

**Allegan Township Board Meeting**  
**August 3, 2009**  
**7:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Pledge & Invocation
  
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Supervisor Steve Schulz, Clerk Linda Evans, Trustee Hollis Hough, Trustee Karl Spreitzer and Treasurer Jane Waanders were present.
  
- III. Approve Minutes of July 6, 2009 Meeting
  - A. Spreitzer/Waanders made motion to approve which passed following aye vote.
  
- IV. Reports
  - A. Frank Tooker, Building Inspector
    - 1. Clerk Evans reported five permits were issued in July with total fees of \$180.00, with no new homes.
  - B. Ted Heckman, Planning and Board of Appeals Chair
    - 1. Delayed Planning Commission meeting with City until middle of month and had Jay Kilpatrick of Williams and Works come in to speak.
      - a. Supervisor Schulz asked Planning Commission member Terry Skoglund about meeting and it was learned there was talk about a project for parks with more details at next meeting.
    - 2. One week from now Board of Appeals will meet to go over by-laws.
  - C. Max Thiele, County Commissioner - 6<sup>th</sup> District
    - 1. Was not present.
  - D. Fritz Spreitzer, County Commissioner - 9<sup>th</sup> District
    - 1. Was not present.
  - E. Other Reports
    - 1. There were none.
  
- V. Open to the Audience
  - A. Audience member Jim Billman asked about chairs to have been sold at auction previous Saturday and learned from Schulz older antique ones went for about \$15.00 a piece and not sure about the others.

- B. Billman also questioned repairing of 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (actually 35<sup>th</sup> Street) and learned we won't do all of that project but probably replace a large culvert, some ditching and remove a few trees.

## VI. Old Business

### A. IFT's (DeLano and Millcraft)

- 1. Assessor Heather Mitchell explained DeLano went out of business and no longer qualifies for tax abatement with Township Board needing to pass a resolution to revoke the IFT's of which there are five.
- 2. Following approval of resolution, Mitchell will send it to the Tax Commission.
- 3. Schulz noted an IFT will cut taxes in half for 12 years.
- 4. Billman asked about Millcraft and learned from Mitchell it is not being pursued in same manner as Millcraft hasn't filed for past seven years with a letter to be sent to ask their intent.
- 5. Schulz also informed Board of township's past history with IFT's that showed on information Board had.
- 6. Waanders/Hough made motion to rescind DeLano's IFTs which passed with an aye vote.

### B. Cemetery Rules

- 1. Clerk Evans commented, with passing of new Cemetery ordinance earlier in the Spring, the need for all deed owners to receive a copy of it with a letter explaining the rules and need to adhere as most people are probably not aware of them.

### C. Blacktop Bids (26<sup>th</sup> Street, 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Williams Bridge Road)

- 1. County Road Commission took bids last week and three projects we are considering are:
  - a. 26<sup>th</sup> Street - 1.02 miles between 118<sup>th</sup> and 120<sup>th</sup> Avenues;
  - b. 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue - .29 miles between 34<sup>th</sup> Street and M-89/M-40; and
  - c. Bridge Road - .80 mile from City limits to Trowbridge Township line.
- 2. Michigan Paving and Materials came in with cost of \$373,931.98 and other bid was Reith Riley of \$446,565.80.
  - a. Hough asked if there were only two bids and learned that was so.
- 3. Schulz felt price wasn't bad at \$42 a ton for wedging.
- 4. Heckman asked about sealcoating and learned it has not been bid on yet and that actually it is fog seal township intends to do on one road which is

emulsion laid down with chips over them while fog seal is about \$20,000 a mile with emulsion, then chips and later another layer of emulsion.

- b. Sealcoating will last about three years while fog seal about five.
5. Evans/Waanders made motion to approve low bid of \$373,931.98 which passed following roll call.
6. Schulz would like to have somebody out there the day they are doing it with board feeling it is a good idea.

## VII. New Business

### A. Truth in Taxation

1. Schulz explained it is a yearly process to approve rollbacks with Waanders noting if we forget to do it, it decreases what we receive but approving it will hold it at level we currently get.
2. Waanders/Spreitzer made motion to approve rollback which passed following roll call.

### B. Seal Coat Parking Lot

1. Have been doing it every two years and have two bids, including Deem Sealcoating who has done it the past two times, doing a good job which does include the striping.
2. Spreitzer asked about gallon amount for Deem as it didn't appear on quote and suggested contacting them with Schulz feeling we should go ahead and approve with a contingency.
3. Hough/Spreitzer made motion to accept Deem's bid of \$2,730.00 contingent on what gallon amount would be with motion passing following roll call.

### C. Meth Program (Karl)

1. Spreitzer, upon attending a recent County Commission meeting and hearing an annual report which touched on meth usage in County, feels township should get involved with program as those who are getting off the drugs are becoming contributing members of society with 100% success rate.
2. A Sheriff's officer and co-ordinator Lindsay Marshall were present to show County map showing mostly Allegan, Watson and Trowbridge Townships having meth activity but increasing in other municipalities so much so there have been 94 labs found just in 2009 to date.
3. Funding runs out end of February with Spreitzer willing to go to other 23

4. Total cost of program is \$120,000 going toward counseling, drug testing, etc.
5. There have been 18 graduates who now own their own home, have a job and are no longer doing drugs.
6. Hough suggested having presentation at Allegan County Chapter of MTA.
7. Schulz asked how long program has been in existence and learned five years but can no longer find funding.
8. There are 34 who are participating in program today in different stages with average cost of \$10,000 each.
9. Spreitzer noted these aren't bad people but did something really stupid.
10. Schulz asked the officer about reduction of deputies on road and if monies aren't needed there and learned there are two schools of thought, knowing if there is another deputy on the road, there are more incarcerated.
11. Skoglund noted it is not much in seed money but if each gave some it would help.
12. Spreitzer/Hough made motion to start and support program with \$2,500 with motion carrying following roll call vote.
  - a. It was noted all monies will go directly toward this program.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$4,890.33 was presented in bills with motion by Waanders/Spreitzer to approve which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

A. There was none.

X. Adjourn

A. Waanders/Hough made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:28 PM.