

**Allegan Township Board Meeting**  
**February 7, 2011**  
**7:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Pledge & Invocation
  
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Present were Supervisor Steve Schulz, Clerk Linda Evans, Trustee Karl Spreitzer, Trustee Holly Hough and Treasurer Jane Waanders.
  
- III. Approve Minutes of January 3, 2011 Meeting and January 20, 2011 Special Meeting
  - A. Spreitzer/Waanders made motion to approve which passed following aye vote.
  
- IV. Reports
  - A. Frank Tooker, Building Inspector
    - 1. Clerk Evans reported two permits were issued in January with no new homes for total fees of \$5,308.00, noting one permit is for an addition to the Ely Manor (a nursing home).
    - 2. 2010 Annual Report was given with Evans noting there were 32 permits issued with seven for new homes.
      - (1) Total value of construction was \$1,861,312.00 with \$8,671.00 received in fees with Schulz commenting it doesn't cover Building Official's wages and that perhaps we might look at that.
  - B. Ted Heckman, Planning Board Member and Board of Appeals Chair
    - 1. In absence of Chair Terry Skoglund, Heckman reported, regarding Planning Commission's special meeting, a re-zoning request was approved for M-40 N.
    - 2. Board of Appeals meeting will be held next Monday evening with no business planned although Clerk Evans noted there will be an Election of Officers as it is mandated with the Zoning Enabling Act enforced now.

- C. Max Thiele, County Commissioner - 6<sup>th</sup> District
  - 1. Board of Commissioners had election of officers with Mark DeYoung selected as Chair and Tom Jessup as Vice-Chair.
  - 2. Most discussion in January centered around cost of jail at about \$15,000,000 with concern about direction it is headed.
  - 3. Also discussed were transportation grants, marine safety, etc..
  - 4. Bill Nelson retired from Road Commission and Bruce Culver was retained on the same board.
  - 5. Trustee Spreitzer questioned about cost of jail and learned there are standards that still apply and do have about \$2.8 million currently available.
- D. Bill Sage, County Commissioner - 9<sup>th</sup> District
  - 1. Commented briefly about the jail and discussion Commissioners have had regarding tearing down the jail and making a parking lot.

V. Open to the Audience

VI. Old Business

- A. Recreation Project Update (Old Railroad Right-of-Way to Miner Lake)
  - 1. Schulz communicated there was the possibility of a walking/bike path along the right-of-way and he had received phone calls from four property owners who would be affected and nobody had an interest in it.
  - 2. Spreitzer commented there is another project being thought about which could perhaps be a bike path, although not sure yet on what route it would take but would involve widening shoulders on some roads and purchase of additional land which could be done through Township's Recreation Plan.
  - 3. Schulz added there might be money there to purchase extra land through the Recreation Plan.
    - a. Talked about the possibility to the Road Commission and they didn't know if two-way traffic (bike and pedestrian) on one side would be allowed and there might be some stipulations from the DNR.
- B. Gypsy Moth
  - 1. Schulz commented we had problems in the past and to keep that thought in mind for perhaps spring or fall maintenance.
  - 2. City discontinued the program five to six years ago.

VII. New Business

- A. Appoint Board of Appeals Member to Fill Vacancy
  - 1. Holly Hough/Jane Waanders made motion to appoint Keith Behm which passed with an aye vote.
- B. Set Public Hearing for 2011-12 Budget (March 7, 2011)
  - 1. Our fiscal year runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - 2. Waanders/Spreitzer made motion to set budget hearing for March 7, 2011 which passed with an aye vote.
- C. Approve Amendments for 2010-2011 Budget
  - 1. Waanders/Evans made motion to approve amendments which passed following roll call.
- D. Marihuana Moratorium?
  - 1. Schulz commented City has put a moratorium in place for six months.
  - 2. ACLU has five or six cases pending against those municipalities who are against allowing it.
  - 3. Schulz felt we maybe should look at what the City is doing and noted to Heckman that the recommendation should come from the Planning Commission.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
  - 1. Waanders/Spreitzer made motion to approve payment of \$4,408.58 in bills which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Other Items of Concern

- A. Spreitzer noted census data would be available by June and wondered the effect on Township's Master Plan with Schulz feeling there would probably be not much at all and that we would increase population to about 4,600.

XI. Adjourn

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