

## Trowbridge Township Board Meeting

**August 5, 2021**

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: Trustee Haveman, Treasurer Kurtz, Supervisor Kaylor, Clerk Angle all present. Absent – Trustee Emmons.

**Previous Minutes** of the Trowbridge Board Meeting held July 1, 2021 were read by Clerk Angle. Motion by Trustee Haveman with second by Treasurer Kurtz to approve minutes. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Guest Speakers** – Allegan County Legal Assistance Center – Linda Teeter reported that the Center was having a celebration for its 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 2, 2021 and invited board. The Center has serviced over 20,000 patrons since 2012.

Bloomington Communications – Mike Fitzpatrick discussed their broadband project in which they were expanding services in Trowbridge Township and other areas of the County. They are asking for funding from the Township's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) when received by the Township to help with the cost of this project. Clerk Angle has applied for funds.

Allegan County Mental Health – Mark Witte – Discussed the purchase of the Shopko Building and the need for any additional 2 million dollars. County looking for help with funding from townships with the ARPA funds.

**Commissioners Report – Gale Dugan** – Discussed ARPA funds and County looking at matching funds for townships for new projects submitted. Discussed funding for any new pandemic in the future. County audit received unqualified opinion. Discussed funds received from ARPA.

**Public Participation** – None

### BOARD REPORTS

**Fire Chief Report** – Pat – Absent. Brian Cronk reported that there were 2 calls in June. Reported that calls within our Township were up again this year. The cost recovery process has been started.

**Planning Commission** – Royal Thompson – Commission is reviewing chapters 18 & 19 currently. Two special use permits being reviewed this month.

**Zoning** – Larry Ladenburger – Reported on Old Methodist Church and that eviction process started. Supervisor Kaylor then discussed the tree that the owners of the church had cut down. County Sheriff's office is now involved and prosecution of the owners and individual who cut the tree down is being looked at. It was discovered during the process that the church is on property that the Township owns and further action will be taken on this issue. Supervisor Kaylor also reported that individuals were camping in the cemetery lot and were asked to leave the cemetery. Old Grange Hall is now for sale.

Discussed T & H Research Farm at 848 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and the marijuana operation going on at the location. Lakeview Salon possibly selling their property to the owners of this operation. Reported on complaint at 668 Lake Sixteen for noise. 782 Hopkins Drive is being rebuilt. Several new homes have been started in the Township.

**Assessor - Heather Mitchell** – Residential study currently going on for 2022 values.

**Transfer Station** – Brian Cronk asked to spray for weeds and tire drop off is scheduled for August 7, 2021.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Fire Hall Generator – referred to Pat to get additional quotes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Road Millage Ballot Language – Clerk Angle presented the renewal language for the road millage for board approval. Motion by Supervisor Kaylor with second by Treasurer Kurtz to approve. Roll call vote: Trustee Haveman – aye, Trustee Emmons – absent, Treasurer Kurtz – aye, Supervisor Kaylor – aye and Clerk Angle – aye. Motion passed. After the passing of the ballot language Veronica Crowell brought up a discussion about dust control. She argued that the board had approved ½ mill of the road millage for dust control. Clerk Angle informed her that the board could budget for dust control from the road millage collected but that there was no dust control millage. Discussion regarding the road projects that had been budgeted for the current year and the process the board goes through each year to repave roads in the Township. Veronica Crowell continued to argue that the dust control had been promised and guest Larry Loudenslager stated that the board had not promised two applications every year. Veronica Crowell argued that the Road Commission had told her most townships do three or four applications every year and Clerk Angle informed her that other townships collect more road funds than Trowbridge Township and therefore the Township couldn't do as many applications. Clerk Angle asked her to wait on any further discussion as dust control was the next item on the agenda. She continued to argue and was asked to leave the meeting which she did.

Dust Control - Clerk Angle reported that the road project on 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue had come in \$ 70,000 lower than the amount budgeted and recommended that the Township go ahead and do a second application of dust control this year. Motion by Trustee Haveman with second by Clerk Angle to do the second application. Roll call vote: Trustee Haveman – aye, Trustee Emmons – absent, Treasurer Kurtz – aye, Supervisor Kaylor – aye and Clerk Angle – aye. Motion passed.

Supervisor Kaylor appointed Brian Rasey to replace Gordon Maneke on the planning commission and Nick Loll to the board of review.

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

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

Meeting closed at 8:38 PM

Sincerely,

Clerk Angle

