

Allegan Township Board Meeting
July 6, 2020
7:30 PM

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

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

- III. Approve Minutes of June 1, 2020 Regularly Scheduled Meeting and June 4, 2020 Special 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 six permits pulled for June with two of them for new homes.
 - 2. Fees totaled \$4,318.00.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. Their meeting is next Monday and will possibly look at a special use permit for an air Bnb.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Zoning Board of Appeals
 - 1. Held their meeting last month and had only minutes to approve.
 - D. Kim Turcott, Administrator for Allegan County Medical Care Community
 - 1. A few staff members have tested asymptomatic positive for COVID and so she is not present but sent Chairman of DHHS Board, Keith Behm.
 - 2. Behm spoke about millage request on August 4 ballot which is first time our county medical care has made such request.
 - 3. It is for .25 mill for operating expenses.
 - E. Max Thiele, County Commissioner
 - 1. Routes for ORV vehicles – in 2014 county chose not to take part in allowing ORV's on their roads but it has been requested by a Monterey Township resident to re-open for discussion.
 - a. Comments focused on fact both Allegan County Roads and Sheriff's Department are not in favor, alluding to the fact that if there would be need for enforcement it would fall on township's ordinance enforcer to do so; also there is the question regarding liability.
 - b. Township board was in favor of the County Commissioners reopening this discussion.

- F. Fire District
 - 1. Supervisor Schulz noted there were 30 incidents for May bringing total to 126 for the year.
 - a. The shut-down due to COVID has attributed to lower numbers.
 - 2. There have been 40.5 hours for PR events in May and time spent filling swimming pools for which they are paid.

V. Open to the Public

- A. Sam Martin – Miner Lake Improvement Board
 - 1. He spoke on current project for lake is to treat it for starry stonewort using copper sulfate.
 - 2. Next year's project is to get a permit to treat for Asian milfoil with testing to see if there is a response to the intended treatment.
 - 3. He also noted need for sewer as more residents are using pump and haul and asked township for an updated plan.
 - a. Schulz asked for any signatures from people who might be interested in sewer and Martin will provide them.
- B. Supervisor Schulz – gypsy moth
 - 1. He explained that out on Dumont Road there has been an influx of gypsy moths attacking both maple and spruce trees, even killing a few trees.
 - 2. The owner's daughter and Schulz have been unable to successfully connect with the company that township used in the past.
 - 3. Trustee Connell noted he had an issue with flies in his barnyard last year and had gotten parasitic wasps from Praxis and will get some information to Schulz as to who to contact.

VI. Old Business

- A. Safe Routes to School Project
 - 1. Schulz reported work has started and some sidewalk has been poured.
- B. Approve Resolution for Amendment to Fire Truck Acquisition and Financing Contract
 - 1. Last month we had approved the financial contract but since then "Chemical Bank has indicated it cannot provide the financing."
 - a. Treasurer Waanders noted it could be because they are being taken over by another bank.
 - 2. Huntington Bank can do the financing at an interest rate of 4.4% which would save the district \$10,393.48 as Chemical's rate was 4.8%.
 - 3. Evans/Connell made motion to approve amending the contract which passed with roll call.

VII. New Business

- A. Local Election Commission – Approve Precinct Workers for August 4,2020 Primary Election
 - 1. Evans explained with upcoming election it is necessary to approve the

- people who will be working it.
 - 2. She also noted need to have several extra people for absentee voter counting board as she currently has approximately 600 absentee ballots.
 - 3. Waanders/Schulz made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
 - B. State Revenue (March & April- 2020 - \$55,333.00) (March & April 2019 – \$59,337.00)
 - 1. Considering effect of COVID on the economy, Schulz was pleasantly surprised to see it was only about \$4,000 less.
 - C. Approve Zayo Metro Act Permit Application
 - 1. Schulz commented it had been sent to our lawyers who were OK with it.
 - 2. Zayo would like to use our road right-of-way.
 - a. Bender wondered if it were for all the right-of-way but learned it is for a small distance of new underground telecom line.
 - 3. Connell/Bender made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- VIII. Pay Bills
- A. General Fund
 - 1. \$17,988.00 in bills was presented for payment with Waanders/Connell making motion to pay which passed following roll call.
- IX. Other Items of Interest and Concern
- A. Connell – Praised the Allegan Conservation District and supported the new millage.
 - B. Member from audience asked if ORV status would be decided by township level or county level and learned it goes back to county and township would like more facts.
 - 1. He also wanted to know if we would have to vote on it and learned we wouldn't because county makes the decision but Schulz added neither the Allegan County Road Commission nor the Sheriff's Department are in favor of it.
 - C. Keith Behm asked about the free clean-up and learned we filled 5-40 yard dumpsters and almost 3-30 yarders.
- X. Adjourn
- A. Waanders/Connell made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:50 PM.