

REYNOLDS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

10.12.2017

Supervisor Kindel called the regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 pm., Pledge of Allegiance was given.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Kindel, Clerk Sholty, Treasurer Stedman, Trustee Eversole and Dave Saucier.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Zoning Administrator, Mark Stevens presented the Zoning Report.

Motion: Approve consent agenda consisting of September 4, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board Minutes, Police Report, Fire Reports, Zoning Report, Library Report and the Township's Monthly Bills. Motion by Saucier, 2nd by Sholty, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rebates available for LED lighting, after lighting installed, carpet installation will follow.

Tax Account – Trustee Eversole still concerned with excess money in the old tax account. In discussion it was noted checks were sent out and the \$9,813.20 is what the statement says. There is really about \$3,000 excess money in the account. Asked if this was normal for a tax account, Treasurer Stedman stated it was not. Trustee Eversole asked if we need to pay someone to figure out where the money should be distributed, be it schools, library, citizens and Treasurer stated all settlements have been done. I don't know where it goes, I've been working with Doug, our Auditor on that. Trustee Eversole said so there is an attempt to find out, and Treasurer Stedman answered yes.

Annual Audit was done on time, but inadvertently filed late by Auditor. Auditor deeply apologizes.

Discussion regarding putting a Civil Infraction Ordinance in place and is there a need for a Zoning Code Enforcement Officer. Motion: Refer Civil Infraction Ordinance to the Planning Committee. Motion by Sholty, 2nd by Eversole, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Harmony Nowlin, Community Affairs Regional Manager requested a renewal of the Consumers Energy Co Electric Franchise for the next 30 years. Motion: Adopt Ordinance #OR2017-1012-01 Consumers energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance. Motion by Sholty, 2nd by Saucier, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0 Roll Call Vote: Stedman – Aye; Sholty – Aye; Kindel – Aye; Eversole – Aye; Saucier – Aye. Ordinance declared adopted.

Mr. Allen Cumings, Tri-County Area Schools Superintendent presented information on the importance of a school millage renewal.

Discussion regarding Mobile Home Ordinance 10-yr rule. The ordinance was inadvertently omitted from Zoning Ordinance Book when it was first compiled. Motion: Refer zoning ordinance back to the Planning Committee for clarification on what section(s) would be affected. Motion by Sholty, 2nd by Saucier, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion Carried.

Clerk Sholty attended the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners Meetings regarding budget. Township clerks contract with the Montcalm County Clerk's Office for programming of ballots for elections. Each election cost is approximately \$2000 per precinct. 20 townships @ \$2000 per election x 2 elections is \$80,000 in revenue for the County. Take away \$7,000 per election for County Clerk's stipend and that leaves a total of \$66,000 in revenue for the County.

However; the County no longer wants to pay the stipend, therefore; turned down the \$66,000 in revenue, and yet, jobs were lost in the Clerk's Office. It was stated, this was taking advantage of townships. Clerk Sholty stated "Reynolds Township is paying for the upkeep of Artman Park, but the revenue is going to the County; is this not taking advantage of our township?" I can't believe you would turn down \$66,000 in revenue. Please put personal feelings aside as the decisions you make at the County level affect us at the local level."

Qualified Voter File (QVF) is also contracted with County. With cutbacks, this may not be possible. The QVF software is free, however; clerks need to be certified and the Bureau of Elections will not have any training in 2017 or 2018 as QVF will be replaced late 2018. This now leaves clerks in a terrible position. New election equipment to learn, new programming and no training/resources for maintaining the QVF.

DEQ is offering a Tire Clean-up Grant. Motion: Pursue Tire Clean-up Grant. Motion by Sholty, 2nd by Saucier, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion Carried.

Heckman & Son Snow Plowing/Salting Contract. Motion: Accept Heckman & Son Snow Plowing/Salting Contract at a rate of \$20 per time. Motion by Eversole, 2nd by Sholty, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion carried.

BOARD COMMENTS: Clerk Sholty: Village of Howard City will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary next year. Anyone interested in joining in on the planning, have ideas or concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, Oct. 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Council Meeting Room.

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 p.m. Motion by Sholty, 2nd by Eversole, Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: November 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm., 215 E. Edgerton St., Howard City. For more information, call the township office at 231 937-6739 or check our website at www.reynoldstwp.org.