

Allegan Township Board Meeting
January 5, 2009
7:30 PM

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

- II. Roll Call
 - A. Supervisor Schulz, Clerk Evans, Treasurer Waanders, Trustee Hough and Trustee Spreitzer were present.

- III. Approve Minutes of December 1, 2008
 - A. Waanders/Spreitzer made motion to approve which passed following aye vote.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Frank Tooker, Building Inspector
 - 1. Clerk Evans reported two permits were issued in December, one for a new home with revenue of \$112.00.
 - (1) She also noted a report of permits issued in 2008 will be made.
 - B. Ted Heckman, Planning and Board of Appeals Chair
 - i. Was not present.
 - ii. Planning Commission will meet next Monday, January 12th.
 - C. Max Thiele, County Commissioner - 6th District
 - 1. Made 2008 annual report available.
 - D. Fritz Spreitzer, County Commissioner - 9th District
 - 1. Was not present.
 - E. Other reports
 - 1. There were none.

- V. Open to the Audience

- VI. Old Business
 - A. Recreation Plan
 - 1. Dave Bee of West Michigan Regional Planning Commission was present.
 - 2. He explained if we wanted to get grant money from DNR or State of Michigan we have to approve the Recreation Plan and have grant in by April 1, 2009 as required by the State.
 - (1) Township puts in a 25% match and can either acquire property or build a facility.

3. If Plan is approved tonight, there is a 30 day approval period when residents have opportunity to view the report.
 - a. At February meeting the Plan will be formally approved.
 4. It was noted the action program is from 2009 to 2013 and although it is rather broad right now, it could be narrowed down.
 5. Bee also commented that these are very competitive grants.
 6. It was noted there are a few minor things to change such as names on township board and salaries of Trustees, with Bee noting he had mixed in some information from the City.
 7. Hough/Waanders made motion to approve Recreation Plan contingent on minor changes being made which passed following roll call.
- B. MTA Conference (January 27, 28, 29 and 30)
1. Supervisor Schulz noted there would be three attending in Detroit and Conference has some fine workshops and it is great for networking.
- C. Fire District Meeting (January 14, 2009 - 7:00 PM)
1. Schulz encouraged all to attend.
- D. Kruithoff Development Co. v. Township of Allegan
1. Schulz noted lawsuit should be against State of Michigan instead of Township as Township (Assessor) did what they should do.
 2. There is now talk about settling instead of going to court.
 3. The losers are really the schools and State.
 4. Although each parcel was set at \$9,000, Kruithoff's attorney would settle at \$4,000.
 5. Audience member Terry Skoglund asked where parcels are located and learned it is on 34th Street, close to 113th Avenue.
 6. The problem was the property was bought and developed in same year which was what raised the value of it.
 - a. Audience member Jim Billman asked if Kruithoff were aware of it at the time with Schulz responding probably not.
 7. Trustee Spreitzer asked if we couldn't make a counter-offer with \$6,000 suggested.
 8. Hough/Spreitzer made motion to make a counter-offer of \$6,000 which passed with roll call.

VII. New Business

- A. Road Commission Meeting (7:00 PM - ACRC - January 22, 2009)
1. Several townships are involved on same night of meeting and learn what primary roads will be blacktopped or reconstructed.

- B. Appointment of Board of Review
 - 1. Schulz commented John Palenick, who was present, has been on Board of Review quite some time as well as Ken Heckman and Fran Brown, but we have a person, Terry Skoglund, who has expressed interest and would like to be considered for a position.
 - 2. Waanders/Spreitzer made motion to have Terry Skoglund replace John Palenick and retain Heckman and Brown with motion carrying following aye vote.
 - 3. Schulz expressed appreciation to John for all the work he has done and noted there are some other things for him to do.

VIII. Pay Bills

- A. General Fund
 - 1. Waanders/Spreitzer made motion to pay \$46,751.24 which passed following roll call.
- B. Road Fund
 - 1. Schulz explained \$71,164.44 was for work done in 2007 on 121st Avenue where there had been a little problem with black top while the \$17,382.77 was for the culvert replacement on 33rd Street which township had to pay only 12½ %.
 - 2. Waanders/Evans made motion to pay road fund bill of \$88,547.21 which passed following roll call.
- C. Public Safety Fund
 - 1. Hough/Waanders made motion to pay \$30,915.00 which passed following roll call.

IX. Correspondence

- A. Clerk Evans noted recruitment for 2010 census is beginning for those who are interested.
- B. Evans also had received notice from “The Allegan Group” President, Rod Rambadt, that they are closing and he is now associated with Printing Productions Ink.

X. Ordinances

- A. Cemetery and Wood Burner Ordinances will soon be published and put into effect.

XI. Adjourn

- A. Hough/Waanders made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:09 PM.