

**Regular Board Meeting for Mills Township  
Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

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

**Roll Call Present:** Amy Hoover, Alan Wendt, Ron Kutchey, Kim Sweet, Sara Pitch

**Residents Present:** Theresa & Bill Oliver, Emma Rittmaier, Roland Brink, Angela & Jay St. John, Jean Pitch

**Agenda Approval:** Pitch made a motion to accept the Agenda with the addition in Planning C. New member approval, supported by Wendt

Roll Call Yes – Kutchey, Pitch, Wendt, Hoover, Sweet Motion Carried.

**Minutes:** Pitch made a motion to accept the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2021 as written supported by Hoover Roll Call Yes – Kutchey, Pitch, Wendt, Hoover, Sweet Motion Carried.

**Introduction of Guests:** None

**Public Comments:**

Comment: Is there any ordinance pertaining to free range chickens wondering onto my property and doing damage? Answer Kutchey: 1976 Public Act 328 states chickens are not considered a farm animal and are under the same classification as a dog or cat would be. The owner could be liable for damages they occur. Suggestions were given for departments to contact for help.

**Supervisor's Report:** A. An anonymous letter was received stating a number of things not all pertaining to township control. Discussion was held about the possibility of using a standard complaint form, similar to the one the Code Authority uses. A copy of the letter will be brought to the next meeting. B. The Government Unit census is complete. C. The new computer is received and there is a new email address for the Supervisor that will be posted on the website. D. Met with a resident at 4824 N. Eastman gave him 30 days to start or come up with a plan for the repair. E. Johnson update: Property needs to be surveyed before citation can be given. F. Looks like business may be resuming at the Butter's residence. Haven't been able to speak with him in person. Still waiting on final DEQ Report.

**Treasurers Report:** Balances as of April 1, 2021

- A. General Fund Checking-\$227,547.89
  - B. General Fund Savings - \$69,198.73
  - C. Roads -\$103,034.83
  - D. Fire Fund Checking \$40,006.05
  - E. Fire Fund Savings-\$102,054.10
  - F. Solid Waste Checking-\$ 23,069.69
  - G. Solid Waste Savings - \$59,374.97
  - H. Current Tax- \$95.17
  - I. Water Debt Service- \$82,580.35
  - J. Water Tax Revenue- \$5,527.14
- Treasurer's report accepted

**Clerks Report:** Presentation of Claims:

- A. General Fund- Check #13998-14023 - Total \$21,279.35
- B. Fire Fund- Check #7204-7232 - Total \$7,664.25
- C. Solid Waste- Check #1588 – Total \$10,512.72
- D. Water Account- USDA payment-Total \$99,640.62

Motion made by Pitch to pay the claims as stated, supported by Wendt Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Kutchey, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. **Planning Report:** Meeting will be Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, first meeting in almost a year, so a lot to discuss including a camper ordinance and wind/solar from EGLE. Motion made by Kutchey to appoint Denise Mason, Alan Wendt, Ron Leigeb and Clyde Hoover to the planning board for a term of 3 years, supported by Pitch. Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Kutchey, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried.
- B. **Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA):** Nothing to report
- C. **Fire Dept. Report:** Assistant Chief Brink gave the Report:  
59 total responses for 2021, with 1 mutual aid call since last meeting
- D. **Code Authority:** Pick up, running smooth Next meeting April 15<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m. at the Midland Co. Building
- E. **Assessors Report:** BOR had 18 petitions, The Board of review minutes are completed
- F. **Water Report:** 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter water testing will be done next week

**Correspondence to the Board:** None

**Petitions to the Board:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- A. Answer Heating & Cooling: Motion made b Wendt to purchase the Maintenance Agreement for the Old School House with Answer Heating and Cooling, supported by Pitch Discussion held. Roll Call Yes – Kutchey, Pitch, Wendt, Hoover, Sweet Motion Carried.

**Board Comments:**

Comment Pitch: Pavilion needs repainting

Comment Wendt: Park is being used quite a bit, With the current COVID guidelines, and numbers rising in the area, Wendt made a motion to not rent any of the facilities at the park till further notice, supported by Pitch Roll Call Yes – Kutchey, Pitch, Wendt, Hoover, Sweet Motion Carried. The Park Pavilion can be used, free of charge, on a first come first serve basis. Porta Jon has been set at the Park, Additional trash cans have been ordered, Mosquito control will be spraying the park and the walking track on a regular basis, Sanford Little League has a clean up day Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, Waiting for the signs to come in for the Park surveillance cameras, Soccer and Basketball nets have been put up, Thank you to Tony & Jean Pitch for fixing the damage that occurred at the Park during the Winter.

Comment Kutchey: Checking on a Septic Sewage issue with the Health Dept., Attending a Road Commission Meeting, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Will check on a resident having problem with brush cutting on Swede Road, Paving material has gone down, may have extra money to do another road project. Sent out letters for the Blight complaints, 5 have made contact and cleanup will be underway.

Comment Sweet: Parish will be installing the new phone and internet system next week

**Public Comments: None**

**Adjournment:** Wendt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., supported by Pitch Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.