

**Allegan Township Board Meeting**  
**August 4, 2008**  
**7:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Pledge and Invocation
  
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Supervisor Schulz, Clerk Hough, Treasurer Waanders, Trustee Smith and Trustee Rutgers were present.
  
- III. Approve Minutes of July 7, 2008 Meeting
  - A. Waanders/Hough made motion to approve which passed following aye vote.
  
- IV. Reports
  - A. Frank Tooker, Building Inspector
    - 1. Secretary Evans reported nine permits issued in July with four for new homes and \$4,259.00 received in fees.
  - B. Ted Heckman, Planning and Board of Appeals Chair
    - i. Planning Commission's regular meeting was postponed and held last Monday to go over both Cemetery and Woodburner ordinances and special use request.
      - (1) He was not here but was sure it proceeded well.
    - 2. Board of Appeals will meet next Monday and not aware of any business.
    - 3. Trustee Rutgers asked if both Cemetery and Woodburning Ordinances were approved by Planning Commission and learned they had been.
      - a. Audience member/Planning Commission Vice Chair Terry Skoglund commented board felt it was very necessary to set a standard (regarding woodburning) but not be restrictive.
  - C. Max Thiele, County Commissioner - 6<sup>th</sup> District
    - 1. 2007 911 Dispatch report is available.
    - 2. Commissioners have worked on Farmland Preservation.
    - 3. Special Use Permit for organizations to use parks is a screwed up mess.
  - D. Fritz Spreitzer, County Commissioner - 9<sup>th</sup> District
    - 1. Administration is working on 2009 Budget.
    - 2. Have guidelines for income for personnel.
    - 3. Have meeting tomorrow about jail facility.

- E. Other Reports
  - 1. There were none.
  
- V. Open to the Audience
  - A. Kevin Cronin - Candidate for Circuit Court Judge
    - 1. Introduced himself and his credentials.
  - B. Hugh Snowden - owner of Snowden's Sunset Lanes
    - 1. Thanked board for their assistance in getting beer and wine license and are waiting for approval.
    - 2. Brunswick helped them have a "new" bowling alley with all brand new lanes, carpet, walls, ceilings and insulation.
  
- VI. Old Business
  - A. New Well in Cemetery
    - 1. Need to get power to it.
    - 2. Trustee Smith asked about tank and learned it will be drained in the fall.
  - B. Cemetery Ordinance
    - 1. Had rules on building but there were some issues to be addressed.
    - 2. Planning Commission had a borrowed ordinance from Gunplain, going over it pretty thoroughly, revising it a bit with Clerk Hough saying he likes it as it is quite simple and spelled out.
    - 3. Hough/Waanders made motion to approve, passed following roll call.
  - C. Outdoor Woodburner Ordinance
    - 1. Supervisor Schulz explained he himself has an outdoor woodburner as do several others and have only received one complaint from out by Miner Lake, which obviously was burning something else other than wood.
    - 2. Rutgers questioned if it went through proper procedure and learned it had with Planning Commission actually putting some additions to it and thinks it will cover our needs, also allowing for opportunity to get a variance.
    - 3. Smith/Waanders made motion to approve which passed following roll call.
    - 4. Both ordinances will now be sent to attorney and then be published in paper with 30 days passing before it goes into effect.
  
- VII. New Business
  - A. Resolution for Public Hearing (West Babylon)
    - 1. Schulz closed meeting and began public hearing for special assessment district for West Babylon Road paving.
    - 2. He read "Joint Notice of Public Hearing" as residents live in both Allegan and Valley Townships.

3. This meeting is for individuals to have their say if they are for or against paying for paving of their road.
  4. Nick Brink was only resident present and didn't want to be included but learned he is not part of residents to be assessed.
  5. Smith commented road has already been paved with Schulz agreeing as price quoted for road was good through July 31, 2008.
  6. A little over 50% of Allegan Township residents signed petition while 80% in Valley did.
  7. Smith asked "what happens if it doesn't pass?" and learned those who wanted it paved would have to pay for it themselves.
  8. Schulz explained there has to be two public hearings with second one for reviewing assessment roll and need to set second hearing with Schulz requesting a special meeting, contingent on Valley's approval of it as well.
  9. Waanders/Schulz made motion to set a public hearing for August 18, at 7:30 PM to review assessment roll with motion passing following roll call.
  10. Schulz closed public hearing and re-opened township board meeting.
- B. Township/City/County Intergovernmental Meeting (08/21/08 at 7:00 PM at Karl Zimmerman Room)
1. Meeting is to gain a little bit of understanding as County buildings are located both in City and Township.
  2. Don't know what agenda is but moderator is Lynn Harvey, retired from MSU.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
1. \$9,671.75 was submitted for payment with Waanders/Smith making motion to pay which was approved following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Other Items of Interest

- A. Audience member Mel Brown commented about how beautiful a road 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue is now.
- B. Schulz explained a limb fell on one of the older cemetery stones and Patton Monument has given a quote of between \$150-\$200 to set stone back on pedestal and replace top to stone.

C. Township air conditioning unit was struck by lightning and cost over \$3,000.00 with bill for it and also for stone repair to be covered by insurance.

XI. Adjourn

A. Waanders/Smith made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:25 PM.