

SALEM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2009

Jim Pitsch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members present: Pitsch, Brower, Sebright, Boyles

Board Members absent: Buckleitner

Minutes from July were approved and the Bills for August were approved to be paid by consent of the Board.

Allegan County Commissioner Paul Van Eck was present with a County update.

Pastor Brian Jones from Burnips Wesleyan Church introduced himself and explained the new outreach program at the church and asked the residents and the Township Board for any suggestions or any special needs that might be addressed.

Comment from the Departments of:

Planning-updating Zoning Ordinances

Fire-month of July was busy

Ambulance- Dan Kipen hired as First Responder in our area

Public comment: concern regarding new fire truck

Old Business:

1. Don Sebright moved and Betty Brower seconded to pay the bill for fixing the driveway next to the former Brenner Sand Mine and recovering the cost from each of the landowners.

New Business:

1. Betty Brower moved and Randy Boyles seconded to: 1. Postpone resurfacing the parking lot until next year. 2. Purchase 4 new office chairs. 3. Award the insulation bid to DeVos Insulation. Motion carried.
2. Don moved and Betty Brower seconded to accept the Allegan County Public Emergency Notification (Siren) Plan. Motion carried.
3. Betty Brower moved and Randy Boyles seconded to award 138th Avenue road construction to Double Construction. Motion carried.
4. Don Sebright moved and Betty Brower seconded to seal coat 24th Street sharing the cost with Dorr Township. Salem Townships' cost is \$20,000. Motion carried.
5. Resolutions:
 - A. Randy Boyles moved and Don Sebright seconded to Establish Salem Township Construction Board of Appeals. Roll call vote: Sebright-yes; Brower-yes; Pitsch-yes; Boyles-yes. Resolution passed.
 - B. Don Sebright moved and Randy Boyles seconded to Establish Fees for Zoning and Land Use Matters. Roll call vote: Boyles-Yes; Pitsch-Yes; Brower-Yes; Sebright-Yes.
6. Fire Department:
 - A. Randy moved and Don Sebright seconded to hire the following firefighters as recommended by the Fire Chief: Mark Brookhouse, Dan Kipen, David Peterman, Steve Smith, Justin Vander Kooy, and Jason Vander Meulen-pending Jason's physical. Motion carried.

- B. Don moved and Betty Brower seconded to accept the bid of Crimson Fire for a new fire truck paying 80% or possibly 100% (to be determined by August 14) as long as our money is protected. The amount is not to exceed \$322,167.81. Motion carried.
7. Don Sebright moved and Betty Brower seconded to forward letter of complaint to PCI. Motion carried.
 8. Don Sebright moved and Randy Boyles seconded to include Home Occupation Letter with the winter tax bills in December with some changes. Motion carried.
 9. Don Sebright moved and Betty Brower seconded to purchase and install cemetery markers for a cost of \$800.00. Motion carried.
 10. Don Sebright moved and Betty Brower seconded to postpone until September a decision on the Allegan County Meth Diversion Program. Motion carried.
 11. Betty Brower moved and Don Sebright seconded regarding Concert in the Park; the Township will make up the difference between donations received by the Township and total payout of \$800.00.

Public comment: Thank you to the board for accepting the fire truck proposal and apologizing for the lack of communication.

Betty Brower moved and Randy seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 PM until September 8, 2009. Motion carried.

Betty Brower, Clerk