

Trowbridge Township Board Meeting

July 2, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7PM by Supervisor Kaylor

Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Kaylor led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: All

Roll Call:

Present Jeff Kaylor - Supervisor, Cindi Kurtz-Treasurer, Steve Angle – Clerk, Tony Emmons – Trustee
Mark Haveman - Trustee

Previous Minutes of the Trowbridge Board Meeting held June 4, 2020 were read by Clerk Angle. Motion by Treasurer Kurtz with second by Trustee Emmons to accept minutes with COVID-19 changed to COVID-19 under Commissioners report. Motion passed with all in favor.

Guest Speakers – None

Public Participation – None

Commissioners Report – Gale Dugan – None

BOARD REPORTS

Fire Chief Report – Pat – 9 calls for June. Supervisor Kaylor asked about cost recovery process and Pat stated that it was being discussed by the Gobles Pine Grove Fire Department board. Supervisor Kaylor stated that our Township wants the cost recovery process started right away and Pat said it would be in place next month. Hoses had to be replaced and tanker tires also replaced. Old tires sold to offset cost of new tires.

Planning Commission – Royal Thompson – Meeting held June 11, 2020 had two splits approved and the Post splits partially approved awaiting more detail on other splits. The DNR request was denied.

Zoning- Larry Ladenburger – The Township has several new builds starting. The blight issue continues to be addressed as complaints come in.

Assessor - Heather Mitchell – State of Michigan clarified the process where the March Board of Review residents will be able to come to July Board of Review due to COVID-19. The Board of Review will be held July 21, 2020 from 12pm to 1pm.

Transfer Station – None

OLD BUSINESS

Leon Belden is not interested in position on planning board. Gary Ramaker has expressed interest and Supervisor Kaylor will follow up with him

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Ordinance 2020-1 RV/Camper Ordinance: Supervisor Kaylor presented ordinance for Board review and open meeting. Gordon Maneke discussed Section 1, 3o regarding allowing only one (1) camper on 1-acre property. He discussed issue where there may be family events where several campers might be present for a weekend. Royal Thompson addressed this issue stating that the ordinance had this provision in it to deal with situations where more than one camper may be present for extended periods of time and the ordinance needed this language in it to be able to enforce the ordinance.

Trustee Emmons discussed Section 1, 3f regarding registering with the Township Zoning Administrator for stays over 14 days. He didn't like this in the ordinance because individuals already had to register these campers with the State. Supervisor Kaylor and Clerk Angle discussed the need for this provision. The provision allows enforcement of the ordinance once a complaint is received as it starts the 14-day period that is allowed under the ordinance.

Trustee Emmons made a motion to take Item 3f in Section 1 out of the ordinance. No second received so motion failed. Motion by Trustee Haveman with second by Treasurer Kurtz to approve ordinance 2020-1. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Haveman -aye, Trustee Emmons – no, Treasurer Kurtz – aye, Supervisor Kaylor – aye and Clerk Angle – aye. Motion passed.

Trustee Emmons asked if Royal Thompson should be paid for attending Township board meetings as he is chairman of planning board. He stated that all other members get paid for extra meetings other than their normal meetings. Trustee Emmons made motion to pay planning board chairman for attending Township meetings at normal meeting rate for chairman. Second by Trustee Haveman. Roll call vote: Trustee Haveman – aye, Trustee Emmons – aye, Treasurer Kurtz – aye, Supervisor Kaylor – aye and Clerk Angle – aye. Motion passed.

Pay Bills

Motion to pay bills made by Trustee Emmons, Second by Trustee Haveman. Motion passed.

Adjournment - Motion by Trustee Haveman with second by Treasurer Kurtz. Motion passed.

Meeting closed at 7:50 PM

Sincerely,

Clerk Angle