

Allegan Township Board Meeting
January 6, 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 December 2, 2019 Regular Meeting
 - A. Trustee Connell feels Commissioner Thiele misspoke about cost of \$40,000 to remove ramp/steps at Westside Park but made motion, with support from Bender, to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI), Building Inspector
 - 1. Clerk Evans noted there were nine building permits issued in December, with four new homes, which were the most since 2003, with fees totaling \$3,810.00.
 - 2. Also the 2019 yearly report was given noting although there were 15 less permits issued in 2019 (a total of 75), there were still 34 new homes (same as 2018) with construction cost of \$5,730,579.00.
 - a. She noted this translates into more residents with census to be taken this year which will translate into more state revenue as township receives a percentage of sales tax based on total census.
 - 3. Also noted PCI sent their annual report showing construction and deconstruction value for 2019 was \$8,086,178.08.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Board of Appeals Member
 - 1. A variance was approved at December's meeting.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. Planning Commission will meet next week to consider a rezoning request.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner – 3rd District
 - 1. When asked by Connell about cost of removing steps/ramp, it was learned it cost between \$50,000-\$60,000.00.
 - 2. Connell was asked by Thiele regarding animal shelter and learned it is moving forward to replace flooring and have received 200 foster applications for the 169 animals that need to go to temporary homes while floor is dug up and replaced.
 - E. Greg King (Lakeshore Advantage)
 - 1. Gave a 2019 update noting Allegan County has three projects with 60 new jobs predicted.

- F. Other Reports
 - 1. There were none.

- V. Public Comment
 - A. Raecale Stull with Allegan Conservation District gave a brief report.
 - B. Schulz noted township would like to continue to support their work.
 - C. It was learned the need for Conservation District to provide an invoice as Evans pointed out we haven't paid the \$1,000.00 yet for this fiscal year.
 - D. Connell/Schulz made motion to pay \$2,000.00 this year with motion passing with an aye vote.

- VI. Old Business
 - A. Road Projects (25th and 123rd) (113th Paving – M-89 to 26th) (36th between 115th & 118th – Gravel)
 - 1. Schulz noted this is a reminder with 25th and 123rd costing about \$500,000 with Bender asking the time frame and learning it is a good question for annual meeting at Road Commission to be held January 8th.
 - 2. 113th Paving was to be done last year but weather delayed it to this year.
 - 3. The 36th Street project would be cost shared between Valley and Allegan Townships at \$10,000 each and this board decided to wait to see what Valley will do before making decision.
 - B. Re-approve Three Year Terms for Board of Appeal Members Ted Heckman and Sharon Peters
 - 1. Evans/Connell made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
 - C. SRTS (Safe Routes to School) Project Reminder
 - 1. Schulz noted it has been approved to do this year to put a sidewalk in across the street from high school which would be a bike path/walking path as well as sidewalk on 115th Avenue to middle school as well as Dawson along DeLano Street.
 - 2. This is a grant project totaling \$650,000.00.
 - D. Leaf Pick-up Comparison – 2018 and 2019
 - 1. In 2018 there were 146 first time leaf pick-ups, 65 two times and 27 who had a third and/or fourth pick-up.
 - 2. In 2019 there were 151 first time; 45 second time and township did not pay for third or fourth time pick-ups.
 - a. It was determined the weather played a factor in 2019 for a lesser amount of second time pick-ups.
 - E. Sewer Payback Update
 - 1. Evans explained sewer project had borrowed a considerable amount of money from the General Fund in years past to make payments and since it was paid off in 2011, the debt sewer account annually pays money back to the General Fund.
 - 2. In 2011, the total due back was \$490,745.50 and now it is \$302,145.50 with monies coming from the quarterly payment the City makes for our

portion and also from any hook-ups.

3. Schulz added there is only about 50% of homes hooked up although it had been actually mandatory for all to be hooked up but the board at the time, of which there are none on this board, had decided it wasn't mandatory.
4. The sewer program, by contract, will be turned over to the City in 2032.
5. Audience member Laree Waanders asked if this board could make it mandatory and learned we could with Treasurer Waanders adding that when a home in the sewer district is for sale, we are asked if it can be hooked up to sewer and if the home is in need as the septic is failing, then it does get hooked up.

VII. New Business

- A. Approve Appointment of Paul Ivers to Board of Appeals
 1. Schulz noted Fritz Spreitzer is stepping down and Ivers has expressed interest.
 2. Bender/Evans made motion to appoint him which passed with an aye vote.
- B. Discussion on the Potential Development of the River Church Property
 1. David Kool of Quality Affordable Homes noted the church has 9 acres they are considering for diversity of homes and values to assist people with low to moderate income.
 2. Connell questioned if it would be subsidized housing and found that it was not, with Schulz noting we do not have zoning for smaller homes yet but he thinks there is a market for it.
- C. State Revenue – (Sept-Oct 2019 - \$71,590.00) (Sept-Oct 2018 - \$67,016.00)

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
 1. \$39,031.44 in bills were presented with Connell/Waanders making motion to approve payment which passed following roll call.
- B. Public Safety Fund
 1. \$47,616.00 for quarterly payment was presented with Waanders/Bender making motion to pay which passed following roll call.
- C. Fire Equipment Fund
 1. \$2,560.00 for quarterly payment was presented with Waanders/Connell making motion to pay which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. Evans noted a "Call to Election" for the Presidential Primary was received.

X. Other Items of Interest or Concern

- A. Audience member Stull asked about if the leaves that are picked up are composted with Schulz noting in the past they had been taken to Badgers and

Armintrouts with Waanders explaining that she thought last year's was taken to Scott's Landscaping to become mulch.

XI. Adjourn

A. Waanders/ Connell make motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 9:12 PM.