Westphalia Township

Regular Meeting June 8, 2020

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 Buckley, and Clerk Platte.

Guests: Troy Thelen

A motion was made by Fox supported by Pung to accept the cancelled meeting minutes from March 16 & 23 due to COVID per Governor’s executive order; the minutes from March 30, 2020 budget meeting; and the cancelled meeting minutes from April 13 & May 11, 2020 due to COVID. Motion carried.

Treasurer Buckley presented the financial statements via email to all board members from April through June 3 as well as read the bills that were presented during the meeting. A motion was made by Treasurer Buckley to approve the financial statements, seconded by Fox. Motion carried.

Supervisor Trierweiler presented hall rental considerations on whether we should cancel or continue to have hall rentals. Discussion was had amongst board members. Due to the current situation with COVID and the executive order from the Governor for not more then 10 people to be indoors or a percentage of people per square footage, not having a cleaning person or proper supplies to sanitize the hall, the board had recommended that we discontinue the hall rentals for the month of June. A motion was made by Pung to possibly reopen hall rentals beginning July 1, 2020, seconded by Fox. Motion carried.

Discussion was made as well by Supervisor Trierweiler about needing to hire a hall cleaning person for the township hall as Cindy Harrison resigned. The position was posted to our website, as well as placed in the St. Mary Church bulletin by Clerk Platte prior to this meeting. Supervisor Trierweiler would like to see this position possibly become a maintenance position and take care of the hall, as well as all hall rentals. Fox suggested we hold off on making this a maintenance position at this time and wanted to see what the state budget revenue sharing is going to look like.

The board signed an agreement with the Clinton County Road Commission to gravel and chloride various roads throughout the township. This project is estimated at $171,102.59.

Supervisor Trierweiler stated that the talked with the County Clerk about the state sending out Absentee Voter applications and had some concerns about this matter.

The township census will be filled out by Supervisor Trierweiler.

Troy Thelen was sworn in today as deputy supervisor. His position took effect April 1, 2020.

Randy Bengel, Fire Department Chief, discussed the COVID situation from the fire department stand point. They did not purchase any equipment that was on their wish list due to COVID. Pagers will need to be purchased, approximately 5-10 are needed. He is also looking into an IPAD but will need to check with a vendor for a data package. They are also looking into a washing machine and shower possibly for the fire hall due to COVID and will get bids. Six applications were sent out for the recruitment of some new firemen but no apps have come back yet.

The board discussed raising the cost of Fire and EMS calls to meet pricing with the neighboring townships. Medical/Rescue will go up for non-residents from $300.00 to $500.00 and will remain at no

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charge to township residents. For Fire runs, the amount for a non-resident will go up from $600.00 to $1000.00 and for residents will go from $300.00 to $500.00. Motion was made by Pung to raise prices accordingly and was supported by Buckley. Motion carried.

There was much discussion on how invoicing should be effected for an accident involving multiple people. A motion was made by Fox for vehicles that need the fire truck to assist with multiple people all residents $500.00; multiple people with a mix of residents and non-residents $1000.00; multiple vehicles with all residents $500.00 per vehicle; and multiple vehicles with a mix of residents and non-residents $1000.00 per vehicle (if there is a vehicle with all residents then that vehicle would be billed at the resident rate of $500.00). The board decided to table this motion until the next meeting.

Rural recycling program from Kate Neese was handed around.

Randy Preston, from Preston Driving School, talked with Clerk Platte to see if he could hold schooling in the township hall and he asked if the township would allow him to have this hall rental free of charge. The board decided that he would need to pay for the facility but since we decided to close the township hall for the month of June, there will be no schooling allowed here. Clerk Platte to get back with him.

Next scheduled meeting will be July 13, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Pung, supported by Fox at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Platte, Clerk Francis Trierweiler, Supervisor