

Allegan Township Board Meeting
June 1, 2020
7:30 PM

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, it is to be noted the township board meeting was held in compliance with the State of Michigan's orders to not hold open meetings with no more than ten people. There were eight present.

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

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

- III. Approve Minutes of May 4, 2020
 - 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 five permits pulled in May with no new homes with total fees of \$866.00 with it noted two permits were for solar panels.
 - A. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 1. Last month's regularly scheduled meeting for a site plan review for 1232 Lincoln Road, formerly Save a Lot, was tabled as owner was not able to get into zoom meeting but attended following week to answer questions.
 - a. The site plan was approved but owner wouldn't tell who the retailer is.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Zoning Board of Appeals
 1. Their board will meet next Monday to approve minutes as there is no business planned.
 - C. Max Thiele, County Commissioner
 1. Several years ago, County was to re-negotiate with the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians (Gun Lake Tribe) but it hasn't gone anywhere.
 2. Commissioners passed a resolution regarding future tax implications for County to be placed on November 3, 2020 general election ballot.
 - a. Supervisor Schulz asked if tax allocation board would help to determine how money is spent and learned they would not.

- V. Public Comment
 - A. There was none.

VI. Old Business

- A. 113th Avenue Blacktopped
 - 1. Didn't get to it last year but it is done with a few other projects in the mix this year.
 - 2. Heckman noted gravel needs to be put on the edges yet.
- B. Safe Routes to School Project
 - 1. Will get started in one to two weeks and hopefully be done by the time school starts.

VII. New Business

- A. Approve Zoning Amendment
 - 1. This was recommended by Planning Commission some time ago that would change rear yard minimum set back (lake residential views it as the roadside) to reduce number of variances.
 - a. It would exempt 12 feet from road right-of-way.
 - 2. Connell/Evans made motion to approve with Treasurer Waanders questioning if it were only lake residential and learned it was so and also for only private roads.
 - b. Motion passed following roll call.
- A. Approve Fire Truck Acquisition and Financing Contract
 - 1. Allegan Fire District is looking at purchasing a ladder truck at 2.80% interest on \$609,000.00 borrowed.
 - 2. The bank needs both City and Township approval which City gave at their meeting last Tuesday.
 - 3. The old ladder truck is in pretty rough shape and for safety reasons a newer one is needed and would be financially more efficient.
 - 4. Clerk Evans asked if District hasn't been saving money for this and learned from Supervisor Schulz that such monies are in a CD, adding Chief Brink has looked ahead to district's needs and has been planning for this for quite some time as well as need in next few years to hire two full-time fire personnel as it has been difficult to get new fire fighters.
 - 5. Trustee Bender asked how old the truck is and learned it is a demo model, a 2019, and is in Grand Rapids.
 - 6. Waanders asked if \$609,000 is for total amount or amount to be borrowed and learned it would be the borrowed amount.
 - 7. Connell/Bender made motion to approve which passed following roll call.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
 - 1. \$5,379.11 in bills were presented for payment with motion by Waanders/Connell to pay which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none'

X. Adjourn

A. Waanders/Connell made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 7:59 PM.