

Watertown Township
2630 South Sandusky Rd
Sandusky, MI 48471
Tuesday, June 4, 2019 -- 6:00 PM

The Watertown Township Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Franzel at 6:00 P.M. All present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Kenny, Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. GUESTS: Susan Cole, Dick Henderson, Jeff Renaudin, Mr. Ferguson, Vicky (re: James Spoutz), Commissioner Gary Heberling, Brad Calahan and Andrew Palmer (arrived later)

ABSENT: Jeannie Diaz

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: Franzel reported that Andrew Palmer, Road Commission Representative and the Air Advantage Representative are not in attendance at this time.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

1. Andrew Palmer, Sanilac County Road Commission Representative (arrived after the meeting started)

- Presented and discussed an agreement for 2 mowing of roadsides, cost to be paid by the township. The first mowing is paid for by the Road Commission.
- Presented and discussed an agreement for gravel and limestone for roads in need of repair at a cost to the township by the ton of gravel or limestone.
- Presented and discussed an agreement for roadside brush spraying at a cost to the township.

***Cambridge made the motion to approve the 2nd mowing of all township roads quote as presented by the Sanilac County Road Commission at the cost of \$1,373.75. Supported by Kenny. Ayes: Kenny, Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

***Cambridge made the motion to approve the roadside brush spraying quote as presented by the Sanilac County Road Commission at the cost of \$1,500.00. Supported by Kenny. Ayes: Kenny, Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

***Cambridge made the motion to approve the purchase of 4,000 ton of gravel at a cost of \$10.45 a ton to be used on township roads as per the Road Commission's guidance. Supported by Kenny. Ayes: Kenny, Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

***Cambridge made the motion to approve the Road Commission's recommendation of 600 ton of limestone at a cost of \$24.12 per ton to be applied to Gates Road. Supported by Kenny. Ayes: Kenny, Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried

2. Brad Calahan discussed township roads that can be repaired by Chip Seal, Double Chip Seal or Asphalt and the benefits of Fog (black) Coating. Regarding Pine Tree Lane, Brad

Calahan will get an exact quote on asphalt and Franzel will call Sandusky School District regarding repaving the Pine Tree Lane.

3. Gary Heberling gave a Board of Commissioner's Board and Finance Meeting report:
 - Commissioners are working on Union negotiations. So far meetings have gone well and are continuing.
 - The May 2019 Hazardous Waste Collection went well. The next collection will be for tires only and is planned for September 18th or 19th in Marlette.
 - Judge Teeple has asked for three (3) more bailiffs for the court system due to two retirements. Commissioners are working with Judge Teeple and Sheriff Biniecki on hours and compensation.
 - A repair to the Forester county Park has been finished.
 - The 2019 Millage Rates have been adopted by the Board of Commissioners, as given by the Sanilac County Equalization Department.
 - A Grant was applied for and received to build a Quonset hut building behind the recycling location for storage.
 - The Board of commissioners approved and adopted the 2019 Taxable Valuable Report as presented by the Sanilac County Equalization Director.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Mr. Ferguson asked if Jeannie Diaz was going to be coming to the meeting. Expressed concern about overhead satellite imaging of his home. As the township does not have satellite imaging, Franzel directed him to the Sanilac County Equalization Website at sanilacounty.net.
2. Dick Henderson requested clarification on the land split fee schedule. Franzel clarified the first split is \$150 and \$50 for additional. The additional fee of \$50 is considered only when a split request is for more than one split at the same time. Splits requested at another time, even if it is the same property, are not considered "additional" splits.

ZONING:

1. Jonathon Boyle – Franzel reported that the County deemed the abandoned building demolition worthy and notified the owners that the structure is to be removed and notification given to that office within 5 days or the matter will be turned over to the Sanilac County Prosecutor.
2. James Spoutz – 105 Morris Rd – Franzel reported that procedure is being followed and the first of two letters have been sent to the homeowner.
3. Tibodeau – 2586 S Sandusky Rd – Franzel reported that the procedure is being followed and the first of two letters have been sent to the homeowner.
4. Pritchett Land Split – no update.

