

Watertown Township

2630 South Sandusky Rd

Sandusky, MI 48471

March 5, 2019 6:00 PM

6:00 pm Board Meeting

Budget Public Hearing will follow Regular Board Meeting

The Watertown Township Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Honaman at 6:05 P.M. All present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Franzel, Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. GUESTS: Jeannie Diaz, Susan Cole, Dick Henderson, Jeff Renaudin, Commissioner Gary Herberling and Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson.

ABSENT:

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTION TO AGENDA: Coats added under New Business added Blight information.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

1. Commissioner Gary Herberling gave the Board a brief County update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. None

ZONING:

1. Bart Lee – Honaman reported he spoke with the township lawyer. The cost to take the violation of lot lines to court is \$3,000 to \$5,000. Coats questioned if the violation of lot lines is a township issue. After referring to the February 2019 Board meeting minutes, Cambridge read that the question to the lawyer was about the failure to get a building permit. Honaman will contact the lawyer regarding Bart Lee's failure to get a permit.
2. Jonathon Boyle – Honaman reported that the township has a warrant and it's a matter of getting with the Sheriff's Department and Building Inspector to enforce it. The Building Inspector can condemn the house, but the trailers are a zoning issue and not his responsibility. Franzel questioned if a Hazardous Building Policy is needed. Honaman explained that the township has a policy and explained his interpretation of it. Based on his previous experience, G. Herberling informed the board that if they write and approve a letter to Eric Bowerman, building Department Supervisor explaining the situation, he would have the right to seek an authorization to enter the house to make an assessment.
3. James Spoutz – 105 Morris Rd – Honaman had no update
4. Thibodue – 2586 S Sandusky Rd – Honaman had no update

***Coats made the motion that as the Township has exhausted all efforts to get things cleaned up by speaking to the them (Boyle, Spoutz, Thibodue) and now the township would like to proceed by going to Eric Bowerman the Building Inspector Supervisor to investigate what can be done for all cases, supported by Cambridge. Ayes: Franzel, Cambridge, Honaman, Coats, and Ross. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

PERMITS: No Permits issued

1. Road maintenance agreement for Filkins split – Honaman had no update – calling Scott Filkins

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

1. 2018/19 Budget was presented and amendments approved.
2. 2019/20 Budget was presented and approved.
3. Soup Supper held on February 22nd
4. Need 17 sets of turnout non fire rescue gear at \$163.00 per set
5. Lucas Smith – completed EMT class and will take the National Test in the near future.
6. 13 out of the 17 will be First Medical Responders
7. Douglas Safety – Completed
8. Since January meeting – there was 12 runs – 4 rescue, 5 non chargeable

SEWER: Honaman's report:

1. Lift station is working well
2. Read meters on March 1st and the report has been turned into the City of Sandusky. Honaman will give Coats a copy.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Windmill Ordinance – tabled until April after the March Planning Commission meeting.
2. Hall parking lot – getting bids by April 1st – Resurface and/or reseal Bids should be done by April. Discussion held on companies to contact. Franzel will get bids for the project.
3. Replacing bricks in front of hall – No update – Honaman calling Jim Hall to get him scheduled.
4. Agri Valley Hi-Speed Internet – No update
5. Grants – Coats reported that there are Rural Community Internet Access Service Grants that the township should apply for.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Township Domain Name – Cambridge contacted Joanie at Sanilac Computers. The township Domain Name is \$20 a year it automatic renews they pay it with their credit card and bill the Township.
2. Public Comments – Cambridge sent MTA Representatives advise – Supervisor – 3 minutes is standard, public comment is just that comment – Board members should not answer questions. Not a question and answer time. Board will get back to them.
3. Al Stoutenburg got a blight ordinance and obnoxious weeds and then he talked to township lawyer Tim Wrathall and he said they are very, very difficult to enforce, because everyone's definition of obnoxious is different.

CLERK: Motion by Franzel to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2019 Board meeting, supported by Cambridge. Ayes: Franzel, Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Coats – PA116 Agreements in Watertown Township. Coats will take a copy and give Honaman a copy and then give to Ross.

TREASURER: Motion by Cambridge, supported by Franzel to approve February checks #15749 thru #15773 in the amount of \$17,546.47. Ayes: Franzel, Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 @ 6:00 pm.

ADJOURN:

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Honaman at 7:06 pm.

ANNUAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Watertown Township Annual Budget Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Honaman at 7:07 pm.

PRESENT: Honaman, Franzel, Cambridge, Coats and Ross.

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Jeannie Diaz, Susan Cole, Dick Henderson, Jeff Renaudin and Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson

2018-2019 BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Sheila Coats, Township Treasurer presented an April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 Budget Amendment. Discussion was held.

****Cambridge made the motion to approve the proposed amended budget for April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 fiscal year as presented, supported by Franzel. Ayes: Franzel, Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2019-2020 BUDGET

Sheila Coats, Township Treasurer presented the April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 Proposed Budget. Discussion was held.

****Cambridge made the motion to approve the proposed budget for April 1 2019 through March 31, 2020 fiscal year as presented, supported by Franzel. Ayes: Franzel, Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2019 ROAD BRINING

Discussion was held on brining of the roads for the summer of 2019. Honaman will request that the township be allowed to continue to have riders in each truck while brining of the roads in Watertown Township is done.

****Coats made the motion to adjourn, supported by Ross. Ayes: Franzel, Cambridge, Honaman, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Honaman at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Ross, Clerk