Westphalia Township

Regular Meeting July 13, 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 minutes from June 8, 2020. Motion carried.

Treasurer Buckley presented the financial statements via email to all board members. A motion was made by Treasurer Buckley to approve the financial statements as well as bills presented for the General and FD funds, seconded by Fox. Motion carried.

Supervisor Trierweiler talked about the hall cleaning position. Qunicy Pohl and Karen Pung are both interested in the position. Trustee Pung made a motion to give Supervisor Trierweiler the authorization to meet with the above two candidates and hire one with a year contract with a duty list to be made and distributed to the candidates at a later date. Seconded by Fox. Motion carried.

Supervisor Trierweiler discussed Portland Ambulance contract being $18,746.00 for the year 2020-2021. Last year we paid $8291.50. This seems to be a pretty high hike in cost so Supervisor Trierweiler will call Mr. Gensterblum for more information on the cost hike. The board will also discuss with Fire Chief Randy Bengel of Westphalia Fire Department on his thoughts.

Supervisor Trierweiler showed the contract for the township audit from Maner Costerisan. Trustee Pung made a motion to sign the contract with Maner Costerisan from audit years 2020-2021-2022 with the amounts listed on contract. This will include the audit and the F65. Supported by Fox. Motion carried.

Clerk Platte asked about reopening the township hall. It was discussed by the board and decided that the hall will be closed until further notice. Clerk Platte to make courtesy calls to the renters who already have reservations to see if they want a refund or to stay on their date. The board will discuss the hall closure at each monthly meeting to reevaluate based on the Governor’s executive orders.

After discussion with Fire Chief Bengel on the Portland Ambulance Services agreement, Trustee Pung made a motion to enter into the Portland Ambulance Service contract and to pay the amount with the discussion pending from Supervisor Trierweiler with Mr. Gensterblum on why the large rate increase. Supported by Fox. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Bengel talked with Vern Feldpausch, Fire Chief of Dallas Township, in regards to invoicing residents and non-residents for EMS and Fire runs. Randy read the information from Vern to the board. Trustee Fox rescinded his June motion for increase in fire and EMS runs for residents and non-residents per vehicle costs that was tabled at the June meeting. With further discussion on new rate increased, Trustee Pung made a motion to handle billing for vehicle runs as follows; each vehicle operated by a resident shall be billed $500.00 to the operator (per vehicle) and each vehicle operated by a non-resident shall be billed $1000.00 to the operator (per vehicle). Supported by Platte. Motion carried.

Supervisor Trierweiler discussed the Care Act for front line persons. Maner Costerisan will handle the paperwork for this if the board decides to proceed forward. Supervisor Trierweiler to discuss with Steve from Maner Costerisan and will relay discussion to Clerk Platte and Chief Bengel.

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New pagers were purchased for the fire department. They also sent nine old pagers out for repair.

Ipads were purchased for the Fire Department through Verizon Wireless. Clerk Platte to call Verizon and see how we can set up the data plan for payment.

Next scheduled meeting will be August 10, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Pung, supported by Fox at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Platte, Clerk Francis Trierweiler, Supervisor