

Regular Board Meeting for Mills Township

Tuesday March 12, 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, Richard & Connie Lafontaine, Ron Kutchev, Karol Miller, Jeff Jewell, Deb Bloom, Pam Schneider, Debbie Cuthbertson, Wanda Stevens, Tony & Jean Pitch, Greg & Janet Schachtner, Jay St. John, Nick PostVasold, Leah Olsen Perry, Ed Perry, Denise & Greg Mason

Bloom opened the Budget Hearing of the fiscal year 2019-2020

Wendt questioned the Solid Waste Page 9, that expenditure will be in the red by approximately \$475 if we stay with the current revenue. This will be addressed and added to the agenda under Supervisor report.

Minutes: Hoover made a motion to accept the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from Jan. 8, 2019 as written supported by Pitch. All in favor, Motion carried

Introduction of Guest: No guests

Public Comments:

Comment: Gary Parish a Mills resident who lives on Dublin Road between Hull & Baker made a request to have the road repair/upgrade put on a list for future work. There are now 4 homes on that road and it is impassible with the spring weather, garbage will not come down, school bus does not come down.

Answer: Wendt commented that the money has been allocated for this year but the board may have some money next year to do some gravel projects. It would cost approx.. \$15000 to gravel a ½ mile, but it would possibly be split with Hope Twp since it is on the line. Bloom suggested he talk with Hope Twp. also.

Treasurers Report: Balances as of March 12, 2019

- A. General Fund Checking- \$123,773.35
- B. Roads -\$45,586.11
- C. Fire Fund Checking-\$22,179.90
- D. Fire Fund Savings-\$96,253.04
- E. Solid Waste Checking-\$ 71,899.87
- F. Solid Waste C.D.-\$21,141.64
- G. Current Tax- \$43,386.36
- H. Water Assessment- \$82,052.31

- I. Water Debt Service- \$87,566.52
- J. Water Tax Revenue- \$309.98

Money will need to be transferred to the Water Chem Flex account to cover our yearly USDA payment withdrawals of \$67,593.75, \$26,193.78 & \$8,609.37. This will be addressed in New business letter C.

Pitch took a moment to apologize to Denise Mason for how her actions have affected her following the night she found her with Amy Hoover in the township hall office. She said that we should be working together as a community and not against one another and is sorry for that. Bloom read a letter that he had sent to the Township Attorney about the incident on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> the day before the election, involving Amy Hoover and Denise Mason present at the township hall office. Ann Manary was also notified of the incident. Discussion ensued between Bloom, Greg & Denise Mason and Pitch. Bloom stated that it was time to move on with the board meeting, Greg Mason would not cease and in sued in name calling and using foul language. Bloom warned him that he needed to stop or he would have to call the Midland Police Dept. to have him removed from the meeting. He continued, forcing Bloom to call them..

#### Clerks Report: Presentation of Claims:

- A. General Fund- Check #13310-13352- Total \$455,131.68 (this included the tax millage dollars paid from the current tax account
  - B. Fire Fund- Check #6770-6792– Total \$3,410.21
  - C. Solid Waste Fund- Check # 1554 for 9,256.50
- Pitch moved to pay the Claims as stated, supported by Wendt  
Bloom asked if anyone would like to see the claims- no one did  
Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.

#### Committee Reports:

- A. Assessor's Report: 21 people attended the March 11<sup>th</sup> Board of Review, another one will be held tomorrow.
- B. Supervisor's Report: Solid waste: Motion made by Bloom to raise the Solid Waste tax by \$5.00. Supported by Pitch  
Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.

Community Center Cook Stove: Having issues with the stove and had it serviced and the fire suppression system is not up to date. Parts are expensive for the stove and the quote to update the fire suppression system is \$2174.00. So we are trying to consider what other options there are, possibly replacing the stove with regular gas or even electric models. We are working on a solution.

DEQ: city water plant meeting: Because of the Flint water crisis, they are imposing a twice a year test be sent to Lansing to be looking for lead and copper. We would be responsible to identify 15 homes and pick 10 of those homes to be tested twice a year at a cost to the township of \$75 per sample for a total \$1500 annually. Discussion was held.

C. Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Metzger read his Report Total Responses for 2019: 31 calls, with 13 calls since last meeting. Total mutual aid calls since last meeting: 1 structure fire in Larkin Twp.

