

Allegran Township Board Meeting
June 2, 2008
7:30 PM

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

- II. Roll Call
 - A. Clerk Hough, Supervisor Schulz, Treasurer Waanders, Trustee Rutgers and Trustee Smith were present.

- III. Approve Minutes of May 5, 2008 Meeting
 - A. Waanders/Rutgers made motion to approve which passed following aye vote.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Frank Tooker, Building Inspector
 - 1. Secretary Evans reported three permits issued in May with no new homes.
 - 2. She also noted it was least amount of permits issued in 13 years.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Planning and Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Was not present but Supervisor Schulz said Board of Appeals will look at variance at next Monday's meeting.
 - 2. Planning Commission worked on two ordinances for township to approve.
 - C. Max Thiele, County Commissioner - 6th District
 - 1. Not present.
 - D. Fritz Spreitzer, County Commissioner - 9th District
 - 1. Commissioners did vote, 8-2, for jail planner as already have site chosen which is at Dumont facility.
 - 2. Medical Care Facility received an award from the State.
 - 3. Schulz just doesn't understand why they (Commissioners) don't want to put jail downtown and is upset that VanEck commented meeting (with township and RQAW) was just to be polite and Schulz felt it was an idiotic statement.
 - a. He felt it is incredibly idiotic at what is going on at that level and explained at the meeting held, at the time he was talking, Sheriff's Department officers, who were there only because they had to be, were rude including Frank Baker talking loudly on his phone.
 - b. Schulz is very disappointed and is not going to sit still.
 - c. Audience member Louie TerAvest isn't too sure about jail downtown as he couldn't find a parking spot to go to post office.

4. Spreitzer commented there is concern about getting adequate water at Dumont site with Trustee Rutgers questioning where they will find enough water to protect the jail out there.
 5. Audience member Karl Spreitzer said it smacks of superiority by Sheriff and Commissioners.
 6. Fritz Spreitzer said he would run again for Commissioner of 9th District.
- E. Other Reports
1. *Ambulance* (Schulz) - Life EMS started June 2nd.
 2. *Miner Lake Board* (Waanders) - meeting was held - still have money left with Progressive AE coming back with plan as to what lake needs for summer in weed weevil protection.
- V. Open to the Audience
- A. Karl Spreitzer introduced himself noting he will be running for township trustee.
- VI. Old Business
- A. Township's M-89 Property Pay-Off (\$35,429.71)
1. Schulz said we have money available to pay-off \$35,429.71 owed on township property and could save a couple thousand dollars a year on interest with Waanders thinking it is a good idea.
 2. Rutgers questioned "what are we buying it for?" with Waanders explaining it was property township is purchasing.
 3. Waanders/Smith made motion to pay off property which passed following roll call.
- B. Township Clean-Up on May 10 (102 tires and 17 Appliances)
1. Schulz noted it was a real good turn-out but had a couple people from City drop items off and they will be notified.
 2. Clerk Hough had a concern that dumpsters are too high and need help to get things in it with Schulz saying could talk to Hiscock's and possibly have another person there to assist.
- VII. New Business
- A. Outdoor Woodstove Ordinance
1. Board members had copy of ordinance from Texas Township and changes Schulz had made or x'ed out.
 2. Schulz commented wood stoves are becoming more of an issue and although there is nothing wrong with having one, there are some residential areas on small lots, indicating DeLano is a heavily populated area and don't need people putting one in.

3. Rutgers suggested turning it over to Planning Commission and have them look it over real good with Schulz stating that board has already done that very thing with Rutgers questioning if we have the minutes.
 - a. Schulz explained ordinance had been gone over at meeting and changes he made had been mailed out with Planning Commission members calling or coming in with their comments and feels it was basically approved individually.
 1. Rutgers feels it should be in the minutes.
 4. Schulz explained only reason it is being moved along is to have it in effect before more people purchase one in a highly populated area.
 5. Hough said he is sort of having second thoughts and would like to get it down a little looser and maybe have a special use permit in some areas with Schulz explaining it is actually a variance that can be given.
 6. Schulz understands need for documentation but that it is primarily for high density areas.
 7. Waanders asked if people have to come to Planning Commission to have a wood burning stove and learned the answer is no if they meet the requirements, it is fine to proceed.
 8. More discussion followed including Karl Spreitzer saying that when he delivered mail, he could still smell creosote even if there were no fire burning.
 9. Schulz wanted board to know that once this is approved, it is published and takes 30 days before it goes into effect.
 - a. Waanders questioned if there doesn't have to be a public hearing and Schulz said he would check with our lawyer.
 10. Hough felt we out to fine tune it and look at it a little bit more.
 11. It was noted there are about six already in township.
- B. Cemetery Ordinance
1. Schulz told board to give it a look and get back with him.
 2. Hough has a concern about existing rules not on it.
 3. Schulz also commented we do not currently have a cemetery ordinance.
- C. \$25.00 Recycle Fee on Winter Tax Bill
1. Schulz explained it is a fee that goes on winter tax bill and is not mandatory to pay but people really appreciate recycling here and money would help General Fund as township pays \$18,-19,000 a year.
 - a. It is a surcharge and if not paid, there is not a lien on the property.
 2. Waanders/Schulz made motion to approve with Waanders commenting fee will only go on property with a home on it and it will take several months to verify all parcels that only have homes so it will be billed correctly.
 - a. Motion passed following roll call.

- D. Resolution to Keep Jail Downtown
 - 1. Rutgers feels City of Allegan should fight for it too.
 - 2. Schulz indicated Sheriff is also looking for another pole barn and indoor shooting range, things not printed in paper for people to know about.
 - 3. Hough asked Spreitzer if Commissioners know they don't have water or don't care and Spreitzer feels they don't care.
 - 4. Rutgers/Smith made motion to do a resolution to keep jail downtown which passed with an aye vote following roll call.
- E. Planning Commission Appointee
 - 1. Schulz presented Al Gearig for replacing Chip Clearwater on Planning Commission.
 - a. Clearwater had to resign.
 - b. Gearig retired as CFO from Allegan General Hospital with Schulz thinking he is objective, has common sense and logic.
 - 2. Rutgers wanted to wait until a few more people knew of opening with Waanders saying it had been announced several months ago.
 - 3. Smith/Waanders made motion to approve which passed following roll call.
- F. Updated Master Plan Zoning Map
 - 1. Schulz noted some adjustments were made but map is not set in stone but just shows projected future use as it is only a guide and needed to be updated after five years.
 - 2. Planning Commission has approved it with adjustments of smaller Industrial area and larger area of agriculture.
 - 3. Waanders/Hough made motion to approve Master Plan Zoning Map which passed on roll call with a vote of four to one with Rutgers voting no.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. Waanders/Hough made motion to pay \$6,880.65 in bills which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Smith made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:50 PM.