Westphalia Township

Regular Meeting November 12, 2018

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13950 Pratt Road, Westphalia MI, 48894

Supervisor Trierweiler called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Supervisor Trierweiler, Trustee Fox, Trustee Pung, Treasurer Benway, Clerk Platte.

Guests: Dave Pohl

 Pete Preston

 Michelle Barker

A motion was made by Fox and supported by Pung to accept the minutes of the October 2018 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Benway presented the financial statement from October 9, 2018 to November 12, 2018 to the board and made a motion to approve all payments as presented. Seconded by Fox. Motion carried.

Dave Pohl discussed the approval of their budget for 2019 at $21,641,208.00. The continuity planning started five to six months ago and this involves something happening with the Courthouse, where would people go or what would they do. This process should take approximately one to two years. The septic proposal is on hold at this time and will possibly be up for discussion again in March. With the passing election there were no changes to their board.

Trustee Fox asked Mr. Pohl about the proposal that passed during the November election on marijuana. What should the township do about this. Mr. Pohl said that he would contact Doug Riley and have him draft something for us to look at and possibly take action on.

Pete Preston gave some information about the county equalization based on a study.

 Residential up 4-6%

 Ag up 10% on assessed value

 CPI – taxable value up 2+%

Clerk Platte discussed the election and asked for the possibility of a new computer and flash drive memory sticks be purchased before the next election as there were some problems with both during the November election. Issues were cleared up with the County Clerks Office the morning of the election. Election ran smoothly after this issue was resolved and we had a great turn out.

Supervisor Trierweiler discussed the fire department reorganization.

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Scott Pohl – Assistant Chief

 Andy Thelen – EMS

 Dane Thelen – Secretary/Treasurer

 Nathan Thelen – Radio Coordinator

A motion was made by Trustee Pung to accept the recommended proposed persons for the above positions of the Fire Department to be accepted by the board. Supported by Fox. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Trierweiler talked about possible lawn mowing for next year by purchasing a township mower of our own and possibly have a township board member do the mowing. This was tabled for a later discussion. Trustee Fox brought up the issue of us having to then purchase weed whip and protective eye and ear wear as well. These items were not mentioned in the quote that Supervisor Trierweiler had brought to the table.

Trustee Fox mentioned snow removal. He asked if we were going to stay with our last year snow removal person and asked if he needed to present insurance and/or a proposal for the township. Supervisor Trierweiler will contact Jim Pohl to see if he is interested in this again. A motion was made to have Jim Pohl remove the snow during the 2018-2019 winter season with a budget up to $1500.00. Supported by Platte. Motion carried.

Supervisor Trierweiler sought opinions of the board on having hall utensils for renters. A motion was made by Trustee Pung to have a coffee maker, heavy serving spoons, and a can opener to be purchased for the township hall to not exceed a budget of $200.00. Supported by Fox. Motion carried.

Clerk Platte discussed a quote that was given to the township by Diane Feldpausch for blinds to be made for the office area in the township hall. The board members have elected to stick with just a simple blind of some sort for now. Thank you Diane for your time in checking our office out and measuring.

Trustee Pung went over some new wording for our hall rental policy. He and Clerk Platte had a discussion prior to the November meeting about how to make this a little more easy on persons renting the hall in a far advance not to have their money tied up for so long. He read his opinions to the board members and will make the necessary changes and get it back with Clerk Platte to forward to the website coordinator.

The outdoor mailbox at the township hall is working great.

Next scheduled meeting will be Monday December 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Fox at 7:31 p.m. and supported by Pung. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Platte, Clerk Francis Trierweiler, Supervisor