

Regular Board Meeting for Mills Township

Tuesday January 8, 2019

7:00 Meeting called to order

Stand for the Pledge

Roll Call Present: Amy Hoover, Alan Wendt, Dan Bloom, Sara Pitch, Kim Sweet

Residents present: Tim Metzger, Al Mason, Connie Weishuhn, Richard Lafontaine, Cora and John Hitsman, Deb Bloom, Pam Schneider, Jeff Jewell, Jean Pitch, Kevin and Debbie Cuthbertson, Clyde Hoover, Sue Baxter and Jay & Angela St. John

Agenda Approval: Pitch made a motion to accept the Agenda with two additions, supported by Bloom.

Roll call vote Yes: Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion carried

Minutes: Pitch made a motion to accept the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from Dec. 11, 2018 supported by Wendt.

Roll Call Yes: Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion carried

Introduction of Guest: None

Public Comments:

Question: Culberson asked what the status is on the investigation.

Answer: Dan responded that he has that under his report and will get to it later in the meeting.

Question: Baxter spoke about an issue she had with the hall rental on Christmas Day.

Answer: Hoover stated that she had a death in the family and apologized for the mistake. To resolve the issue an alternative number will be added to the answering machine.

Treasurers Report: Balances as of Jan. 8,2019

- A. General Fund Checking- \$97,787.88
- B. Roads -\$21,377.57
- C. Fire Fund Checking-\$2,424.70
- D. Fire Fund Savings-\$9,784.30
- E. Fire Truck Fund-\$ 55,497.03

- F. Solid Waste Checking-\$ 43,243.08
- G. Solid Waste C.D.-\$21,127.07
- H. Current Tax- \$281,319.71
- I. Water Assessment- \$46,686.04
- J. Water Debt Service- \$87,552.37
- K. Water Tax Revenue- \$319.96

Chairman received the Treasurer's Report, Supported by Wendt

Roll Call Yes- Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet

Clerks Report: Presentation of Claims:

- A. General Fund- Check #13264-13274- Total \$16,231.02
- B. Fire Fund- Check #6748-6756 – Total \$743.11
- C. Solid Waste Fund- Check # 1551 – Total \$9256.50

Pitch moved to pay the Claims, supported by Wendt

Roll Call Yes- Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.

Committee Reports:

- A. Assessor's Report: No meeting
- B. Supervisor's Report: Bloom said the defendant Maxine Brink and co-defendant Brenda Brink are being charged with 1 count embezzlement-public official over \$50 and financial transaction device-stealing/retaining without consent. There was a Probable Cause Court Hearing Jan. 8, 2019, but unsure of the status of that.
- C. Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Metzger read his Report Total Responses for 2018 was 125 plus 4 calls for 2019, there has been 8 calls and 2 mutual aid calls since the last meeting.
Dept. Activities-
 1. Ice Rescue Class is scheduled for Jan. 25th & 26th
 2. Central Dispatch and Emergency Ops Center Training Scheduled for Feb.
 3. 2018 year end report will be presented at Feb. meeting
 4. Sync Up Meetings are being conducted
 5. Planning for the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year has begun
 6. 830 Truck Switch Repair: Having an issue finding the switch needed
It is fixed temporarily so truck is not out of service.
 7. There was a fireman that had to go to Urgent Care to have his blood tested and will need to be tested quarterly as a result of an incident at a fire call.

Motion made by Hoover to grant Fire Chief Metzger's request to have gear repaired and cleaned for a cost not to exceed \$200., supported by Sweet.

Roll Call Yes- Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.

D. Planning : Next meeting Jan. 17, 2019

E. Code Authority: Amy Hoover reported that things have slowed down. Next meeting is 24th at 5 p.m. at the County Building 1st Floor Conference Room.

F. Water: Nothing new to report.

Correspondence to the Board: Bloom received a letter from J.D. Brooks concerning the retail sale of marijuana in the township, will wait to address this when more information becomes available. Wendt stated the City of Midland will be addressing this at their next meeting.

Petitions to the Board: None

Old Business :

- A. DDR media, Township website: There were 3 media proposals presented, discussion followed. The DDR Media Services bid for \$2550 to update with \$239.88 annually to host through DDR and a \$19.50 per month charge to maintain the website. The first year of the SSL certificate is included in the bid, with \$149.99 annual charge after that and Mills Township owns the domain. Deb Bloom offered to maintain the website. Motion to stay with DDR was made by Bloom, supported by Pitch.
- B. YEO & YEO Proposal for payroll and QuickBooks Consulting services was presented for 2019. Bloom stated that with the recent changes to the board, he thought it would be a good idea to stay with someone that is familiar with what the township needs. Discussion was held that this would be for the payroll services and not auditing services. Motion was made by Pitch to accept the YEO & YEO proposal, supported by Bloom.

Roll Call Yes- Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.

New Business:

- A. Motion made by Bloom to adopt the 2019 Board Meeting Dates Resolution, supported by Pitch.

Roll Call Yes- Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.

- B. Motion made by Bloom to add Kim Sweet (Clerk) to the bank accounts, supported by Pitch

Roll Call Yes- Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.

- C. Ganske land split: Bloom stated that the Ganske parcel 130-003-400-053-00 is being divided into 2 -11 acre parcels. He spoke with our assessor who has approved this. Bloom made a motion to grant the split, supported by Wendt.

Roll Call Yes- Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet No- Hoover, Motion Carried.

D. County Road Proposal: Wendt presented proposals for the 2019 road allocation of funds. The Midland County Road Commission are doing the following roads is 2019: Baker between Swede and Jefferson 1 mile, resurfaced; Waldo 3 ½ miles between Baker and Hubbard, resurfaced (part Mills, part Larkin); Shearer 1 mile West of Sturgeon to the Hope County line, resurfaced. In 2020 Eastman from Bombay to Schaffer 1 mile, resurfaced and in 2021 Eastman from Schaffer to Baker 1 mile, resurfaced. Mills Township 2019 matching allocation funds \$45,290.80; non-matching \$64,766.13. The Midland County Road commission is putting out bids for blacktop and would like to know what we are planning to do this year. The estimate for ½ mile of Jefferson from Saiko Road North is \$99,622.26; a mile North would be \$196,259.60. Wendt also had estimates for Mid/Gladwin Co. Line Rd from Jefferson to Swede. It has been brought to his attention from the Fire Dept and School Buses that the road is in desperate need of attention. The estimate ranged from \$34,739.84 - \$119,261.34. This cost would be shared 4 ways if approved by Midland Co, Mills Twp, Bentley Twp & Gladwin Co. Motion made by Bloom to do the ½ mile of Jefferson from Saiko Rd North, supported by Wendt.

Roll Call Yes- Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.

Comment: Wendt would like to thank everyone that supported the road mileage. It has really helped Mills Township start to catch up. Thank you

Board Comments:

Sweet will see about a bid from Steve White of White's Carpet Cleaning about cleaning the floors of the buildings and some janitorial tasks.

Hall rental responsibilities to be discussed and worked out, it is a good resource for the community.

Public Comments:

Comment: Fire Chief Metzger reinforced the need for something to be done with Midland/Gladwin Co. Line Rd. It becomes impossible for Emergency personal to navigate in the spring, even doing drainage work would be an improvement. Wendt stated he believes we have the resources to do it if the other parties agree.

Question: Has there been any policy put in place for mileage? Bloom said no there has not. Right now the standard mileage rate is 54.5 cents a mile. Bloom stated he did not like his proposal and would like to see the board members come up with a proposal. It was suggested maybe MTA might have some incite.

Adjournment:

Bloom moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., supported by Wendt. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

