

Claybanks Township

August 9th, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of Claybanks Township was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Lombard with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Dan Lombard, Peter Shlagor, David Rabe, Cheryl Rabe and Alice Holsomback Smith.

(A) Agenda Additions –No agenda additions

Minutes

(B) Approval of July 12th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and July 22nd Special Meeting Minutes – David Rabe made a motion to approve the July 12th, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Second Cheryl Rabe. All in favor. Motion carried. Cheryl Rabe made a motion to approve the July 22nd special meeting minutes. Second Pete Shlagor. All in favor. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

(A) Approve August 2021 Payables - David Rabe made a motion to approve the General Fund payables in the amount of \$9,635.07 and the Park Fund payables in the amount of \$8,350.91. Second Cheryl Rabe. Alice Holsomback Smith yes. David Rabe yes. Dan Lombard yes. Pete Shlagor yes. Cheryl Rabe yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence

(A) Miscellaneous correspondence was reviewed.

Public Comment- A resident asked the board to take action to address the bad road conditions around Indian Hills Rd and Roosevelt. There is tons of traffic and maintenance has not been performed in decades. The trees along the road need to be maintained as well for safety. Dan Lombard informed the group that he is attending road commission meetings and putting pressure on the county to take action.

Reports

(A) Financial- General Fund - \$439,678.18; Fire Fund - \$114,720.82; Road Improvement - \$140,744.70; Park Fund - \$162,207.77.

(B) Zoning Administrator- Issued 3 permits. Performed 10 inspections. The assessor noted that the township is being taken to Grand Tribunal by a resident challenging their property tax value. The Township lawyer has answered claims and filed appearance. Date for the hearing is in spring of 2022. The new assessing computer has arrived. The Zoning Board of Appeals meets next week.

(C) Cemetery- Cemeteries are mowed. Continuing to seek acceptable quotes for Flower Creek landscaping work.

(D) Planning Commission- It was noted that Public Hearing is tomorrow night followed by regular Planning Commission meeting.

(E) Clerk- no report.

(F) Park Update – Jet ski weekend is coming up and the campground is fully booked. The following four weeks are not heavy. Labor Day is fully booked. It was noted that there is a need for more dirt or gravel

on the curve just west of the pavilion and there may be a need for more picnic tables beyond what was recently ordered.

Unfinished Business

- (A) **Road Wedging Update** – Dan Lombard informed the Board that the county will pitch in 50% of the cost for gravel along edge of the area being wedged, including around 64th, Arthur and 56th
- (B) **Options for Park Improvements** – Pete Shlagor presented his research regarding primitive but much-improved flushable vault toilets as an option for a park upgrade. They are better smelling, easy to clean and offer sustainable options such as solar power and water collection. He also suggested the Board consider creating primitive sites set aside for tent campers in the unused wooded area beyond the currently used campground. But he also acknowledged potential difficulties utilizing this area, due to a notable gully that crosses the wooded area. More research would be needed.

New Business

- (A) **Potential Update to Township Website** – The clerk noted that the current Claybanks Township website is difficult to navigate and could use a facelift. She will reach out to website developer to get a quote for an update.
- (B) **Drain Commission Resolution** – A spokesperson for the Oceana County Drain Commission presented the option for the Board to approve a resolution that allows the Drain Commission to inspect new construction in the township for compliance with county regulations regarding drainage.

Alice Holsomback Smith made a motion to pass the resolution entitled “Resolution Requiring Oceana County Drain Commissioner Review of Development Site Plans.” 2nd Pete Shlagor.

Ayes: Dan Lombard, David Rabe, Peter Shlagor, Cheryl Rabe, Alice Holsomback Smith
Nay: None

The resolution was declared passed by Supervisor Dan Lombard.

- (C) **Upcoming Truth in Taxation Hearing**– The clerk confirmed with the Board that this year’s Truth in Taxation Hearing, for the purpose of approving Oceana’s County’s tax millages, will occur September 13th at 7PM, prior to the September Regular Board Meeting.
- (D) **Township Retirement Plan** – Cheryl Rabe addressed the Board and clarified some of the details of our current retirement plan for Board members. After some discussion of the benefit of changing plans, it was decided that the Board will retain its current broker, and that we will re-visit potential alternatives prior to next years’ renewal.
- (E) **Upcoming biannual Township Audit** – Cheryl Rabe introduced a quote from Brickley DeLong to perform the 2021 audit for the township. Pete Shlagor made a motion to accept the quote. Second Alice Holsomback Smith. Dan Lombard yes. Peter Shlagor yes. David Rabe yes. Cheryl Rabe yes. Alice Holsomback Smith yes. Motion carried.
- (F) **Access to MTA Benefits** - The clerk informed the group how to access new educational materials available with our upgraded MTA membership.

Supervisor Comments- no comments

Adjournment - 8:48 PM
Respectfully submitted

Alice Holsomback Smith