

Allegan Township Board Meeting
November 4, 2019
7:30 PM

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

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

- III. Approve Minutes of October 7, 2019 Regular 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 four permits issued in October with three new homes, with permit fees totaling \$2,980.00.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Board of Appeals Member
 - 1. They had two variances; one for side-yard set-back off Monroe Road which was approved and the second for replacing a single-wide trailer for another single-wide which was denied.
 - C. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
 - 1. Planning Commission will meet next Monday regarding changing AG to R2 on Babylon Road; and also special use request for a cell tower on 26th Street.
 - D. Larry Brown, Allegan County Road Commission
 - 1. Was not present.
 - E. Max Thiele, Allegan County Commissioner – District 3
 - 1. 2020 Budget is complete with \$34 million for Sheriff's Department.
 - F. Other Reports
 - 1. *Allegan Fire District* – had 39 incidents this September compared to 27 in September 2018 which shows as there are more homes, more traffic making it difficult on the budget.
 - a. There was also 213 man hours for PR (public relations) events which included the Fair.
 - b. Audience member Sam Martin asked about mutual aid problem and learned it is still an issue and our district might need to have three or four more people full time which would increase budget to \$200,000-\$250,000 but help in having needed manpower.

- V. Public Comment
 - A. Monte Stanlowski had attended clean-up and felt it was well run.

- B. Sam Martin – ground work is being done now for consideration of sewer at Miner Lake.
- C. Chris Porterfield – noted Valley Township might stop recycling and questioned about us and learned we wouldn't be stopping but plan to put up a fence and have station monitored more.

VI. Old Business

- A. Update on Paving in the Township
 - 1. Work is being done on Oak, Pinetree, and Lake streets.
 - 2. 113th Avenue, from Corky's to 26th Street, will be postponed until next year.
 - 3. Engineering is being done this year on 25th Street and 123rd Avenue with total cost for reconstruction about \$500,000.

VII. New Business

- A. Deficit Elimination Plan Resolution
 - 1. Treasurer Waanders explained when Riverview Estates residents wanted their road paved, township borrowed money from CIF (Capital Improvement Fund) with assessment put on residents winter tax bills to pay back.
 - 2. State of Michigan as a result of audit, requires a resolution plan to explain how remainder will be paid and the plan this year shows \$52,637.76 still owed with need for township board to approve plan.
 - 3. Audience member Cheryl Meade questioned the process of using township funds and learned special assessments go through public hearings and monies are borrowed from CIF and paid back on their taxes over a period of years and is followed each year by township audit with State requesting this Plan Resolution each year of assessment.
 - 4. Evans/Connell made motion to approve resolution which passed following roll call.
- B. Approval of Clean-up Costs and Sewer Bill Delinquency on Winter Tax Bills
 - 1. Waanders/Connell made motion to approve \$700.00 in clean-up costs (mowing) and approval of sewer bills contingent upon receiving them from the City who does the billing.
- C. Set Public Hearing for IFT and Industrial Development District for the Flashes Building at 1226 Lincoln Road
 - 1. Supervisor Schulz noted somebody is interested in purchasing building and doing some work but there are some further questions which need answering before setting public hearing.
 - 2. Waanders/Bender made motion to table until next month which passed with aye vote.
- D. Approve Poverty Exemption Guidelines
 - 1. Township board has received from township assessor, Heather Mitchell, annual request to adopt income guidelines, set an asset level test and

- approve application.
- 2. These forms are used for people who qualify for either a decrease in taxes or elimination with it noted we do have several who take advantage of it.
- 3. Assessor suggests we go by 20% increase in guidelines with an asset level test at \$15,000.00.
- 4. Connell/Bender made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
- E. State Revenue for July & August 2019 - \$68,594.00; July & August 2018 - \$67,244.00
 - 1. Schulz noted check amount is based on sales tax each time with Waanders explaining it is based also on census count for municipality.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
 - 1. Waanders/Schulz made motion to pay \$15,833.25 which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Other Items of Interest and Concern

- A. Schulz noted new carpeting on floor and also bathrooms and kitchen had been remodeled.
- B. Trustee Connell noted he had tickets for sale for Wings of Hope Hospice.

XI. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Bender made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:18 PM.