

## **Trowbridge Township Board Meeting**

**November 5, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM 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, Mark Haveman - Trustee, Tony Emmons – Trustee

**Previous Minutes** of the Trowbridge Board Meeting held October 1, 2020 were read by Clerk Angle. Motion by Trustee Emmons with second by Trustee Haveman to accept minutes. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Guest Speakers** – Frank Baker and Linda Teeter of Allegan County Legal Assistance Center discussed services that are being provided, use of agency by area and trends in assistance being provided.

**Public Participation** – Royal Thompson asked about why concealed weapons signs posted during election. Dave Smalla said they were put up as in prior practice in error. Discussion regarding carrying weapons followed with Sheriff Frank Baker giving input. Mark Haveman inquired about whether there was a website that was available to see if your vote was processed. Deputy Clerk Smalla discussed the absentee ballot process and the general election and the processes that occur.

**Commissioners Report – Gale Dugan** – Absent

### **BOARD REPORTS**

**Fire Chief Report** – Supervisor Kaylor reported that Pat and himself had meeting with Allegan County Emergency Services regarding boat purchase. Assistance being provided to apply for grant that would pay for 75% of the rescue boat which was estimated to cost somewhere around \$ 30,000.

**Planning Commission** – Royal Thompson – Post property permits being reviewed.

**Zoning**- Larry Ladenburger – Two new Agricultural buildings starting and new beach house on Baseline Lake starting. Marijuana facilities near Carter Lumber operating as medical facilities under the law at this point. Blight issues continue to be pursued.

**Assessor - Heather Mitchell** – Count studies are out and 1.4% increase in taxable values being proposed. Board of Review to meet on December 5, 2020 at noon. Tax bills will be going out within the next month.

**Transfer Station** – No new report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

William Walker is asking for property on corner of M-40 and 108<sup>th</sup> to be rezoned from commercial to residential. Motion by Trustee Haveman with second by Treasurer Kurtz to approve rezoning. Roll call vote: Trustee Haveman – aye, Trustee Emmons – aye, Treasurer Kurtz – aye, Supervisor Kaylor – aye and Clerk Angle – aye. Motion passed with all in favor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Drop box – Clerk Angle requested that drop box be installed at Township as the current lock box isn't big enough for the current demand being place upon it due to all the absentee ballots. Supervisor Kaylor is looking into options for solutions for a new drop box.

Poverty Hardship Guidelines discussed and motion to set increase in Poverty Guidelines to 20 % and to set asset level test at \$ 15,000. made by Clerk Angle with second by Treasurer Kurtz. Motion passed with all in favor.

Motion to approve poverty exemption application made by Supervisor Kaylor with second by Treasurer Kurtz. Motion passed with all in favor.

### **Pay Bills**

Motion to pay bills made by Trustee Haveman with second by Trustee Emmons. Motion passed.

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

Meeting closed at 7:54 PM

Sincerely,

Clerk Angle