

Allegan Township Board Meeting
February 2, 2009
7:30 PM

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

- II. Roll Call
 - A. Supervisor Steve Schulz, Clerk Linda Evans, Treasurer Jane Waanders, and Trustee Hollis Hough were present. Absent was Trustee Karl Spreitzer.

- III. Approve Minutes of January 5, 2009 Meeting and Special Meeting January 22, 2009
 - A. Waanders/Hough made motion to approve which passed following aye vote.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Frank Tooker, Building Inspector
 - 1. Clerk Evans reported one permit was issued in January for a home with revenue of \$64.00, noting it was first time in 13 years of record keeping that there was only one permit issued.
 - 2. In 2008 there were 64 permits issued, seven for stick-built homes, one for a stick-built duplex and 13 mobile homes to be located in parks.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Planning and Board of Appeals Chair
 - 1. Heckman reported they had a regular meeting in January to work on ordinances, having no official business.
 - 2. Board of Appeals will meet Monday, February 9th, with no business.
 - C. Max Thiele, County Commissioner - 6th District
 - 1. Thiele deferred to Spreitzer.
 - D. Fritz Spreitzer, County Commissioner - 9th District
 - 1. Spreitzer commented Commissioners had elected new Chair, Casey Jones and vice-chair of Mark DeYoung.
 - 2. Michigan's portion of economic stimulus is \$16.5 billion with Governor Granholm having asked counties for what projects they might have, although have not received all information regarding it.
 - 3. Spreitzer asked Thiele to comment on Tuesday morning's meeting regarding Regional Jail Presentation to hold second reading of 358 page report by consultant Rod Miller from CRS.
 - a. Kalamazoo and Kent Counties have chosen to not partner.
 - 4. Supervisor Schulz asked about payment for consulting firm and learned it was \$100,000 divided by the three counties.

E. Other Reports

1. *M-40/M-89 Corridor Meeting* - Hough explained bridge in Hamilton will be re-built this year necessitating a light and one-lane traffic.
 - (1) Also, bridge across Kalamazoo River in Allegan Township will have some work done on it as well.

V. Open to the Audience

VI. Old Business

A. Recreation Plan Update

1. Schulz explained we can't receive any grants without a plan with grants having DEQ pay 75% while township pays 25% which is a good deal.
2. Schulz then noted need to set a public hearing with Clerk Evans making motion to set it for regular Township Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 9th, as it would give the adequate 30 day window required by law with support by Treasurer Waanders.
 - a. Motion passed following roll call.
3. Audience member Jim Billman asked where township got plan with Schulz explaining West Michigan Regional Planning Commission was contracted by township to help with both Township's Planning Commission and Board sitting down to decide needs which could include purchasing some acreage around east end of Miner Lake or even set up picnic tables around township hall as hall is rented a lot.

B. Kruithoff vs. Allegan Township Update

1. Schulz informed audience Kruithoff had lost at the Michigan Tax Tribunal level as his taxable had been placed at \$9,000 with his argument it should be at \$4,000.
2. Kruithoff hired an attorney out of Detroit to represent him with township attorney stating it would cost \$8,000 for township just to appeal.
3. Schulz noted it is not much money for the township to lose but it is unfortunate to not be able to afford to follow up on principle.
 - a. 42 lots are located off 34th Street near 113th Avenue.

C. MTA Conference

1. Schulz reported Evans, Spreitzer, himself and his wife attended and learned a lot with sponsors who made it what it was - a great conference.

VII. New Business

A. Fire District (Engine 14 Out of Service) Purchased 2008 Chevy Trailblazer)

1. Since purchase of new pumper, the old one comes back to township and

board decision is needed as to what to do with it: advertise on E-bay or MTA magazine.

2. Fire District has also purchased a 2008 Trailblazer and older jeep returns to Township which will probably hang onto for ordinance enforcement.
3. Schulz noted fair board is interested in old pumper for washing bleachers down with Waanders asking what did they offer and learned they haven't made an offer yet.
4. Heckman suggested polling other fire departments as to what pumper is worth with Hough noting fair board is out to make money.

B. Road Project (35th Street)

1. 35th is located between 36th Street and Dumont, .63 miles in length for \$460,000 with a good number of people living on this road.
2. Hough commented he would like to look street over with Schulz explaining Road Commission can get a better price on paving if put all projects together.
3. Hough felt there would be another road people would get more benefit from rather than 35th.
4. Schulz/Waanders made motion to do 35th Street with motion passing on a vote of three to one with Hough voting no.

VIII. Pay Bills

A. General Fund

1. \$3,564.12 in bills was presented for payment, with noting lawyer's total for Kruithoff is a little over \$3,000 between two months.
 - a. Waanders/Evans made motion to pay which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. There was none.

X. Adjourn

- A. Hough/Waanders made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:00 PM.