

APPROVED

REGULAR JULY MEETING OF THE WEARE TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Larry Doran, Supervisor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Doran, Supervisor; Linda Dykema, Treasurer;
Debra Gustafson, Clerk; Andy Patterson & Gary Hilbert, Trustees.

OTHERS PRESENT: Julia Lauber, Lori Green, Robert Green, Jill VanderZanden, Frank Partington, Mark Seeback, Byron Miller, Julia Miller, Ron Christians, Andrew Clark, Robert Powers, Sharon Powers, Terry Dykema, Philip Grondsma, Amy Grondsma, Tom McGuire, Jeremy Arndt, Kevin Stevenson & William Arnold

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll call showed everyone was present.

Mr Doran added an addendum to the previous months minute. Ms Green wanted to clarify the set back on the master plan. Of 500 feet is a suggested amount but can be made smaller or larger by the planning commission. Moved by Mr. Hilbert and supported by Mr. Patterson to approve the June 14, 2021 minutes. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Hilbert and supported by Mr. Patterson to approve the agenda, with the addition of mowing & Jill VanderZanden asked to make an opposing argument to the marijuana presentation be added to the old business. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Treasurer reported \$203,204.41 in the General Fund Checking.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Brownfield Authority.

Discussion was had, and it was decided to have Jodi Nichols attend an upcoming meeting to explain and discuss.

2. Road Millage.

Discussion was had and board decided it was easiest at this point to renew the present millage, and we have the best chance of passing it the way it is. The board would like to go on the November ballot to combine costs with Pentwater School.

Moved by Mr Patterson supported by Mr Hilbert to request the present millage..

Yays: Dykema, Hilbert, Patterson, Gustafson, Doran.

Nays::

All in Favor.

Motion Carried.

3. Mowing.

Quoted \$950.00/month with weed whipping every other time. Mr Grondsma made statements about the time it takes to mow and weed whipping. He made a bid of \$35/ hour to do maintenance and Lawn care. Mr Grondsma is to maintain the three properties and do the mowing.

Moved by Ms Gustafson supported by Mr Hilbert to accept Mr Grondsma's bid.

Yays: Dykema, Hilbert, Patterson, Gustafson, Doran.

Nays:
All in Favor.
Motion Carried.

4. Jill VanderZanden- Opposing Argument to the Marijuana Committee

Ms VanderzanDen Stated that Jeremy did an awesome job with his presentation. She is opposed to having this in the township and read her research that was found on the web. She quoted several articles and statistics that she found. She shared medical statistics and home value reports. Mr Patterson and Mr Doran stated that they appreciated a counter argument.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Covid Funding

Mr Doran is unsure if we lost funds due to covid, but would like to attend the special meeting being held on July 14, 2021. Mr Doran, Ms Gustafson and Ms Dykema were to attend the meeting on the following Wednesday. Tabled till after the meeting.

2. Adopt MI Township Principles

Discussion was held, stating that we currently follow these principles so did the board need to sign a paper stating what we currently do?

Mr Patterson made a motion to Opt out.
Yay:
Nay:
Due to lack of support, this is held till another time.

3. Sexton-Philip Grondsma

He asked t6o board to consider raising the price of burials. He stated that at this time our Township is the cheapest in three counties and he still digs by hand. On regular burials to be raised to \$435.00 and cremation burials to be raised to \$150.00. Mr Grondsma thinks we need to look at the Grave space prices, our Township is the cheapest in 3 or 4 counties. Mr Doran wants to bring address this at the next meeting.

Motion made by Mr Hilbert and supported by Mr Patterson.
Yay: Dykema, Hilbert, Patterson, Doran, Gustafson.
Nay:
Motion Carried

4. Tom McGuire-Petition

Mr McGuire had 43 signatures to put marijuana on the ballot and could have collected more. Mr McGuire stated he attended Pentwaters Township meeting that morning and they passed to be opted in to dispensary now known as recreational marijuana in a 4-1 vote. Mr Christans commented on Pentwaters passing of the ordinance. Mr Doran ran this petition by Mr Monton and he said it was in good shape and also commended us for putting it on the ballot and asking the public. Discussion was had that the board is opted out and would have to decide on staying opted out or opt in after the public votes. The previous vote in our Township the vote was 50/50 for the marijuana ordinance.

