Minutes Wheeler Township

Tuesday

September 10, 2019

**1. Meeting called to order** at 7:00 pm

**Board Members present:** Jerry Rohde, Supervisor; Neil Jenkins, Trustee; Marguerite Cooper, Treasurer; Kelly Bushre, Clerk; Brian Goward, Trustee.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance recited**

**3. Public Comments –** none

**4. Approval of Consent Agenda** – Motion by B. Goward with support from N. Jenkins to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried. 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**5. Approval of Agenda** – Motion by N. Jenkins to approve the Agenda as presented. Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried.

**6. Guest** – Consumers Energy, Rowe Engineering Firm – Present the proposed building that Consumers Energy will be erecting at the M-46/Ransom road station.

**7. Approval of Minutes** – Motion by M. Cooper to approve the 8-13-2019 Township Board meeting minutes as presented. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried. Roll call vote 4 yes and 0 no votes.

**8. Approval of Invoices** – Motion by B. Goward to approve bills as presented, Support by J. Rohde. Yes Votes: Rohde, Jenkins, Cooper, Bushre, Goward. No: 0 votes. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

**9. Report by:**

**Supervisor:**

1. **Zoning Permits:** R. Bushre – House/garage. J. Wolfgang – porch w/roof
2. **Assessing update** – MREC was requesting to DTE to make adjustments and adopt our Tax Table to settle the Tribunal Cases.

**AMAR audit** – audit meeting is September 18th at the Gratiot County Courthouse.

1. **Land Division** – Joshua Cooper split of 28.5 acres on M-30/Jefferson Rd. Tom Turner will keep 5.12 acre. Motion by K. Bushre with support by B. Goward to approve the split as presented. Motion carried. 5 yes and 0 no votes.
2. **Complaints –**corner of M-46 and Meridian Rd. – Bad intersection.

**5. Planning Commission Public Hearing –** Held the public hearing on a Marijuana Ordinance. Planning Commission recommends this Ordinance to the Township Board.

**6. Mid-Michigan Waste update –** they are working on a new contract and will hold a meeting on October 14th.

**7.** **GIS Meeting –** plan on doing fly overs in 2020 and taking new pictures for better images.

**Treasurer:**

1. **Tax update** – to date have collected 73% of the 2019 Summer Taxes.

**Clerk:**

**1. Upcoming events –** reported on hall rentals and upcoming meetings and events.

**2. Consumers Energy Street lights –** been in contact with a Representative and they are working on getting all the lights updated to reflect on our bills.

**10. Fire/Rescue Department**

**1. Update -** Jointing a Gratiot County Division to get greater discount on radios.

Chris Vetters and resigned and Garret Bott has stepped in to take over the duties.

1. **Booking keeping update –** BSA was approved. Will be getting things finalized to get switched over.
2. **Replacing of Member at Large –** Olan Humm will be replacing Mark Neitzke on the Fireboard as the member at large.

**11. Unfinished Business**

**1. Lighting options –** Motion made by M. Cooper to approve the bid for new lights in the building with Electo-Matic Visual in the amount of 7,634.00. Support by B. Goward. Discussed. Motion carried on a roll call vote. 5 yes and 0 no votes.

**2. Remodeling –** Discussed. Will work on getting the lighting, ceiling and painting in the hall to coincide together.

**12. New Business**

**1.** Blight Enforcement – County is looking to do a county wide Blight Ordinance. Discussed. Consensus is to go back and get more information from the county.

**2.** Marijuana Ordinance - Planning Commission held a Public Hearing and recommends to the Township Board a Marijuana Ordinance. Motion by N. Jenkins to adopt the Marijuana Ordinance as presented by the Planning Commission. Support by K. Bushre. Motion carried on a roll call vote. 5 yes and 0 no votes. Ordinance will be adopted November 1, 2019 after being placed in the Gratiot County Herald Newspaper.

**3. M46/Meridian corner** (request for traffic light) discussed and Supervisor will do some checking with M-Dot to see what can and can’t be done.

**13. Public Comments** – Commission Jan Bunting gave a report that the County was working on Budget and going to approve it at the 9-17-19 meeting.

Also the County will be gaining 198 new Wind Turbines when all projects are done.

Talked about that there is help to Farmers that are having personal issues in the County.

**14. Board Comments** – Barry Rd. project. County Road Commission is putting together information for possible a 2020 project.

**15. Adjournment** - J. Rohde to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

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Jerome Rohde, Supervisor Kelly A. Bushre, Clerk