

Allegan Township Board Meeting
March 3, 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 Regular Meeting on February 4, 2008 and Special Meetings of February 11th and 25th
 - A. Waanders/Smith made motion to approve which passed with aye vote.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Frank Tooker, Building Inspector
 - 1. Secretary Evans reported four permits were pulled in February with no new homes with \$304.00 in revenues.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Planning and Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. No regular business for Planning Commission next Monday but work on upgrading Master Plan.
 - (1) Supervisor Schulz noted replacement is needed on Planning Commission for Chip Clearwater who resigned.
 - 2. There was nothing for Board of Appeals last month.
 - C. Max Thiele, County Commissioner - 6th District
 - 1. There were seven items this past month:
 - a. Facilities Manager Brett Butler resigned and assistant, Bob Wakeman, was designated as replacement;
 - b. Phosphorous ordinance passed and will go into effect 01/0/09;
 - c. Health Department was given a little more money;
 - d. Holland's Evergreen Commons, was also given more money;
 - e. County Transportation has paperwork already and will break ground for new building in spring;
 - f. Sheriff Koops worked on getting bids for seven new cars; and
 - g. DNR will improve both Pine Point and Ely Lake Campgrounds.
 - 2. Audience member Roger Carns commented his appreciation to both Thiele and Spreitzer for trying to get jail where it ought to be and also to township board for supporting them.

- D. Fritz Spreitzer, County Commissioner - 9th District
 - 1. Commissioners voted to commit \$40,000 for professional services for new Animal Shelter.
 - 2. Previously Commissioners had disallowed discussion on keeping jail downtown but now will have discussion at March 20 meeting in Karl Zimmerman Room at 9:30 AM.
 - a. Schulz is concerned room will be too small.
 - b. Audience member Terry Skoglund asked if meeting is open to the public and learned it is.
- E. Other Reports
 - 1. *Fire District* - Schulz stated it is going well and now in process of purchasing a new pumper.
 - c. Fire runs are down as a result of educating people and better building techniques.
- V. State Representative Race - 88th District
 - A. Candidate Spencer Moore introduced himself as candidate; currently he is Leighton Township Supervisor and feels he can get things done if elected.
- VI. Open to the Audience
 - A. Roger Carns - Trees in Cemetery
 - 1. Trees he was concerned about are still standing while two others had fallen due to insect infestation.
 - a. Schulz reported no headstones were damaged when those trees went down.
 - 2. Treasurer Waanders suggested calling and getting prices to take original two trees down.
 - 3. Carns also talked about needing to repair older thin headstones.
 - B. Terry Skoglund - Jail Resolution
 - 1. Skoglund isn't sure why township is bringing it up again as he doesn't really care where jail is but having it downtown doesn't seem to strike him as the way to revitalize Allegan.
 - 2. Carns explained it is a dollars and cents deal but is hard to sell to the people.
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Support on Jail Resolution
 - 1. Martin, Valley, Trowbridge, Salem and Hopkins Townships have all sent resolutions in support for Commissioners to talk about jail being downtown.

- B. Budget Hearing
 - 1. Schulz noted regular meeting would be closed and opened budget hearing.
 - 2. Trustee Rutgers felt anybody who has been on board 30 years should have a little pension.
 - 3. Heckman asked why so much money for cemetery and learned there would be some extra work done in it this year and perhaps also a new well.
 - 4. Budget will be approved at township board meeting on March 24th.
 - 5. Schulz closed budget hearing and re-opened regular meeting.
- C. Approve Ambulance Agreement
 - 1. Schulz noted he had just received thoughts from township attorney, commenting it doesn't appear there are any serious issues but he needs to read it over and also get those thoughts to the other townships (Cheshire, Valley and Trowbridge) and await their response.
 - 2. Will consider approving agreement at March 24th meeting.

VIII. New Business

- A. Resolution to Approve and Adopt Fire Truck Acquisitions and Financing Contract
 - 1. District will be purchasing new pumper and have shopped for best interest rate which is from Chemical Bank at 3.99%.
 - 2. City has already approved and signed resolution.
 - 3. Already have some monies on hand, needing only to finance \$268,000.
 - 4. Waanders/Schulz made motion to adopt resolution which passed on a vote of four to one with Rutgers voting no.
- B. Fire Truck Contract
 - 1. That will now be signed having approved resolution.
- C. Set hearing for 425 Contract with City of Allegan (Templin Sunset Lanes - Bowling Alley)
 - 1. Schulz explained tax base would be shared with City to enable bowling alley to have township's last remaining beer/wine license.
 - 2. Rutgers asked if only Pastor had given OK and learned it wasn't just the Pastor, but also the governing body of the church that gave the OK.
 - a. Rutgers still feels it is just too close to the church.
 - 3. Waanders asked if hearing would be held with City and learned City has already had their hearing.
 - 4. Waanders/Smith made motion to hold public hearing at next township board meeting, to be held on March 24th, if there is enough time to get everything published.
 - a. Motion passed on roll call vote of three to two with Rutgers and Hough voting no.

- D. March 24, 2008 Township Board Meeting in Place of April 7, 2008 Meeting
 - 1. Schulz explained both he and Waanders would be gone on April 7th and would like to schedule regular meeting for March 24th.
 - E. State Revenue - March 2008 - \$50,260 (March 2007 - \$45,625)
 - F. Allegan County MTA Quarterly Meeting - March 17, 2008 - 7:00 PM
 - 1. Jail engineering firm RQAW will be speaking about their experience.
 - G. County Commissioner's Meeting with RQAW - March 20, 2008
- IX. Pay Bills
- A. General Fund
 - 1. Waanders/Smith made motion to approve \$6,191.37 in bills which passed following roll call.
- X. Correspondence
- A. There was none.
- XI. Other Items of Concern
- A. Audience member Jim Billman questioned about John Palenick being able to come to Board of Review and learned we had not received a call stating he wouldn't be there.
- XII. Adjourn
- A. Waanders/Hough made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:31 PM.