

Alleghan Township Board Meeting
January 3, 2011
7:30 PM

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

- II. Roll Call
 - A. Present were Supervisor Steve Schulz, Treasurer Jane Waanders, Clerk Linda Evans, Trustee Holly Hough and Trustee Karl Spreitzer.

- III. Approve Minutes of December 6, 2010 Meeting and December 22, 2010 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 December with one for a new home for total fees of \$1,064.00.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Planning and Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Although Heckman was present he had not been at the Board of Appeals meeting held in December so Supervisor Schulz reported there were two variances for a lot on Miner Lake, both which were turned down.
 - 2. Planning Commission will meet next Monday night and hold a special meeting on January 24th.
 - C. Max Thiele, County Commissioner - 6th District
 - 1. County Commissioners met twice in December; once on the 9th to do an introspective evaluation of the jail with architect and engineers now to reduce the scope level to be funded by current dollars in the budget.
 - 2. Both on the 9th and 16th they worked through process of selling the old jail, now a museum, to be purchased by Historical Society on a two year contract.
 - D. Bill Sage, County Commissioner - 9th District
 - 1. Introduced himself saying he would do "best job I can do for you."
 - E. Other Reports
 - 1. Schulz noted Board had approved Fire District budget in amount of \$335,500 at special meeting on the 22nd, \$10,000 less since liability insurance came down due to couple of accidents cleaned off the record from the past.
 - a. Chief had a 2% raise in pay and decision made to compensate Chairman for approximately ten hours of work a month for \$200.00 @ month.
 - b. Township is paying a bit more now as a result of more runs and people.
 - c. Audience member Bruce Carns asked if we had lost income from

other townships and in that case is there less of a load with Schulz responding we did lose Monterey, having had three townships to provide fire protection, went with just two, Salem picking up area Allegan had covered; and both Valley and Trowbridge had not become part of the Fire District when it was formed.

- d. Carns also questioned if we are reimbursed for Mutual Aid or is it pretty even and learned we are not reimbursed and that it is not really even as we are closer to a lot of fire/accident locations than Departments that are covering those areas.
- e. Schulz commented he is “really proud of who we have as a Fire Chief and our firefighters.”
- f. Audience member Sam Martin related his wife was in a very serious accident and Fire District personnel were very professional.

- 2. An audience member asked about a letter he received regarding bicycle and walking paths with Schulz explaining about the old rail road line that runs from Allegan, near Industrial Park, toward Miner Lake and opportunity that is possibly there to pursue a recreation grant to make it a bicycle/walking path now that the Township has a Recreation Plan in place as well as trying to partner with the City from the Industrial Park to have a path from there along Hooker Road into the City to Bond Street.
 - a. Schulz commented letters were sent to property owners looking for 40' easement of the 99' available to first find out if lands are available.
 - b. Carns says he (as a property owner) would never do that because of the liability.

VI. Old Business

A. Corridor Update

- 1. Audience member/Planning Commission Vice-Chair Terry Skoglund noted he had met with City Manager Rob Hillard and his observation from that is the Planning Commission is evolving from regulatory issues toward future community development and land use planning and feels Township needs to actively seek two additional members for our Planning Commission and explore the “Partnership for Change” possibilities by applying for said grant jointly with the City of Allegan and also create a Corridor Improvement Association along with Allegan City for the M-89 corridor east of the City as it transitions from M-89 to Marshall Street.
 - a. There is the opportunity to get some grants with a small match needed equally from both City and Township.

B. Recreation Project Update

- 1. Schulz noted we had spoken about that earlier to get a walking trail.

C. Planning Commission Members Needed (Re-Appointments)

- 1. Schulz noted there is a need for two Planning Commission members, adding it is difficult to find people to take the time to do that with Clerk

Evans commenting there is a need for three as one member had not chosen to be re-appointed.

2. A few people have been called but have not been successful in getting any interest from them.

VII. New Business

A. Gypsy Moth

1. Township didn't purchase any cones/containers last year as there now is only a minor problem in a few areas, ie. around the middle and high school and City had stopped their program several years ago with Schulz questioning if Board has an interest in doing something in either spring and fall, or spring, or fall?
2. It was learned the fall program is better but Schulz added he had been going out and putting them on himself as people were not coming in to pick them up.
3. Trustee Spreitzer suggested we think it over as he is not familiar with the program and see if there is any interest from property owners with Evans commenting people haven't been calling or coming in requesting the packets.

B. Red Flag Rules

1. Schulz reported he was going to call our attorney to check on it after the last board meeting to find out if we needed to be a part of it but it doesn't apply to us as we don't send out bills for water and sewer.

C. State Revenue (\$43,444.00 - Sept-Oct. 2010) (\$43,070.00 - Sept-Oct. 2009)

D. Small Urban Project (North Main from Ida to 118th Avenue)

1. City and Township met some time ago with Road Commission Director Bill Nelson regarding this project which is .84 miles at a cost of \$358,060.00.
2. The local match amount is \$89,580 which is paid for by the Road Commission.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. Waanders/Hough made motion to pay \$3,345.55 presented in bills which passed following roll call.

B. Road Fund

1. Waanders/Spreitzer made motion to pay \$85,663.60 on final bill for 120th Avenue which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. Schulz spoke about e-mail from Road Commission's Craig Atwood regarding 114th Avenue from 26th to 24th Street which we'll probably vote on at our meeting on January 24th.

X. Other Items of Concern

- A. Carns asked about roads with Schulz suggesting he let us know what roads he was thinking about and learned that he would like to see 28th Street, from 118th to 120th Avenue paved as it would take some load off 30th Street and also something done with 122nd Avenue with Schulz noting we have considered having it ground up and re-paved as it needs more drainage.

XI. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Spreitzer made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:26PM.