

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

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Pledge and Invocation
  
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Treasurer Waanders, Trustee Smith, Clerk Hough and Supervisor Schulz were present. Trustee Rutgers was absent.
  
- III. Approve Minutes of January 7, 2008
  - A. Waanders/Smith made motion to approve which passed with an aye vote.
  
- IV. Reports
  - A. Frank Tooker, Building Inspector
    - 1. Secretary Evans reported four permits were pulled in January with two for new homes with \$367.00 in revenues.
    - ii. Permits were down 34% from 2007 with only 57 compared to 86 in 2006 with 20 for new homes, down only 3 from 2006 with total value of construction \$2,886,755.
  - B. Ted Heckman, Planning and Board of Appeals Chair
    - 1. Planning Commission meeting was postponed to January 21<sup>st</sup>, to include Mayor and City Manager of Allegan to discuss plans about Master Plan.
    - 2. He is not aware of any business for Board of Appeals for next Monday.
  - C. Max Thiele, County Commissioner - 6<sup>th</sup> District
    - 1. There were only two principal items discussed end of January
      - (1) Allegan County Transportation to start building this spring and more appropriation of funds for it; and
      - (2) Proposing a ban on phosphorus fertilizer.
  - D. Fritz Spreitzer, County Commissioner - 9<sup>th</sup> District
    - 1. On vacation.
  - E. Bob Kaarlie, Allegan County Road Commissioner
    - 1. Possible things for Allegan Township in 2008 is 24<sup>th</sup> Street being repaved and in 2009 Babylon Road from River Street to M-40 North.
    - 2. Supervisor Schulz asked how budget is for snowplowing with Kaarlie responding snowstorms have come on weekends when overtime has to be paid but Allegan County seems to be in a better shape than other counties.
  - F. Other Reports
    - 1. *M-40/M-89 Corridor* - Hough reported bridge substructure will be re-built in Hamilton with a street light installed for one way traffic.

V. Open to the Audience

VI. Old Business

A. Ambulance Agreement

1. Schulz noted there had been a first draft but now we have final draft which has been forwarded to City's attorney and to townships' (Allegan, Trowbridge, Cheshire and Valley) attorney, John Lohrstorfer, to look it over.
2. Payment will be proportionate to population with total cost of \$78,000.
3. Life EMS is a larger ambulance service with some good things to offer.

B. Letter From Martin Township

1. Allegan Township had put a resolution together to have jail downtown and to consider Commissioner Spreitzer's letter which explained logic of it.
2. A letter from Martin Township has been received stating their approval of said resolution.

C. Miner Lake Sewer (Deferred Funding to 2009)

1. Schulz informed board township is third on contingency list for low interest loan of 2½%.
2. Program is administered through DEQ's Jon Berman who had sent a schedule which couldn't be met with time constraints so township has asked for deferment to 2009 but will continue to distribute petitions this spring to all residents, once "snowbirds" have returned.
3. One problem with deferment until next year is township could be even lower on list.

D. Allegan Bible Church Reply (Bowling Alley Beer/Wine License)

1. Schulz explained bowling alley, located in City, is looking for a beer/wine license but City has none left to give but Township has one.
2. A 425 could be done to transfer bowling alley from City into township to get license with City comfortable doing that.
3. Owner of bowling alley is looking to be more competitive, staying in community and has done a lot of upgrades.
4. Allegan L.E. White Middle School is within 500 feet and will not take formal action, remaining neutral, while Allegan Bible Church, also within 500 feet, does not support alcohol but will not protest.
5. Matt Snowden, owner of bowling alley, noted a lot of cleaning and modernizing has been done and this establishment is one of only five in Michigan that does not have either a beer/wine or liquor license.
7. Heckman noted bowling alley predates either school or church and it might be beneficial, also questioning what has happened to beer/wine license Ground Sphere had and learned State has it in escrow.

8. Waanders/Schulz made motion to talk to City again and set up Public Hearing which passed on a vote of three to one to move forward with Hough against it.

VII. New Business

A. Set Budget Hearing

1. Waanders/Smith made motion to set budget hearing for March 3, 2008 meeting at approximately 7:45 pm which passed with aye vote.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. Hough asked about bill to pay for aerial photos for Miner Lake Sewer Project and learned from Schulz photos can be used any time.
2. Waanders/Hough made motion to approve payment of \$11,784.86 which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Adjourn

- A. Hough/Waanders made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:08 PM.