PERMITS:

1. Road maintenance agreement for Filkins land split – Contract has been mailed, but not returned yet.
2. Brian Aldridge – Franzel received a Land Use Permit to put in a pool. The fee has been collected and the application will continue through the process.
3. T Mobile Tower upgrade Update – Franzel reported under Senate Act 1064, wireless communication equipment is not subject to special land use approval or any other approval if all 6 requirements are met. Therefore, according to this Act, the Township

cannot turn the project down and the permit will have to be approved. This matter will be considered at the Planning Commission Meeting on June 20th at 7:00

FIRE ASSOCIATION: Chief's report from the May 21, 2019 meeting:

1. Opening day of Little League was May 18th. The hotdogs were cooked and the fire engine in the parade.
2. July 26th is Ladies Night. Invitations will be sent out before the next meeting.
3. The Chief signed up for Michigan Prevention Program through the Bureau of Fire Services. The program provides smoke detectors and CO Detectors to be installed in area homes with a need. Received 216 Smoke Detectors and 72 CO Detectors.
4. Agri-Valley used the Fire Hall for a sort of town hall meeting to explain the new fiber optic services they will be offering.
5. Thanked all businesses and citizens for their donations toward a new Fire Pup Costume. With carryover funds and the great support they were able to get all the needed materials for the 2019 prevention week.
6. The MMRMA Disbursement is \$8,498.
7. Since the April 2019 meeting there have been 14 fire department runs – 3 rescue, 6 chargeable and 5 non-chargeable.

SEWER: Scott Kenny reported:

1. The Catch Basin cleanout invoice has been turned in to be paid.
2. Tomorrow or Thursday meter readings will be done.
3. There is a need for a new pump system that allows hook up to a generator. The electronics for the present pumps are outdated and parts are difficult to find or cannot be found for them. Also the present pumps are 30 feet below ground. New ones are above ground or slightly below ground. Dick Henderson reminded the Board that the township money cannot be used on the sewer. Franzel instructed Kenny to get a quote and present it to the Board for Consideration.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Windmill Ordinance – no update
2. Hall parking lot – Franzel received a quote of \$6,500 to redo the township hall parking lot – lines, strip and redo. He received a quote of \$5,000 to repair and seal coat the cemetery drives. The Board compared these quotes with previous quotes. As Aztec Asphalt put in the cemetery drives, the Board requested that Franzel contact them to get a quote.
3. Agri Valley Hi-Speed Internet – The company representative cannot be present at the July 9th meeting.

***Motion by Coats to approve moving the July 2nd meeting to July 9th supported by Kenny.
Ayes: Kenny, Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of the updated list of scheduled fees, Parcel Division Application and Land Use Permit application – July meeting
2. Sanilac County Road Commission – an all township meeting will be held on July 10, 2019. Ross distributed the agenda for this meeting. Kenny will attend the meeting to represent Watertown Township.
3. July 2nd meeting – discussed in Old Business changing to July 9th.

***Motion by Coats to approve moving the July 2nd meeting to July 9th supported by Kenny.
Ayes: Kenny, Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

4. Culvert replacement on Townline Rd Agreement –

***Motion by Cambridge to approve replacement of the culvert on Townline Rd between Frenchline Rd and Walker Rd at a cost to Watertown Township of \$663.50 as presented by Sanilac County Road Commission. Supported by Coats. Ayes: Kenny, Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

5. Miller Road narrowing and Lime Stone Project Agreement –

***Motion by Cambridge to approve the Sanilac County Road Commission quote of \$35,149.50 to repair Miller Rd between Maple Valley Rd and Townline Rd and to apply lime stone as presented. Supported by Coats. Ayes: Kenny, Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

6. Franzel reported that DTE would like to remove 14 trees along the power lines of the easement located behind the township hall and is seeking Watertown Township approval.

***Motion by Coats to allow DTE to remove the trees along the power lines located behind the township hall. Supported by Cambridge. Ayes: Kenny, Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

7. Lawn Maintenance Bids – Franzel stopped by Wagner Lawn Care, but they were out of town. He left a message requesting that they stop in to see the Board at the July meeting and will notify them of the meeting date change.

CLERK: Motion by Kenny to approve the minutes of the May 7th, 2019 regular Board meeting as presented. Supported by Coats. Ayes: Kenny, Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Cambridge to approve the bills to be paid as presented. Supported by Kenny. Ayes: Kenny, Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: none. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

TREASURER: Motion by Kenny, supported by Cambridge to approve May checks #15822 thru #15842 in the amount of \$11,923.99. Ayes: Kenny, Cambridge, Franzel, Coats and Ross. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 @ 6:00 pm.

ADJOURN:

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Franzel at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Ross, Clerk