

**Allegan Township Board Meeting**  
**January 7, 2008**  
**7:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Pledge and Invocation
  
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Supervisor Schulz, Clerk Hough, Treasurer Waanders, Trustee Rutgers and Trustee Smith were present.
  
- III. Approve Minutes of: December 3, 2007 Regular Meeting and December 19, 2007 Special Meeting
  - A. Waanders/Smith made motion to approve which passed following aye vote.
  
- IV. Reports
  - A. Frank Tooker, Building Inspector
    - 1. Secretary Evans reported one permit was issued in December with revenue of \$60.00.
      - (1) She also noted only 59 permits were issued in 2007.
  - B. Ted Heckman, Planning and Board of Appeals Chair
    - 1. Not much going on with either boards.
    - 2. Planning Commission will be working on upgrading Master Plan at next meeting with Supervisor Schulz interjecting meeting will be held one week later with City.
  - C. Max Thiele, County Commissioner - 6<sup>th</sup> District
    - 1. Not much happening except completing County Administrator evaluation.
    - 2. Audience member Louie TerAvest asked Thiele what he thought was most significant decision made by Commissioners and Thiele felt it was location for Allegan County Jail was made, primarily north of Animal Shelter on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street.
    - 3. He explained elected officials only get one raise in four years which is in November after election.
  - D. Fritz Spreitzer, County Commissioner - 9<sup>th</sup> District
    - 1. Cost of living raises were given for Commissioners.
    - 2. Regional Jail Study was approved on vote of 6 to 5.
    - 3. \$2,500 was allotted per year to County Commissioners to pay for college tuition.
    - 4. TerAvest asked Spreitzer same question with Spreitzer feeling it was finishing the budget on time.
  - E. Other Reports
    - 1. There were none.

V. Open to the Audience

- A. TerAvest suggested, with Road Commission here, not having semi trucks stop at Dumont Road.

VI. Old Business

A. 34<sup>th</sup> Street/121st Avenue (Road Commissioners)

1. Bill Nelson, Manager of Allegan County Road Commission, briefly explained condition of 34<sup>th</sup> Street since it was built five years ago.
2. He noted township had agreed to re-surface worst two areas in 2004 which have held up since that time.
3. He commented reclaimed gravel had been used and it was excessively high in clay, noting Road Commission had neglected to check it out and, subsequently, the road fell apart.
  - a. Road should have lasted 10-12 years.
4. Nelson described their new recommendations of three inches asphalt, no reclaimed gravel being used and paving be done in same year as road built.
5. Road Commission's intent in 2008 is to pave between two patches township paid for and proposes to resurface from 121<sup>st</sup> to first patch and re-seal entire section from Babylon to Dumont Road with two coats.
  - a. He isn't sure where they will find the funds.
6. The \$10,000 township paid for patches is being offered as a rebate toward any future road projects, noting in 2009 an urban project will be done to re-pave Babylon Road with a sidewalk put in that monies could go toward.
  - a. These funds are from the Primary Road Fund.
7. Schulz felt this would be an ideal situation.
8. Nelson further commented MDOT does not have a "guarantee" on their roads.
9. Trustee Rutgers asked if 34<sup>th</sup> Street could become a primary road with Nelson answering it might be if new jail, potentially, is placed out at County campus.
10. Regarding 121<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Schulz asked what happened (regarding four patches on new road) and learned some areas are very open with a natural draining process but patches were put on at contractor's own expense and doesn't anticipate 121<sup>st</sup> will have same problem as 34<sup>th</sup> Street did.
11. Bruce Culver mentioned upcoming road meetings, encouraging entire board to come.

B. Miner Lake Sewer

1. Township is pursuing sewer to Miner Lake and township board has chosen Prein and Newhof as engineers for project.

2. Petition to present to land owners is being put together right now.
- C. Draft Ambulance Agreement (Life EMS)
1. Schulz explained four townships and City of Allegan are in negotiation with Life EMS that currently covers Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Newaygo areas, noting this company is much larger than we use right now.
  2. \$39.00 a year membership would be available for use in any of their areas.
  3. Cost would be \$78,000 annually and are asking for five year contract but committee would suggest three year.
  4. Could possibly be finalized by April as have only a few things to iron out.
  5. Ambulances and other equipment would be inherited by new company and that it has a real good reputation.
  6. Clerk Hough asked if there were any other ambulances contacted and that, ordinarily, should be put out for bid with Schulz responding none other could cover for us if needing an ambulance in this area.
  7. Currently \$4,000 is paid per five entities but would need to be increased and probably it would be based on population.
  8. Audience member Sam Martin remarked Life EMS is a spectacular company with superior equipment as he is a former employee.

VII. New Business

- A. State Revenue (\$48,354 - Nov. & Dec. '07) (\$48,677 - Nov. & Dec. '06)

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
1. \$9,639.86 was presented in bills with motion made by Waanders/Smith to approve which carried following roll call.

IX. Other Concerns

- A. Snowmobile Trail
1. Audience member Jim Billman had previous concerns about snowmobile trail and had learned from Schulz Allegan County Road Commission had written letter stating snowmobiles could not come across M-40 North.
    - a. It has been learned there is no authority to do that with MDOT saying they could cross road.
  2. Snowmobiles have to stay as far to right of road right of way as possible.
- B. Billman also raised question about township's jeep that previously was used for Fire Chief and learned township will retain it for enforcement vehicle.

X. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Hough made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:32 PM.