

Allegan Township Board Meeting
May 4, 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 but closed meetings. However, per the Open Meetings Act we are to be available to the public and their interest and comment therefore our meeting was conducted with the Zoom capability.

- 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 March 2, 2020 and April 6, 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 three permits pulled in March with two for new homes with total fees of \$1,990.00.
 2. There were three permits pulled in April with no new homes for total fees of \$2,801.00.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Board of Planning Commission Chair
 1. Was not present but Supervisor Schulz noted they will look at a site plan review for 1232 Lincoln Road, the former Save A Lot, at next Monday's meeting.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Board of Appeals Member
 1. They did not hold their meeting in February due to no open meetings.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner District 3
 1. Clerk Evans had received a call from Max noting to make mention of the proposal for the upcoming ballot in August that would increase levy from 4.7 mills which has been on the books from 1965 to 5.7 for additional personnel.

- V. Open to the Audience
 - A. Other than Ryan Lewis, from the Allegan County Newspaper, there was no one else in the Zoom audience.

- VI. Old Business
 - A. Approve Acceptance of Bid for Re-asphalting 28th Street from 122nd Avenue

North to Township Line for \$153,194.00.

1. Connell/Waanders made motion to approve bid which passed with an aye vote.
- B. Approve Final Budget Amendments for 2019-2020
1. Evans noted need to approve over-expenditures per auditor's request to amend the budget.
 2. Treasurer Waanders explained for the tax portion, as more money was collected than planned, then more was paid out.
 3. Bender/Schulz made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.

VII. New Business

- A. Approve Electrical Work for Township Office from Boven Electric for \$3,575.00
1. Waanders explained that as we had just purchased new computers and are slated to receive a new file server from Shoreline Computer Systems the owner, Mark Kolean, noted we needed new wiring to take advantage of the speed of the new equipment.
 2. Over fifteen years, there are numerous wires laying on the floors around the two rooms as there are four computers total and it would be better to secure them all in one closet, up off the floor, with the bid also to include WIFI for both meeting room and the office.
 3. Connell/Waanders made motion to approve which passed following aye vote.
- B. State Revenue (Jan-Feb 2019 - \$58,236.00) (Jan-Feb 202 - \$63,618.00)
- C. Approve Election Workers for May 5, 2020 Election
1. Evans explained the Local Election Commission comprised of Supervisor, Treasurer and Clerk approve workers for upcoming election which in this case is the Hopkins School District Election to be held on May 5th.
 2. Generally approval needs to be done several weeks in advance but the State rescinded the need for that with the mandates in place right now.
 3. Schulz/Waanders made motion to approve Judy Buchanan, Linda Evans and Connie Rushmore for working the election. Motion passed with an aye vote.
- D. Approve Zoning Amendments
1. Schulz explained following amendments had been recommended by the Planning Commission for some time and are now being brought before the board for approval:
 - a. some changes for setbacks in Lake Residential;
 - b. height of fence between residential and commercial to be not less than six feet nor more than 10 feet;
 - c. add mini-warehouse or self-storage facility to the listing of uses permitted as a special land use to C-1 neighborhood commercial;
 - d. add mini-warehouse or self-storage facility to the listing of uses permitted by right in C-2 general commercial; and

- e. delete mini-warehouse or self-storage facility from I-1 industrial zoning.
 - 2. It was noted if this is approved it will be placed in next week's newspaper.
 - 3. Connell/Bender made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- E. Approve Millage Requests
 - 1. Evans explained current millage requests are set to expire at end of 2020 and need to be placed on the August 4, 2020 primary ballot to continue for another four years.
 - 2. Connell questioned if there would be anything else on the August ballot in addition to the millage request from the County and learned from Waanders there might be from the Allegan County Medical Care Community and Evans noted there wouldn't be anything else from the township.
 - 3. Evans/Bender made motion to approve millage requests which passed with an aye vote.

VII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

- 1. \$3,805.66 was presented in bills with motion by Waanders/Schulz to pay which passed following roll call.

VIII. Correspondence

A. There was none.

IX. Other Items of Interest or Concern

- A. Trustee Bender said he had been contacted by a township resident who would like to see 28th Street paved from 120th to 118th Avenue with Schulz responding there is only one house in the middle and three at the north end and there is an issue with drainage which would add to the cost and his opinion is it would be one of the last roads paved.

X. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Connell made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:00 PM.