

**Regular Board Meeting for Mills Township
Wednesday March 11, 2020**

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order
Stand for the Pledge

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

Residents Present: Jessica Thorington, Sage Jacques, Chuck & Jan Huff, Sherry Wilson, Dennis & Sharon Russell, Connie Carlton, Timothy Risnes, Dan & Jill Owens, Jean Pitch, Tim Metzger, Al Mason, Kevin & Debbie Cuthbertson, Clyde Hoover, Deb Bloom and Pamela Schneider

Bloom opened the Public Hearing for adoption of the 2020-2021 Budget and the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the budget.

Agenda Approval: Pitch made a motion to accept the Agenda with the addition of I. Gate at the Park supported by Hoover All in favor Motion Carried

Minutes: Pitch made a motion to accept the minutes from February 11, 2020 as written, supported by Wendt. All in favor, Motion carried.

Introduction of Guests: Laura Lee-Candidate for Midland County Sheriff

Public Comments:

Comment: Is there money to fix the dead end of Bombay off Waldo? Answer by Wendt: Yes, this is one of the roads that has been slated to receive work this year. This will be a split with Larkin Township. Discussion was held and residents from 4482, 4325, 4240, 4388 and 4275 E. Bombay all expressed their concerns with the condition of the road.

Treasurers Report: Balances as of March 1, 2020

- A. General Fund Checking-\$150,924.49
- B. General Fund Savings \$65,656.89
- C. Roads -\$71,502.51
- D. Fire Fund Checking-\$65,161.01
- E. Fire Fund Savings-\$101,094.66
- F. Solid Waste Checking-\$ 11,046.30
- G. Solid Waste Savings \$82,586.23
- H. Current Tax- \$87,708.93
- I. Water Assessment- \$5,558.63
- J. Water Debt Service- \$122,199.69
- K. Water Tax Revenue- \$65,825.79

Treasurer's report received

Clerks Report: Presentation of Claims:

- A. General Fund- Check #13643-13665 - Total \$13,265.62
- B. Fire Fund- Check #6995-7010 - Total \$14,058.47
- C. Solid Waste Fund- Check # 1572 Total \$10,252.32

Pitch moved to pay the Claims as stated, supported by Wendt

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

Committee Reports:

- A. Assessor's Report:** Finished Board of Review with 29 total requests submitted. The new assessor does a good job, very professional.
- B. Supervisor's Report:** Motion made by Bloom to approve the Land split of property 5788 Jack Road, supported by Pitch, Assessor has approved of the split, will be adding the property to an adjacent parcel. Discussion held Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried.
- C. Fire Dept. Report:** Fire Chief Metzger read his Report:
16 responses since last meeting; 28 total responses for 2020
Dept. Activities:
 - 1. New station reporting program being worked on
 - 2. New Firefighter decontamination procedure established
 - 3. Firefighter pictured IDs have been ordered
 - 4. Dam Breach preparedness for Midland County
 - 5. Corona Virus Update and procedures in place to combat it
 - 6. 6 Mills Firefighters will be part of the Midland Co. Rapid Response Intervention Team

7. Baker Road incident (between Sturgeon & Eastman) Midland Co. Drain Commission and the DEQ Hazmat team involved. Situation has been resolved-Nothing to be concerned about now.

Department requests:

1. To send 6 Firefighters to the Novi Fire Expo on 4/8 for an amount not to exceed \$450
2. To send 8 Firefighters to the FD Instructors Conf in Indiana 4/24 for an amount not to exceed \$2500
3. To purchase a Rapid Intervention Pack for an amount no to exceed \$500

Bloom made a motion to grant the request as stated, supported by Hoover No Discussion

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

Special Department Request:

1. To Implement the Departments Cost Recovery Ordinance and invoice for services rendered on March 9th & 10th to the resident at 2547 E. Baker Rd. This is to include the cost incurred from the Midland Co. Road Commission.

Wendt made a motion to grant the request as stated, supported by Pitch No Discussion

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

D. Planning: No meeting

E. Code Authority: Started to pick up. Things running smooth. Next meeting Mar. 26th at 5 p.m. at the County Building 1st Floor Conference Room.

F. Water Report: Still sampling – working with 120 Water Audit Company

Correspondence to the Board: None

Petitions to the Board: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A. Motion made by Bloom to allow Clerk & Treasurer to pay any outstanding bills for fiscal year 2019-2020 supported by Pitch. No Discussion Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet-Motion Carried
- B. Motion made by Bloom to pay the USDA water loan payment totaling \$101,018.75, supported by Wendt. No Discussion Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried
- C. Servinski Sod Mowing Bid: Price to remain the same as 2019. Motion made by Wendt to accept the bid from Servinski Sod for the 2020 Mowing season, supported by Pitch No Discussion Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet-Motion Carried
- D. Land split: 5788 Jack Road: addressed in Supervisor's report
- E. Motion made by Bloom to purchase food and beverage for Board of Review meetings not to exceed \$175. supported by Pitch Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried
- F. Bloom made a motion to accept the Sherry Lane Road Agreement with the Midland Co. Road Commission for a period of 3 years (effective through 12/31/2022), supported by Pitch Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried
- G. Motion made by Bloom to accept the bid from Trevillian Construction to reroof the Township Hall/Fire Barn: Payment to be split between the Fire Dept and the Township., supported by Wendt Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried
- H. Motion made by Bloom to close and adopt the Mills Township 2020-2021 Budget and the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the budget, supported by Pitch No Discussion Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried
- I. Gate at Park: We have received the insurance check for \$850. (\$1050-\$250 deductible) to fix the gate at the Park. Motion made by Wendt to have the gate fixed when weather permits, supported by Bloom Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Bloom, Pitch, Sweet Motion Carried

Board Comments:

Comment Sweet: First Election was held March 10th, everything went well and the election inspectors worked great together

Public Comments:

Comment: How long is the Sherry Lane Road agreement for? Answer: 3 years

Comment: Has the Planning Board position been filled yet? Answer: Not yet

Adjournment: Bloom moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m., supported by Wendt Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.