Wheeler Township

Minutes

Tuesday

January 14, 2020

**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 –Jan Bunting –** County Commissioner reported on what is happening at the County offices and around Gratiot County.

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

**5. Approval of Agenda** – Motion by B. Goward to approve the Agenda with 2 additions. Under New Business. Item #3 March Board Meeting. Add Item # 4 Intergovernmental Meeting with the Village of Breckenridge. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried.

**6. Guest** – none

**7. Approval of Minutes** – Motion by M. Cooper to approve the 12-10-2019 Township Board meeting minutes as presented. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried. Roll call vote 5 yes and 0 no votes.

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

**9. Report by:**

**Supervisor:**

1. **Zoning Permits:** none
2. **Assessing update** – Assessor Rohde meet with the County Assessor and went over the AMAR report and gave his input on the way to correct the items that the State is requesting for doing the Assessors reports that are submitted to the State.
3. **Land Division** – Schaub parcel has been combined. Liebrock property splits have all been made and input has been completed in the computer.
4. **Complaints –** Yankee Pipeline Co. putting up building on corner of Olive/Mason Roads. Discussed. Supervisor Rohde will check with MTA on how we need to proceed with not meeting or filing the correct documents of putting in this facility.
5. **Planning Commission mtg.** – they elected new officers. Olan Humm Chair, Tom Turner VP, David Oliver secretary. They discussed the Yankee pipeline building going up on Olive/Mason Rd. Supervisor Rohde gave the Planning Commission an update of the items happening in the Township.
6. **Blight Ordinance –** meeting will be held 1-15-2020 at the Pine River Township hall in St. Louis at 4:30.

**Treasurer:**

1. **Tax update** – to take have collected about 51% of the 2019 Taxes. Last day to pay without penalty is Friday February 14th.

**Clerk:**

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

**MTA Conference –** April 27-30 in Traverse City

**Gratiot Twp. Assoc mtg.** – January 15 at Pine River Hall at 6pm

**Christmas lights drop off was a success.** Filled the bin twice.

**10. Fire/Rescue Department**

**1. Update –** Woody’s building that is owned by the Fire/Rescue Dept. is not in compliance with the Insurance Company. So April 1st they will no longer be renewing the lease agreement.

**Paid off the new fire truck loan with grants.** Waiting for ok from the grant foundations to get the ok to publish an article.

1. **Booking keeping update –**BS&A is up and running and things are going good.

**11. Unfinished Business**

**1. Remodeling update –**going to wait until the middle of March before we continue with the new carpet and finish up the offices.

**12. New Business**

**1. West Yankee Pipeline & corner station -** already discussed in Supervisor’s report.

**2. Zoning Board of Appeals –** Motion by K. Bushre to appoint Olan Humm to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried with all yes votes.

**3. March Board Meeting –** due to the election on March 10th we will be moving the regular township board meeting to March 3 at 7 pm.

**4. Intergovernmental Meeting with Village of Breckenridge** – The Township is looking to hold it on February 5th at 5pm. Clerk Bushre will make the arrangements with the Village Clerk.

**13. Public Comments** – Olan Humm gave an update on the grain dryer complaint. They own the dryer system on M-46 in Wheeler, the EAGLE (DEQ) has been out and report that he is in compliance with all that he is doing and they are going above the limits of what they have to be doing. Discussed.

**14. Board Comments** – Clerk reported on the Chamber Distinguished citizens this year are Dave and Angie Curtis. The banquet will be held on January 23rd in Alma at the Dunn Chapel at the Masonic Lodge

**15. Adjournment** - J. Rohde to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

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Jerome Rohde, Supervisor Kelly A. Bushre, Clerk