Westphalia Township

Regular Meeting January 14, 2019

DRAFT MINUTES

13950 Pratt Road, Westphalia MI, 48894

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

Guests: Pete Preston Michelle Barker

Dave Pohl Officer Nelson

Vicki Buckley Roy Thelen

Jeff Pung Don Porter

Shirley Smith Randy Bengel

A motion was made by Fox supported by Pung to accept the minutes of the December 2018 regular meeting with minor changes to be made by Clerk Platte then posted on the website. Motion carried.

Treasurer Benway presented the financial statements via email to all board members. A motion was made by Treasurer Benway to approve the emailed financial statements, seconded by Fox. Motion carried.

Treasurer Benway also discussed that the Fire has one CD coming to maturity as of April 21, 2019 and the General Fund has two coming to maturity, PFCU May 14, 2019 as well as Eaton Federal maturing May 16, 2019. Benways recommendations were to pull these CDs and invest in possibly Flagstar as their rates are really good or MSU Federal Credit Union. Dave Pohl was in when this discussion was being had and his suggestion was to contact the County Treasurer in this matter.

Dave Pohl – the county hired a manager for the Michigan Indigent Defense Fund (MIDF), Karen Phillips and she started January 2, 2019. $330,000.00 was given to the county from the State to do this to support Ms. Phillips’ salary as well as the lawyers. An incident occurred recently with the network going down and no one realized that it happened as the back-up kicked in and did its job and took over. Dr. Porter, the medical examiner, has retired after many years and Dr. David Minnick started in this position as of the first of the year. Mr. Pohl also told the board that the county board has reorganized. The Taft Road tower is in the process of an agreement being worked out. While Mr. Pohl was still in the meeting room, Trustee Fox asked him about the marijuana establishment and asked if any townships have opted out. Mr. Pohl acknowledged that Riley and Dallas have.

Randy Bengel has recently been accepted as the new Chief of our fire department.

Officer Tanner Nelson from the Clinton County Sheriff’s Office was talking about the Smart 911 app that is in effect. Once a person uploads this app it will allow 911 to have all information that one puts into the app, information, how many people in your home, pets, etc. to pop up once the caller makes a call from their phone. This app is also known as Rave Alert or Smart911.com. This notifies one of dangerous situations in your area, helps responders help your family faster, and it’s easy. All one needs to do is install the app or visit [www.clinton-county.org/RAVE](http://www.clinton-county.org/RAVE) to sign up.

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Mr. Preston discussed a few land divisions. Thelen, Section 1, dates back to August. This was given to the wrong township but is now in the hands of the assessor. Also, Theis land division for splitting the house less than 10 acres. Refer to Section 905 in the zoning ordinance. This is an administration site plan through the county. Also approved was K&K Dairy on Wright and Pioneer for two 10+ acre lots. Mr. Preston also discussed that commercial is down as well as industrial. He also discussed that right now his office is processing assessment rolls.

The board discussed the mutual agreement with Riley Township and the Westphalia Township Fire Department. A motion was made by Trustee Fox to accept the mutual fire protection agreement between DeWitt area Emergency Services Authority and the Township of Westphalia. Seconded by Pung. Motion carried.

Interviews were held at the township for the position of treasurer. A motion was made by Trustee Fox to accept Vicki Buckley as the new township treasurer effective February 1, 2019. Supported by Pung. Motion carried.

The Westphalia Township board will be removing Brent Benway as Treasurer on the signature cards from Union Bank Fire Department as well as the General Fund and adding Vicki Buckley to replace him effective February 1, 2019. A motion was made by Trustee Fox to add Ms. Buckley and remove Mr. Benway per the above effective date. Supported by Pung. Motion carried.

Clerk Platte addressed the board that there are a few walls that are starting to crack in the hall rental area. Clerk Platte left a voice mail at Westphalia Builders in regards to this issue and is awaiting a phone call back. Clerk Platte also informed the board that on the township website, a new email area was added for persons to contact the treasurer directly instead of sending an email to the general email. This way if persons have tax questions it can be directly messaged to the treasurer. Clerk Platte discussed a stipend be given to the board for use of personal cell phones. The board decided that this wasn’t necessary and if phones were being used for the township that a receipt be turned into the clerk’s office for reimbursement.

Next scheduled meeting will be Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Fox, supported by Pung at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Platte, clerk Francis Trierweiler, Supervisor