

Minutes

Tuesday

October 11, 2022

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

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance recited**

**3. Public Comments –** none

**4. Approval of Consent Agenda** – N. Jenkins made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. M. Cooper with support. Motion carried. 4 yes and 0 no votes.

**5. Approval of Agenda** – Motion by J. Rohde to approve the Agenda with 1 addition to Unfinished Business line Item#5 Blight update and 2 items to New Business Line item #1 Lawyer Letter, Line item #2 Lakefield Twp. Letter. Support by M. Cooper Motion carried.

**6. Guest** – none

**7. Approval of Minutes** –

 **Township Board Minutes of 9-13-22 -** Motion by N. Jenkins to approve the minutes from 9-13-2022 as presented. Support by M. Cooper. Motion carried.

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

**9. Report by:**

 **Supervisor:**

1. **Zoning Permits:** O. Martinez for an add on with a front room, mudroom & garage.
2. **Land Division:** none
3. **Assessing update**: no co-op student this year. Sherry Orihel will be the new assistant.
4. **Complaints –** sing in the AM. Discussed. Sent a letter to house on Lincoln St. in Wheeler for unnecessary trash in yard.
5. **MREC – DTE update –** waiting for DTE to accept the final settlement. Continue the zoom meeting and Supervisor Rohde is working with another team of the MREC board to final other turbine appeals. Tax tribunal is holding a hearing in November to go over all the turbine appeal cases.

 **Treasurer:**

1. **Update –** have collect 89.6% as of today.

 **Clerk:**

1. **Update –** hall rentals are doing well, hall floor getting waxed on Monday. The hall parking lot is going to be used for the Wheeler Fall days sponsored by Next Level Graphics.
2. **General Election –** will be holding the Public Accuracy Testing on October 20th at 5pm at the Township Hall followed by an election training seminar at 6pm. Things are going well with all the preparations.
3. **Township ARPA funds –** discussed. The Sewer update ARPA funds with the County we are still waiting on some paperwork from the engineer.

**10. Fire/Rescue Department**

**1. Update –** add 2 new Rescue employees that are already certified. Looking at payment options to non-residents that have accidents in Wheeler Township. Request for new flash lights and road signs – approved.

**11. Unfinished Business**

1. **Cemetery fence/paving update –** paving is unable to get done this fall due to complication of the current condition of the existing road. Will contact the fence company and get the fence put back up. Will look at other options of getting the road paved.
2. **Parking Lot lighting bids. –** N. Jenkins reported that Davis electric is waiting on Miss Dig to get the area marked.
3. **Trash Agreements** – discussed. Motion by K. Bushre to approve the MMWA Resolution. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried. 4 yes and 0 no votes. Absent: 1. Roll call vote.

**Motion by M**. Cooper to accept the MMWA Agreement. This agreement is a 10 year term. Support by N. Jenkins. Roll call vote. 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent. Motion carried.

1. **Road Improvement update** – Barry road complete, Olive Rd from McClelland to Wheeler road has been complete. Working on finishing up on the roads in Wheeler. All this year graveling is done along with 3 applications of brining.
2. **Blight update –** received a letter from the county on the Barry Rd. and Wheeler Rd properties that have been submitted. Discussed.

**12. New Business**

**1. Letter from our attorney** Tony Costanzo that he is retiring and Smith, Bovill will be taking over the practice.

1. **Lakefield Twp. Letter** – just to let us know that they are updating the land use plan.

**13. Public Comments** – L. Anderson commented that he feels the board is doing a great job.

**14. Board Comments** –Clerk brought up the cost of a marquee sign. And will look into this more. We do now have public Wi-Fi; also the new IT Company with the upgrades we are doing will be capable of installing cameras and a new phone system.

**15. Adjournment** - J. Rohde adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

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Jerome Rohde, Supervisor Kelly A. Bushre, Clerk