount contributed by both municipalities is based on fire runs/hours, census population (2010) and the Taxable Value (TV); with City contributing 51% and Township 49%.
    - 2. It was pointed out in last ten years the number of runs have doubled but with only half of personnel available.
    - 3. The department does have a very good response time though and along with the extensive training, water availability and age of equipment, the ISO rating continues to hold well.
      - a. Regarding the age of the equipment, it was noted the need to replace 1991 ladder truck with an 8-10 year old one.
    - 4. Chair Cook went over the proposed budget line by line.
    - 5. Connell/Evans made motion to approve township's portion of budget at \$200,704 which passed following roll call.
    - 6. Schulz did express appreciation to Cook for all the work he does for the Fire District and also Chief Brink who encourages his firemen.
  - B. Approve 2020 Township Schedule
    - 1. Waanders/Schulz made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
  - C. Approve Rezone of Tim and Marsha Reich Property from AG to R-2
    - 1. Planning Commission had approved it at last month's meeting with Schulz noting Reich's plan to break it out into five residential pieces with neighboring parcels at R-2 already.
    - 2. Bender/Waanders made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
  - D. Resolution to Set an Alternative Meeting Date for the March Board of Review
    - 1. Clerk Evans explained Board of Review is mandated to meet second Monday-Wednesday of March but with Presidential Primary to be held the second Tuesday of March, this resolution was needed to permit BOR

to start on Wednesday as there is no availability in the hall for both to happen.

2. Bender/Waanders made motion to approve which passed following roll call.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$6,491.24 in bills were presented for payment with Waanders/Connell making motion to approve which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Adjourn

- A. Connell/Bender made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:34 PM.