

Allegan Township Board Meeting
May 5, 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: March 24, 2008 Meeting and April 14, 2008 Special Meeting
 - A. Correction was made on adjourning time of April 14 meeting, with Smith/Hough making motion to approve, with correction, which passed following aye vote.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Frank Tooker, Building Inspector
 - 1. Secretary Evans reported ten permits issued in April, five for new homes, with revenue of \$1,432.00.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Planning and Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. No business for Board of Appeals last month.
 - 2. Not aware of business for Planning Commission next Monday.
 - (1) Supervisor Schulz noted work on Master Plan Map for Planning Commission and a variance in June for Board of Appeals.
 - C. Max Thiele, County Commissioner - 6th District
 - 1. Deferred to Spreitzer.
 - D. Fritz Spreitzer, County Commissioner - 9th District
 - 1. Talked about Allegan County Mental Health Board, Equalization, Parks, Emergency Management and Drain Commission.
 - 2. Audience member Jim Billman asked about work on Bear Swamp Drain and learned from Schulz there is quite a bit done.
 - E. Other Reports
 - 1. *M-40/M-89 Corridor* (Hough) - bridge in Hamilton will be one way traffic after school is done.
 - 2. *Miner Lake Board* (Waanders) - meeting will be held shortly.
 - 3. Candidates for State Representative - 88th District - introduced themselves:
 - a. Joshua Leatherman - owns own business
 - b. Shelly Edgerton - Gun Plain Supervisor
 - c. Bob Genetski - teaches alternative education

d. Todd Boorsma - businessman

V. Open to the Audience

A. Terry Skoglund announced he was running for township trustee.

VI. Old Business

A. Approve Budget Amendments

1. Waanders/Hough made motion to approve, passing following roll call.

B. Approve Ambulance Agreement with Life EMS

1. Schulz explained it would be an improvement over past.

2. Trustee Rutgers asked if ambulance would run from same station and learned it would.

3. Membership for family can be purchased for \$39.00 per year which is good anywhere in Michigan where Life EMS is located.

4. Allegan Township's portion would be \$20,826.00.

5. City has approved with Cheshire, Trowbridge and Valley yet to approve.

1. All townships have same attorney who has gone over agreement and made some changes.

6. Rutgers/Waanders made motion to approve which passed following roll call.

VII. New Business

A. Approve Blacktop and Fog Sealing

1. Schulz noted they (Hough, Smith and Schulz) had went on roads and took a look at some of our worst spots.

2. Rutgers said we still have a lot of money in escrow for building a road with Schulz noting we have been doing that a lot in the past to save up for a couple of years before working on a road.

a. He also noted there is also a request for one layer of dust control.

3. Hough/Smith made motion to approve work orders which passed following roll call.

B. Township Clean-Up on April 12, 2008 (29 Tires and 13 Appliances)

1. Next Clean-Up Date is May 10, 2008

C. Drain Assessing Workshop (May 29, 2008 - 7:00-8:30 PM - Karl Zimmerman Room)

1. Need to RSVP for this event.

D. Charter Communications Franchise Agreement

1. Recording Secretary Evans explained there had been a question about increasing amount of township revenue which is currently at 5%.

a. Checked with City and learned they also receive 5%.

2. She explained if township revenue increased, notification is sent to all Charter customers to notify them and their rates would go up to reflect it.
3. It was determined to leave it at 5%, however Rutgers felt a ten year agreement was too long and learned previous one had been for same time.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund -
 1. Smith/Hough made motion to pay \$13,844.29 which passed following roll call.
 2. Rutgers felt it was time to offer special projects in township.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Other Items of Concern

- A. Rutgers asked about any drains currently being worked on and learned only one going to Hopkins.
- B. Treasurer Waanders asked about boring of tree in cemetery and learned Schulz had cut in with chainsaw, with Hough and Smith present, and any damage is not very far in tree.
 1. Two big stumps and other pine tree will be removed this week.
- C. Rutgers asked about water at cemetery and learned Schulz is speaking to somebody about putting in a two inch well.

XI. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Smith made motion to adjourn meeting, ending at 8:17 PM.