

Allegan Township Board Meeting
March 24, 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 March 3, 2008
 - A. It was noted bowling alley is called Sunset Lanes and with that change, Waanders/Hough made motion to approve which passed with aye vote.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Supervisor Schulz noted since this meeting is being held within same month with reports given on March 3, there would be none given tonight.

- V. Open to the Audience

- VI. Old Business
 - A. Renew Franchise for Charter Communications
 - 1. Schulz reported we currently receive 5% revenue from gross sales and are paid approximately \$4,000 a quarter.
 - 2. Waanders/Smith made motion to approve renewal of contract with motion passing on a four to one vote with Rutgers voting no as he wanted to ask for a higher percentage of revenue.
 - 3. Question was asked as how long this franchise was for and Hough, later in meeting, said it was for ten years and he felt he needed to read up a little more on it.
 - (1) It was determined he will come back with more information at next meeting and Board could vote on it again.
 - B. Budget Approval
 - 1. Schulz pointed out Contingency Fund has a fair amount which could be used for anything and suggested paying off township property which is approximately \$41,000, saving approximately \$2,000 interest a year.
 - a. Rutgers thought we should take a good study of what to do.
 - 2. Recording Secretary Evans commented fund balances shown are for March 21, 2008, with one more set of bills to be paid before end of month.

3. Waanders expressed concern about approving salaries separate from remainder of budget and learned that was done at annual meeting which township no longer does.
 4. Therefore, Waanders/Smith made motion to approve budget which passed following roll call.
- C. MTA Quarterly Meeting Update
 1. Michigan Townships Association had their meeting last Monday evening and it was to discuss issue as to where jail will be placed.
 2. RQAW delivered a feasibility study as to a vertical as opposed to horizontal concept with Schulz feeling they did an excellent job.
- D. Set Public Hearing (Bowling Alley) for April 14, 2008
 1. Hugh Snowden, owner, is revitalizing alley, investing monies to bring it to a point where it will be better than some of Kalamazoos'.
 2. Schulz noted we have to reset this public hearing as there wasn't enough time to get it published before this meeting.
 3. Waanders/Smith made motion to set public hearing for April 14, 2008, to move parcel bowling alley sets on, into township with a 425 agreement with the City which has already been approved.
 - a. Motion passed following roll call.

VII. New Business

- A. Child Abuse Prevention Month (Proclamation)
 1. Safe Harbor asked Allegan Township declare April as Child Abuse Prevention Month which passed on a motion by Smith/Waanders.
- B. Watson Township (Updating Master Plan)
 1. Watson Township welcomed us to join them.
- C. Insurance (Cemetery/Liability)
 1. Evans had checked with township insurance carrier, Western Insurance, to find out coverage on cemeteries and learned we also have cemetery professional coverage (\$250) which covers wrongful burial, vandalism and trees falling on headstones.
 2. She also learned we have \$2,000,000 liability where other townships have \$1,000,000 with a difference in cost between \$600-\$700.00.
 1. Board was pleased with coverage we currently have.
- D. Renewal of Road Millage to 1.0000 Mill and Renewal of Fire Millage to .5000 Mill (to Place on August Primary Election Ballot)
 1. It was noted these millages expire December 31, 2008 and need to be renewed to continue to receive monies.
 2. Hough/Smith made motion to approve which passed following roll call.

- E. Rollback Operating Millage to Original 1.0000 (to Place on August Primary Election Ballot)
 - 1. Schulz noted this is not additional millage but only to place it at original one mill which township residents had voted on in past.
 - 2. Hough explained current .8481 had occurred when Headlee rollback, to take it to original mill, had not been done annually for several years.
 - 3. Hough/Smith made motion to approve which passed following roll call.
- F. 2008 Board of Review Action Report
 - 1. Schulz commented he had not remembered seeing this report before and learned from Evans our assessor had informed her of some new State mandated reports which included this.
 - 2. 115 people made appeals at past Board of Review with 22 being granted.
 - 3. Total assessed value change was -\$293,000 and total taxable value change was -\$164,520.

VIII. Correspondence

- A. Waanders asked if we had received any correspondence from Road Commission regarding 34th Street, noting it was “breaking up as we speak.”
 - 1. Schulz responded “no” but also noted we have not paid final bill for 121st Avenue yet.

IX. Roads

- A. Schulz also made comment about perhaps resealing 115th Avenue as it is really bad and also looking at 34th Street from 113th Avenue south to township line.
- B. He further thought we should do some sealing and fog sealing this year and take care of our existing roads as it is expensive to build a new one.
 - 1. We are able to save money toward building a new one this way, too.

X. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Smith made motion to adjourn which passed on an aye vote with meeting closing at 8:06 PM.