

Watertown Township
2630 South Sandusky Rd
Sandusky, MI 48471
Tuesday, April 2, 2019 6:00 PM

The Watertown Township Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Franzel at 6:07 P.M. All present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Franzel, Cambridge, Coats and Ross. GUESTS: Jeannie Diaz, Susan Cole, Dick Henderson, Jeff Renaudin and Scott Kenny.

ABSENT:

Franzel reported that there the Board had 2 meeting since March Board meeting. First being Monday, March 25, 2019 in regards to a land split. Second meeting was held Monday, April 1, 2019 discussing land split with Supervisor Honaman. At that time Supervisor Honaman turned in his letter of resignation resigning from his position of Watertown Supervisor, Zoning Administrator and Sewer Maintenance/meter reader. The Board then went into a closed session. In open session, the Board appointed Trustee Scott Franzel to the open Supervisor and Zoning Administrator positions. There is now an opening for a Trustee position.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: Ross added to New Business Sheryl Gabara, Sewer Maintenance/meter reader, Culligan.

***Cambridge made the motion to approve the additions, Coats supported. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

1. None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. None

ZONING:

1. Bart Lee – per Coats this item should be considered completed. By unanimous consensus of the Board, this item is considered complete.
2. Jonathon Boyle – Franzel reported that Honaman did meet with them and they are working on finding a solution within a month or two.
3. James Spoutz – 105 Morris Rd – request Building Inspector assess this property for livability, land usage and building permits. Franzel will follow up with Eric Bowerman.
4. Thibodue – 2586 S Sandusky Rd – request Building Inspector access this property for livability, land usage and building permits. Franzel will follow up with Eric Bowerman.

PERMITS:

1. Road maintenance agreement for Filkins land split – Land split was approved however there has to be a road access for each lot. Franzel will bring maintenance agreement to next meeting.
2. Sandusky Auto land split – was already taken care of.

FIRE ASSOCIATION: Chief's report from the March 2019 meeting:

1. Good turnout for Annual Soup supper
2. Received most of Rescue gear. Stolikers putting Department Identification on them.
3. April meeting will be a list of Spring/Summer projects.
4. Tuesday, March 26th is a Weather Spotter class at Firebird Theatre.
5. Annual Siren test will be April 13th at 5 pm.
6. Since February meeting – there has been 6 emergency/rescue runs with 2 being chargeable.

SEWER:

1. Ross reported that the Township received notification from the City of Sandusky. The City Council voted a 3% increase for water and sewer rates for 2018, 2019 and 2020. This rate increase begins with the June 2019 billing for usage from February 26, 2019 through May 28, 2019. Rate for Township Sewer is specified to be one and half (1.5) times the city of Sandusky rate. The Township Sewer rate will increase from \$12.98 per thousand to \$13.37 per thousand starting with June 2019 billing.
2. Ross reported that she spoke with Roger Brown and he will help whoever is appointed to the vacant Sewer Maintenance/meter reader position. Also, R. Brown needed to call Gary Gerstenberger for electrical work on lift station last month. The Township will be getting an invoice for \$125.00 for the work done.
3. R. Brown also stated to Ross that there are some issues with the lift station/meters that the Board will have to take care of. He will be at next month's meeting and update the Board. He will also get his name put on the alarm to receive emergency lift station alerts.
4. Franzel informed the Board that Scott Kenny has expressed interest in the vacant Sewer Maintenance/meter reader position.

