

Claybanks Township

August 10, 2020
MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of Claybanks Township was called to order via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Smith with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Smith, Eilers, Lombard, Rabe and Freye.

Agenda Additions – Unfinished Business A) Eady Property Taxes

Minutes

- (A) **Approval of July 13, 2020 Truth-in-Taxation Hearing Minutes** - David Rabe made a motion to approve the July 13, 2020 Truth-in-Taxation Hearing minutes. Second by Dan Lombard. All in favor. Motion carried.
- (B) **Approval of July 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes** - Dan Lombard made a motion to approve the July 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Second by David Rabe. All in favor. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

- (A) **Approve July Interim Payable** - David Rabe made a motion to pay the July interim payable to Tree Hugger Tree Service, check #10019, in the amount of \$2,400.00 for removal of trees at the town hall. Second by Brenda Eilers. Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Smith, yes. Motion carried.
- (B) **Approve August Payables** - Add check #10052 payable to Telrite in the amount of \$6.23. New August payable amount - \$285,079.61. David Rabe made a motion to approve the general fund payables in the amount of \$285,079.61, including check #10052, and the park fund payables in the amount of \$8,513.53. Second by Dan Lombard. Lombard, yes; Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Smith, yes; Eilers, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Miscellaneous correspondence was reviewed.

Public Comment – Peter Shlagor informed the board that he turned in paperwork to run as a write-in candidate for the position of Township Trustee in the 2020 General Election.

Reports

- (A) **Financial** – General Fund - \$270,986.55; Fire Fund - \$85,252.64; Road Improvement - \$128,335.39; Park Fund - \$118,090.64
- (B) **Zoning Administrator** - Issued three permits and completed one inspection.
- (C) **Cemetery** - No report.
- (D) **Planning Commission** - Due to a positive Covid-19 exposure and the inability to safely distance at the township hall, the August 11, 2020 Planning Commission meeting will be cancelled. Hoping to hold the October 13, 2020 meeting, but will determine that based on conditions in October.
- (E) **Zoning Board of Appeals** - David Rabe read the minutes from the July 20, 2020 public hearing. The request for a variance for a larger than allowed building in a residential zoned district was denied.
- (F) **Park** - Report given by Park Manager, Jesse Cisneros. Jesse felt he could have used security for the weekend the jet skiers were camping at the park. He felt the board should consider this next year. The five weekends left to the camping season are pretty full.

Dick Smith wondered about putting a surge protector before the box coming into the campground. The board felt this would be beneficial in light of the power surge that went through the campground last month. Dick will call Lankfer to have this installed.

Unfinished Business

(A) Eady Property Taxes - The township attorney's opinion is that we have no legal basis to refund any of the interest or penalties paid by the property owner. Dick Smith agreed with this, but said he personally wanted to give them something to help offset the interest and penalties. The board had no comment on this. It was agreed that the initial error came into play when the property owner sent the check for delinquent taxes to the township treasurer, when the tax bill clearly stated that it should be sent to the County Treasurer's office.

New Business

(A) Fire Millage Wording - The Equalization Department advised us that our present wording for the fire millage renewal would not result in .75 mills being collected by the township, but that the current reduced millage rate of .7211 would be the starting point for collection this year. If there is a reduction next year, it would be less. The board felt this amount would be sufficient and let the wording stand. Mary Freye will advise the County Clerk of this.

(B) White Lake Senior Center Request - The White Lake Senior Center is used by Claybanks Township residents and we typically send \$250 per year in support. Because of Covid-19, many of their fundraisers had to be canceled and they will not have the funding for programs they have had in the past. They are asking that we consider an increase in support, if possible. Mary Freye made a motion to send White Lake Senior Center \$500 this year. Second by Dan Lombard. Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Smith, yes; Rabe, yes; Freye, yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Comments - None

Adjournment - 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Freye