Motion made by Mr Hilbert and supported by Mr Patterson to accept the petition as written
All in Favor.
Motion Carried.

5. Previously Approved Minutes and Unapproved Minutes

It was brought to Ms Gustafsons attention that 3 months worth of Approved and Unapproved minutes had the wrong Month typed on the top of the minutes, but the correct date. A motion was needed to submit the correct minutes to the record and the website.

*Motion made by Mr Hilbert and supported by Mr Doran
All in favor.
Motion carried.*

6. Pav Bills.

Checks totaling \$26,484.34. Check # 12126-12152/1012/1014

*Motion made by Mr Hilbert and supported by Mr Patterson
Yay: Hilbert, Dykema, Doran, Patterson, Gustafson
Nay:
Motion Carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms Green wanted to follow up on the townships progress from getting the missing meeting minutes from Dale, and was hoping there has been progress. She also wanted to remind the board that M.C.L. 41.2 gives subpoena power to require him to come before and explain to the board where the documents are and what he did with the computer he said was no good. Mr Doran said the clerk has been working on this. Ms Gustafson stated she hasn't found them. Mr Doran and Ms Gustafson agreed that we should check with Gene Oomen to see if he has the missing minutes from the planning commission.. Mr Doran says they were not in the box he passed to Mr Clark with the land splits that needed to be completed. It was stated that it puts Mr Clark in a tough position, because there are Special use permits and other important documents that were only in the book. Mr Doran thinks we need to continue to work on this, and thanked Ms Green for keeping this on the Forefront.

Mr Dykema would like to see the list of checks written to be included with the minutes on the website for true transparency.

Ms VanderZanden was in contact this month about the corner parcel. There was a discrepancy about the acreage and how it was figured previously and how it was figured now. She consulted MTA and was told it should be in the Zoning Book, and it is not. Ms VanderZanden thinks an attorney would be able to help write this policy. She thinks that there needs to be consistency on the zoning and the planning commission, and thinks that the planning commission needs to look at what happens on these special cases to have consistency. Mr Doran thinks Mr Clark did a wonderful job making sure it was correct but Agrees with Ms VanderZanden that there needs to be some consistency.

Mr McGuire would like to thank the board for taking a look at the petition and voting it thru to be put on the ballot.

Mr Dykema hopes that when Jackson Rd is completed that can be elevated to a class A road.

Jeremy Arndt would like copies of the Bio reports from the last month and provided his email address._

Mr Hilbert states that Jefferson Rd will probably need to be chip sealed next year.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Oceana County Republican Committee sent a letter asking the board to not consolidate with the county to have one county master plan. The Township had previously had discussion to be small government and stand alone. EGLE reports are available if anyone would like them.

A letter came from Crystal Township commending the Planning Commission on an awesome job with the Master Plan. They also commended our website.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Mr Clark wrote 3 permits one for a deck in the NW corner of section 18 and one for a house with attached garage in the NW corner of section 29. Mr Clark provided Arial maps for anyone who wanted them of the Corner property previously discussed.

REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr Patterson Appreciates all of the public comments.

Ms Dykema states the taxes have already started being collected, and in another couple of days she will have to disperse money to the county.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS & COMMENTS

Mr Doran drove by the Ox roast at Jackson Rd and spoke with the MC who said they had a great turnout and noone complained about dust and people commented that it was much nicer than driving around all the potholes. Mr Doran drove the road and he noticed slight dust in the 1st mile. Crystal Township ground up roads the same as our Township. Mr Doran has not contacted them yet so is unsure of they're future plans. Ms Dykema noticed traffic is moving slower on Jackson Rd.

Mr Doran bugs the road commission every time he talks to them, about Washington Rd. Chip Sealing on Washington is up to the county it is a Class B road.

Moved by Mr Hilbert, supported by Mr Doran to adjourn.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Debra Gustafson, Clerk