***Motion by Cambridge, supported by coats to approve Scott Kenny to the position of Sewer Maintenance/meter reader position at a pay rate of \$100 per month and \$100 every quarter to read the meters. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

5. Scott Kenny will also be added to the authorization to receive emergency lift station alerts.
6. Coats will set up a spreadsheet to be used for the meter readings.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Windmill Ordinance – Coats spoke with Attorney Wrathell, he has some suggestions on this ordinance for the Board consideration.
2. Hall parking lot – Franzel contacted Astec Asphalt and Yarough Asphalt, but has not yet received responses. He may contact Thumb Asphalt.
3. Replacing bricks in front of hall – Franzel contacted Jim Hall and informed him that the project had been approved. Jim said they can begin the project next week.
4. Agri Valley Hi-Speed Internet – update Cambridge spoke to Agri Valley Representative Brenda Kelly, Barb Main is her supervisor and B. Kelly double checked with her. They did conduct a survey, but at this time they have no intention of installing a fiber optic internet line down M-19 from Peck to Sandusky. Coats will contact Al Stoutenberg regarding who he spoke to regarding this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Open Trustee position – Coats spoke to Jennifer Kursinsky and she is interested in the Trustee position. Also Scott Kenny is also interested in the position.
2. Brine – Brine is traditionally done 3 times a year, May just before Memorial Day, July around the 4th and around Labor day either end of Aug or first of Sept. Last year we only had it done in May and July. Per Honaman Michigan Chloride does not want to brine along the side of the main road M-19 and M-46 or allow riders from the Township to ride in the trucks while brining is being done. Franzel will contact Duane Jerome from Road Commission regarding agreement, Brine dates and price, and if a rider will be allowed. Jeff Renaudin, Dick Henderson and Scott Kenny volunteered to be the township riders. If allowed Ross will contact insurance company for certificate of insurance for MI Chloride.
3. Top 5 roads that need to be repaired – the Board discussed identifying the five top township roads in need of repair and setting up a five year plan to address these roads. Top five roads are Miller Rd, Jean St, Custer St, Watertown Rd, and Maple Circle. Franzel will contact Duane Jerome Road Commission regarding Miller Rd because this road was supposed to have been fixed. Cambridge commented on the amount of roads in the township without ditches and the side of the road is higher than the road itself, Franzel is contacting Greg Alexander Drain Commissioner.
4. Sheryl Gabara – Board discussed compensation to Sheryl Gabara for work when did cleaning the Township Hall flower beds before the election. Compensation will be at a rate of \$15 an hour for 8 hours. The Board will ask Sheryl if she is willing to organize a group of volunteers to revamp the Township hall flower beds, if the township furnishes the plants and needed supplies.

***Motion Made by Cambridge, supported by Coats to approve Compensation to Sheryl Gabara for work done summer 2018 cleaning the hall flower beds, at \$15 an hour for 8 hours. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

***Motion made by Cambridge, supported by Coats that the Township furnishes the plants and needed supplies for the flower beds in front of the Township hall. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

5. Culligan – Ross received an email from Culligan – the township is on a 32 week automatic fill. There was no usage on 08/10/2018 or on 03/14/2019, indicating that the unit is not working. A Culligan service call is \$60 plus parts. Ross updated the contact phone numbers on file at Culligan to Ross and Franzel's cell numbers.

***Motion made by Coats, supported by Cambridge to approve Culligan to come and service the unit. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

6. Door locks – Cambridge reported that she contacted locksmith Chad Zero. To rekey door locks is \$15 per lock, \$2 for each key needed plus a \$65 service call. Cambridge will also contact Sanilac Glass for a quote.

CLERK: Motion by Cambridge to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019 regular Board meeting, March 25, 2019 Special meeting and April 1, 2019 Special meeting supported by Coats. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Cambridge made the motion to approve the bills to be paid, supported by Coats. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ross received requests to clarify the status of the Medical and/or Recreational Use of Marijuana Ordinance.

California Database Representative Mary Pierce requested an official final copy of the recently passed marijuana regulation to be entered into their tobacco and marijuana data base.

Cambridge will put the ordinance on the website.

TREASURER: Motion by Cambridge, supported by Ross to approve March checks #15774 thru #15798 in the amount of \$20,466.48. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Coats reported revenue for the 2018-19 year was up. The Township ended the year approximately \$20,000 in the black, even with the Townline Road project. Revenue sharing is up approximately \$10,000.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 @ 6:00 pm.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Coats to Adjourn, supported by Cambridge. Ayes: Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Franzel at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Ross, Clerk