

Allegan Township Board Meeting
December 7, 2020
7:30 PM

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

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

- III. Approve Minutes of November 2, 2020 Regularly Scheduled Meeting.
 - A. Waanders/Bender made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI) – Building Inspector
 - 1. There were nine permits pulled in November, with three for new homes.
 - 2. Fees totaled \$5,943.00.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission has a special meeting coming up at 6:30pm next Monday night to review and solicit information about plans for two Commercial parcels and one Residential parcel.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Zoning Board of Appeals has a regular meeting coming up at 7:30pm next Monday night to consider two variances for an Air BnB structure located in Lake Residential zoning.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner
 - 1. Not present.

- V. Public Comment
 - A. Scott Beltman, via Zoom, wanted to talk with Max Thiele regarding the ORV ordinance. Even though Salem, Monterey, and Allegan townships support the ordinance, Thiele opposes it. Beltman asked that the township reach out to Thiele to encourage him to represent the people in his vote.

- VI. Old Business
 - A. None

- VII. New Business
 - A. Fire District Budget
 - 1. Schulz explained that the township cost is going up in comparison to the city. Both the township and the city are increasing by about \$10,000.
 - 2. Schulz discussed that a new ladder truck was purchased in 2020.

3. Connell asked how many firefighters we currently have. Schulz answered there are approximately 24. A few are being trained, but more volunteers are needed for during the day. Connell questioned if it may be time to have some who are full-time.
 4. Connell/Bender made motion to approve the budget which passed with an aye vote.
- B. Public Hearing for 425 Agreement with City of Allegan
1. There are four parcels on Industrial Drive that the city cannot use. In June 2017, the city had a public hearing for a 425 agreement but did not pass it on to the township.
 2. Schulz said we need to set up a public hearing for the next board meeting on January 4 at 7:30 pm, and that the township's lawyer said that it is ok to proceed.
 3. Connell/Waanders made motion to approve public meeting, which passed with an aye vote.
- C. Assessors Contract Renewal with Appraisals Plus
1. This will be a three-year contract for \$1,900 per month.
 2. Waanders/Bender made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- D. Employment Contract for Assessor (Heather Mitchell) Renewal
1. This will be a three-year contract for \$633.33 per month.
 2. Connell/Waanders made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- E. Appoint Equalization Director, Matt Woolford, as the Designated Assessor of Allegan County
1. Schulz explained that many other counties are appointing a Designated Assessor to help with accountability and avoid financial troubles.
 2. Waanders/Connell made motion which passed with an aye vote.
- F. 2021 Meeting Schedule
1. The schedule for meetings for 2021 was presented to the board.
 2. Waanders/Connell made motion which passed with an aye vote.
- G. Reappoint Trustee Jim Connell to Planning Commission
1. Connell said that he is happy to be reappointed.
 2. Waanders/Schulz made motion which passed with an aye vote.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
1. \$12,994.96 was presented for payment with Waanders/Bender making motion to approve, which passed following roll call.
- B. Road Fund
1. \$149,469.79 was presented for payment with Connell/Waanders making motion to approve, which passed following roll call. It was noted that even though the bill showed it was past 90 days, there was no interest.

IX. Correspondence

A. There was none.

X. Adjourn

A. Waanders/Bender made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:08 PM.