

VALLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Clerk, Brandee Ellis.

Present: Clerk, Brandee Ellis, Trustee, Bob Dobbins and Rose Ann Wendt

Absent with excuse: Supervisor, Bill Browne, and Treasurer, Denise Medemar

Tony Garofalo, Deputy Supervisor took the minutes.

The Pledge was led by Trustee, Bob Dobbins.

Ms. Wendt made a motion to change the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Dobbins, motion was past.

Ms. Wendt made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous Board Meeting of March 9, 2010 & seconded by Ms. Ellis, motion was past.

Ms. Wendt made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on March 23, 2101 & seconded by Mr. Dobbins, motion was past.

Because of the excused absence of the Treasurer, the Clerk, Brandee Ellis gave the Treasurer's Report.

County Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Spreitzer said the Commissioners voted down the Fee for cremations within the County. He stated the County Medical Examiner didn't need the proposed \$10,000 for additional education. He also stated the Board of Commissioners was making every effort to lower the estimates on the new Jail Complex. They are also working on a possible new parking lot on the south side of the building. The number of inmates the Jail Complex would service will be in the area of 400. Mr. Dobbins asked about the funds to maintain the new jail. Costs are still being evaluated. Paul, owner of Code Enforcement, Inc. asked if some of the cost of the new jail could be offset by renting space to others. Spreitzer doubted the County could make any money by renting space. He also stated the 911 Dispatch call center consolidation was not a good idea.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report: Paul mentioned that the four buildings mentioned in previous meetings have been addressed. 1. The owner of the structure on Round Lake attended a meeting with the Supervisor and other Township Officials and told the Officials he would comply with the Township Ordinance no later than July 15, 2010. 2. In the case of the second structure in question, the owner(s) was asked to attend a meeting and didn't show up. The building will be torn down. 3. The structure in question on Allegan Dam Road has been removed. 4. The forth structure on Taft Road has been torn down and 90% of the debris has been removed. Paul said Rental Property needs to be addressed by the Township.

Public Comments: None...Clerk Ellis mentioned that the FOIA policy was approved by the Township Attorney. Ms. Wendt made a motion to approve this action & seconded by Mr. Dobbins. The motion passed.

Ms. Rashmi Travis, Allegan County Health Officer have a report on the various issues involving the County. These included Medicare increases as funds are reduced. Public Aid needs are increasing while the State reduces funds. Several thousand does of the H1N1 vaccine were administered in 2009 & 2010. The State das discontinued funding TB & Children's Special Health Care Services.

The Township will look into the possibility of purchasing a Defibulator.

The Township will also look into the state law on insurance of rental properties. The Board will also review the ordinance on rental properties for Safety Inspections regulations.

Clerk Ellis is looking at the possibility of new 48" x 60" Recycling Sign (s) at a cost of about \$220.00. It was also suggested adding a "Camera is Watching" on the current sign. The Board will also look into the possibility of a camera. Prices will be established and submitted.

A lengthy discussion on the duties and pay schedule for the Township Sexton took place. The current Clerk, Ms. Ellis has been handled this job in the past and currently performs the duties with no cost to the Township. Because of an increased work load, it was suggested certain items associated with the Sexton's duties be compensated by the Township. Ms. Wendt suggested this issue be further discussed at the next Board Meeting.

Mr. Dobbins made a motion to pay the Township bills and seconded by Ms. Ellis. The motion passed and the amount of the bills for the month was \$26,100.20.

The lights at the Ryan Woods Subdivision have been discussed with Consumer's Energy and our attorney. Further talks will follow to solve the issue.

L.I.S. Aerial Photos will once again supply the photos to the Township at a cost of \$750.00 for the Assessors and the Board.

Mr. Dobbins made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Ms. Ellis.
The meeting ended at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Tony Garofalo, Deputy Supervisor