

Trowbridge Township Board Meeting

October 7, 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, Trustee Emmons, Treasurer Kurtz, Supervisor Kaylor and Clerk Angle all present.

Previous Minutes of the Trowbridge Board Meeting held September 2, 2021 were read by Clerk Angle. Motion by Treasurer Kurtz with second by Trustee Haveman to approve minutes. Motion passed with all in favor.

Guest Speakers

None

Commissioners Report – Gale Dugan – County isn't participating in DDA. Treasurer's report reviewed and budget reviewed. There will be a public meeting in October. Compensation plan and hiring procedures reviewed. Recycling in County discussed. Six positions for sheriff's department reviewed and 18 vehicles have been ordered. The commissioners will be going from 7 to 5 in the future.

Public Participation – Bloomingdale Communications was present to inquire about ARPA funds and requested some funds from our Township. Clerk Angle inquired whether connection fees were going to be charged and stated that his position was that they shouldn't be if funding was provided by Township as they were operating as "for profit" company and would be deriving additional revenues for the expanded services. Bloomingdale Communications discussed that no disconnections occurred during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Surveys were sent to residents to see if they wanted service and they would get us results of the survey.

Rachelle Smit introduced herself and stated she would be running for State Representative.

Denise Davis asked about permits process regarding attached garage.

Brian Cronk – Inquired whether Township would help fund getting a resource officer in the public school and stated the officer Gibson could come in and discuss this position with the Township.

BOARD REPORTS

Fire Chief Report – Pat – There were 9 calls in September. There have been three cost recovery claims submitted at this point and still waiting on the insurance companies. Supervisor Kaylor and Pat will be going Friday to look at generator.

Planning Commission – Royal Thompson – 2 special use permits were approved. Road has been completed by Posts. Commission is continuing to review language in existing ordinances. Special Use permit to be reviewed at next meeting.

Zoning – Larry Ladenburger – Old Grange Hall – individual is looking at making it a duplex and is currently working with County to see if it passes a perk test. Lake 16 property is no longer an issue. Don Stoughton will not be running a painting business on his property. Two permits issued and Armentrout’s is looking at migrant housing at this point.

Assessor - Heather Mitchell – New construction review is currently going on and new assessor is currently being trained.

Transfer Station – Township clean-up went well.

OLD BUSINESS

Special Use Permit Meetings – Clerk Angle presented the cost of a special use permit meeting held outside of normal meeting date. The cost is currently running \$ 740. Motion by Supervisor Kaylor and second by Treasurer Kurtz to increase fee for special use permits to \$ 740 for extra meetings and \$ 240 for regular meetings. 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

Transfer Station Funds – Clerk Angle presented report that showed the funds currently available in the recycling fund.

Township Website – County has requested that the Township set up its’ own website. Treasurer Kurtz to look into setting it up.

Purchase of two lots next to the Old Methodist Church - Supervisor Kaylor discussed the proceedings that have occurred at the Old Methodist Church. The Sweets have been evicted and the Township has now taken possession. Melissa Lesterhouse has offered the two lots next to the Church for sale at a price of \$ 39,000. As part of the purchase, the Township would receive the lots with a hold harmless clause to avoid future claims. Motion by Trustee Haveman with second by Treasurer Kurtz to purchase lots for \$ 39,000. 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. Township is looking into filing civil suit against Robert Pelican who cut the tree down in the cemetery.

Closed Meeting Minutes – Clerk Angle presented the closed meeting minutes for board review. Motion by Trustee Haveman with second by Trustee Emmons to accept the closed meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed with all in favor.

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

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

Meeting closed at 8:36 PM

Sincerely,

Clerk Angle