Dept. Activities:

1. Central Dispatch and Emergency Ops Center Training scheduled, March 18<sup>th</sup>
2. 2018 year end report is completed
3. Department inventory will take place over the next 60 days
4. New Dept. filing system is being worked on.
5. Remember When program w/ Jim Heading coming to our community soon
6. Year end program went well with awards given to Chad Mxon (FF of the yr) & Jennifer Maxon (MFR of the yr)
7. Memorial Presbyterian and Schauman Plaque Presentations
8. Spring Door to Door Campaign to start
9. Multiple Casualty Kit being developed
10. 7 members attended an all-day Medical Recertification Class at Homer
11. Plans are underway for a Fall Safety Open House

Requests:

1. To add Kinsey Davis as Dept. Photographer to the roster
2. To pay annual dues to the Midland County Firefighters Training Council of \$250.

Motion made by Bloom to grant Fire Chief Metzger's requests, supported by Pitch. Roll Call Yes- Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.

D. Planning : No meeting last month, next meeting April 18<sup>th</sup> . Sample ordinance is here so will need to look at time frames to see if a special meeting is required. Motion made by Wendt to allow the planning board to look into the number of parking spaces needed for commercial business at the next meeting. Supported by Bloom. Discussion was held about any other ordinances needing updated. Roll Call Yes- Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.

E. Deb Bloom spoke about the website, finalizing the web requirements. Discussion was held: A whole new system is underway, there is no way to add anything to the old system

F. Code Authority: Hoover reported: Its slow now, things should pick up in the next month and half or so. Next meeting is 28<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at the County Building 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room.

G. Water: Mentioned in the Supervisor's report

Correspondence to the Board: The DEQ letter mentioned in the Supervisors report.

Petitions to the Board: None

Old Business : None

New Business:

- A. Motion made by Bloom to adopt the 2019-2020 Budget as printed, supported by Pitch. No discussion Roll Call Yes: Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried
  - B. Motion made by Bloom to allow the Clerk and Treasurer to pay all bills owed by the Township through March 31, 2019 (the end of the 2018-2019 fiscal year) supported by Pitch.  
Roll Call Yes: Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.
  - C. Motion made by Bloom to allow the transfer of money needed to pay the USDA Water bill into the Chem Flex Acct., supported by Wendt. No discussion  
Roll Call Yes: Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.
  - D. Motion made by Bloom to transfer \$10,706.11 to make the Fire Truck payment due before April 1, 2019, supported by Pitch. No discussion  
Roll Call Yes: Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.
  - E. Motion made by Bloom to approve the Poverty Resolution State Guidelines, supported by Pitch.  
Roll Call Yes- Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.
- A short recess was called for Mr.Bloom to speak with the Sheriff Dept.
- F. Board of Review met March 5<sup>th</sup> for organizational meeting, Hearing dates are March 11<sup>th</sup> 2-5 p.m. & 6-9 p.m. & March 13<sup>th</sup> 9-3 p.m.
  - G. Motion made by Bloom to have Kim Sweet go to Lansing for a mandatory Election Training class, supported by Pitch No discussion  
Roll Call Yes: Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.
  - H. Pam Schneider community building & misc duties assigned is tabled

Board Comments:

Bloom met with Charles Swindler from Senior Services

Pitch has a letter from the state saying that every 3 years we need to update our data base system for the tax roll through the state. Motion made by Pitch to obtain the signatures needed from the county treasurer, the assessor & the township and send the letter into the state, supported by Bloom No discussion  
Roll Call Yes: Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.

Wendt spoke with Mosquito Control they haven't sent any maps, but probably same as last year. If you have any issues you should contact them.

Public Comments:

Comment: Karol Miller states that she sent the board members an email and only received a response back from Pitch, and that she sent Sweet an email about getting the committee members recommendations on the agenda and it was not on the agenda. She would like to know what has to be done to get something on the agenda? Discussion was held. Hoover made a motion to have Karol's committee recommendations put on the agenda for next month, there was no support. Motion died. Discussion was held. Wendt made a motion to have it put on the agenda to be discussed at the next board meeting, supported by Sweet. Motion carried unanimously

Maxine Brink update: She is having a pretrial hearing at 8:30 a.m. Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> .

Adjournment:

Bloom moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., supported by Pitch Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

