

VALLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MAY 11, 2010

Call to Order: Supervisor Browne called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

***The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

Roll Call: Denise Medemar, Brandee Ellis, Bill Browne, Bob Dobbins, and RoseAnn Wendt were present.

Approval of Draft Agenda: Clerk Ellis added two Resolutions regarding State funding for road repair and a FOIA request update. Trustee Wendt made a motion to accept the agenda with the additions. Trustee Dobbins seconded. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes of April 13 Board Meeting and April 26 Special Meeting: Clerk Ellis noted that in the April 13 Board Meeting Minutes that the FOIA Policy was approved by the Board. Trustee Dobbins made a motion to accept the April 13 Board Meeting Minutes with the correction made. Treasurer Medemar seconded. The motion passed. Trustee Dobbins made a motion to accept the April 26 Special Meeting Minutes. Trustee Wendt seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Medemar presented her report.

County Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Spreitzer presented his report. He stated that the Board of Commissioners would be meeting soon for final review of the jail details. He also noted that millages for both the jail and the library would be on the August ballot.

Planning Commission Report: Commission Representative Tony Garofalo reported that the Wind Energy Ordinance has been approved by the Planning Commission and by Attorney Lohrstorfer and is now ready for Board approval.

Zoning Administrator's Report: Administrator Shamblin reported that a "dangerous building" had been set fire to. The fire department had to be called. He has since been cited for his actions. He also noted that a few other abandoned buildings have been declared "dangerous" and actions will begin to get these cleaned up.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items: A township resident presented a complaint of large caliber gun usage on 42nd Street in Nethercutt Pointe. She was told that the townships' noise ordinance does not take effect until 10:00 PM and that was all that the Township could do without an ordinance amendment.

Unfinished Business

A. Ryan Woods Special Assessment Resolution: Clerk Ellis read Resolution #2010-5-11 (D) Resolution to Create a Special Assessment District for Street Lighting. The motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Treasurer Medemar. Trustee Dobbins seconded. Upon roll call vote, the following voted "aye": Brandee Ellis, Denise Medemar, RoseAnn Wendt, Bob Dobbins, and Bill Browne.

B. Increase in Road Millage: The report from the Valley Township Road Committee dated 5-30-09 was presented for discussion. There was discussion, with no final decision being made on priority of repair/construction of roads. A motion was made by Supervisor Browne to put a proposal on the August ballot to raise the road millage from one to three mills. Clerk Ellis seconded. Upon roll call vote, the following voted "aye": Denise Medemar, Brandee Ellis, RoseAnn Wendt, Bob Dobbins, and Bill Browne.

New Business

- A. Election Update: Clerk Ellis noted that voter turnout was low, but everything went smoothly.
- B. Wind Energy Ordinance: Clerk Ellis read Resolution #2010-5-11 (C) Valley Township Wind Energy Ordinance Adoption. The motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Supervisor Browne. Clerk Ellis seconded. Upon roll call vote, the following voted “aye”: Bill Browne, Denise Medemar, Bob Dobbins, and Brandee Ellis. The following voted “nay”: RoseAnn Wendt. The motion passed.
- C. Resolutions: Clerk Ellis read Resolution #2010-5-11 (A) Resolution Concerning State Road Funding to Match Federal Funding. The motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Clerk Ellis. Supervisor Browne seconded. Upon roll call vote, the following voted “aye”: Brandee Ellis, Bill Browne, RoseAnn Wendt, Denise Medemar, and Bob Dobbins.
Clerk Ellis read Resolution #2010-5-11 (B) Resolution Concerning the Matching State Funding for Federal Road Construction Moneys in the State of Michigan. The motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Supervisor Browne. Treasurer Medemar seconded. Upon roll call vote, the following voted “aye”: RoseAnn Wendt, Bill Browne, Denise Medemar, Brandee Ellis, and Bob Dobbins.

Supervisor’s Comments

- A. Riverwalk: A veteran’s riverwalk is being planned for downtown Allegan. A request for comments from the DNR was presented. The board had no questions or comments.
- B. Planning Commission Appointment: Planning Commission member Rhonda Mallory will be stepping down from her duties as Secretary of the Planning Commission. Supervisor Browne has recommended Carol Browne as her replacement. The Board approved.

Approval to Pay Bills: Trustee Dobbins made a motion to pay the April bills. Supervisor Browne seconded. The motion passed. Clerk Ellis presented the Revenue/Expenditure Report for the month. Trustee Wendt made a motion to transfer \$504 from the contingency fund to Assessor’s Supplies. Treasurer Medemar seconded. The motion passed. Supervisor Browne made a motion to transfer \$467 from the contingency fund to the insurance fund. Trustee Wendt seconded. The motion passed.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- A. Office closed on 5-31-10 in observance of Memorial Day
- B. Meeting with the Hamilton Fire Board on 5-12-10 at 7:00 AM.

Adjournment: Clerk Ellis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Wendt seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandee Ellis, Clerk