

Allegan Township Board Meeting
November 2, 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, Trustee Jim Connell and Treasurer Jane Waanders were present.

- III. Approve Minutes of October 5, 2020 Regularly Scheduled Meeting, Special Meetings of the Local Election Commission on October 21 and October 27, 2020.
 - A. Bender/Connell made motion to approve with minutes standing approved as read.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Professional Code Inspectors (PCI) – Building Inspector
 - 1. There were 15 permits pulled in October, most since 2003 with eight for new homes, also most since 2003.
 - 2. Fees totaled \$9,423.00.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. This month will look at a home occupation.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Zoning Board of Appeals
 - 1. Next month will look at variance for Keith Nagelkirk with Trustee Connell asking if he had received an OK from health department and learned he had.
 - 2. Trustee Bender asked if it is for two cabins and learned only one.
 - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner
 - 1. Was present but didn't have a report for the township itself.

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

- VI. Old Business
 - A. Resource Recovery Program Agreement
 - 1. This had been tabled for two previous meetings.
 - 2. Treasurer Waanders explained current contract/agreement is for five years and expires December 31st.
 - a. Three years into it, township residents had voted to approve increase from \$25.00 to \$36.00 for five years.
 - 3. This new contract with County is for ten years while township approved \$36.00 has only two more years left.
 - a. County contract shows if township wants to vote again for five

years, it would have to be for \$50.00 so if township residents would not approve it, amount would go back to original \$25.00 automatically and then board would have to approve that amount and determine what cuts to be made in services.

4. Schulz questioned if it goes back to \$25.00 then those people who didn't want to have recycling, wouldn't have to pay and learned that was so.
5. Connell asked how many municipalities have recycling agreement with county and learned there are 19 townships and 6 cities.
6. Connell/Schulz made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.

VII. New Business

A. Resolution for Deficit Elimination Plan

1. Waanders explained this is done every year as money was borrowed from Capital Improvement Fund to pay for Riverview Estates paving.
 - a. Each tax year (for five years) money is collected and paid back.
2. This year, at end of audit, \$28,691.37 is still owed and will be paid back over the course of next two years.
 - a. It was noted if properties in the Estates are bought and sold the buyer has to pay it off.
3. It was noted resolution to establish this plan has to be approved.
4. Connell/Bender made motion to approve both plan and resolution which passed with an aye vote.

B. Resolution to Hire and Establish Jack Wood as an Ordinance Enforcement Office for the Township

1. Schulz explained township has a lot of blight and we need some assistance.
2. Wood is retired from Kent County Police and currently works as a court security officer for Allegan County as well as a trustee on Watson Township Planning Commission.
3. Schulz has interviewed him and checked several of his references and suggested he be paid \$25.00 per hour and .575 per mile and add him as an Ordinance Enforcement Officer.
 - a. Schulz feels he would do a good job, would be able to write tickets and noted township board, per our ordinance, would be able to appoint him.
4. Connell suggested a one year contract to be implemented and learned he would work 8-10 hours per week with Bender asking how township would keep track of his hours and learned he would have a payroll sheet to keep track of his own hours to hand in monthly.
5. Connell/Waanders made motion to hire for \$25.00 per hour, .575 per mile and that it could be renewable after one year with a review of his performance, motion passing with an aye vote.

C. Poverty Exemption Guidelines

1. Schulz explained we do this every year which the assessor has put

together, suggesting \$15,000 as the threshold which is 20%.

2. Evans/Waanders made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- D. Ambulance Contract Renewal
 1. The contract is for November 1, 2020 – October 31, 2022.
 2. Bender/Evans made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
 - E. Place on Tax Roll Horseshoe Cove Brush Hogging and Delinquent Sewer and Water Bill
 1. \$200.00 for brush hogging and the amount the City of Allegan gives treasurer to put on tax bills for delinquent sewer and water need to be approved by board to place on winter tax bills with Waanders noting this is money in and out.
 2. Connell/Waanders made motion which passed with an aye vote.
 - F. State Revenue – July & August –2019 (\$68,594) July & August – 2020 (\$77,549)
- VIII. Pay Bills
- A. General Fund
 1. \$16,023.46 was presented for payment with Waanders/Bender making motion to approve which passed following roll call.
- IX. Correspondence
- A. There was none.
- X. Adjourn
- A. Waanders/Schulz made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:05 PM.