

**Allegran Township Board Meeting**  
**October 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 and Trustee Jim Connell were present.
  - B. Absent was Treasurer Jane Waanders who had surgery that day.
  
- III. Approve Minutes of September 8, 2020 Regularly Scheduled 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 ten permits pulled in September with two for new homes.
      - a. September 2014 was last time with ten permits.
    - 2. Fees totaled \$3,342.00.
  - B. Ted Heckman, Planning Commission Chair
    - 1. Last month discussed a non-conforming use noting neglect to get permits.
  - C. Ted Heckman, Zoning Board of Appeals
    - 1. Normally, the meeting is next week but will be in two weeks (October 19<sup>th</sup>) to go over variance. Notice was late getting to the paper.
  - D. Max Thiele, County Commissioner
    - 1. October 7 is the public hearing for the 2021 budget at \$35,400,000.
    - 2. Schulz asked about COVID funding, if based on population with no direct answer but Thiele noted second round will require substantiation.
    - 3. Noted there is a window of openings on Commissions and Boards at County level.
    - 4. He complimented both the Clerk’s and Treasurer’s county offices for the smooth transition to virtual meetings.
    - 5. Max did indicate that the rest of the County offices, including the Courts, were doing a good job of coming online, as well, for virtual meetings.
  - E. Fire District
    - 1. Schulz reported there were 43 incidents in June compared to 37 previous year with not too much going on because of COVID.
    - 2. July had 37 incidents compared to 48 last year while August had 28 compared to 33 in 2019 but did have one water rescue in Trowbridge Township.

V. Public Comment

- A. There was none.

VI. Old Business

A. Allegan County Legal Assistance (Linda Teeter)

1. With Teeter was Judge Marge Bakker who is on the board and provided an update they have some contact with clients but maintain COVID restrictions, noting majority of clients are between 21-30 years old and that she appreciated our support.
2. Teeter then noted Bakker has been on the board since 2001.
3. This is a six-month report with it noted they re-opened August 18<sup>th</sup> and activity is a down a little more than they thought.
4. They have picked up other townships that are assisting now with help in financing.
5. Schulz questioned if they ever have to turn people down and learned they don't as they do have three interns and a volunteer to assist.
6. Evans asked if they have enough people to help and learned from Bakker they do not and are reaching out to universities and would like to have a volunteer base because of their slim budget.
7. Schulz asked if people come in and get frustrated because they can't get helped and learned they try to help these people understand what their problem is with Teeter adding the volunteers are trained and it is a lot about patience.
8. Trustee Connell asked how they qualify for service and it is because they don't have the money for a lawyer.

B. Tabled Resource Recovery Program Agreement

1. Schulz suggested we table this to either November or December for Treasurer Waanders to be able to give a little better explanation with Connell/Bender making such motion which passed with an aye vote.

VII. New Business

A. Local Election Commission

1. It was noted local commission is made up of the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer who have to approve the election workers with Evans commenting these people are all personally contacted and worked August's election and like to serve in this way.
2. Schulz/Evans made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$14,754.38 were presented for payment with motion by Bender/Connell which passed following roll call.

B. Miner Lake Fund

1. Schulz asked audience member Sam Martin, President of the Miner Lake

Association Board, to explain what the monies are used for and learned it is to address various areas around the lake for water foil methods and testings with the money coming from a five year special assessment.

2. Evans also explained the bill itself is by contract and is paid every two months.
3. Connell/Schulz made motion to pay \$2,250.00 which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Other Items of Interest or Concern

- A. Audience member Cheryl Meade asked about leaf pick-up and learned there will be two free ones for residents this fall.
- B. Contrary to Max Thiele's comment about the Courts evolving more slowly than the Clerk's and Treasurer's office for coming online and available to the public, Circuit Court Judge Marge Baker disagreed.
- C. Connell noted \$9,000 was raised for Wings of Hope Hospice and Home with the OFG (Old Fat Guy) riding his bike for 500 miles.

XI. Adjourn

- A. Connell/Bender made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:20 PM.