Westphalia Township

Regular Meeting August 14, 2017

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119 S. Westphalia Street, Westphalia MI, 48894

Supervisor Trierweiler called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Treasurer Smith, Trustee Pung, Trustee Fox, and Clerk Platte.

Absent: Supervisor Trierweiler

Guests: Gary Hengesbach, Westphalia Builders

 Gail Watkins, Clinton County Road Commission

A motion was made by Fox, supported by Smith to accept the minutes of the July 2017 with the exception of the misspelled word of layer to be changed to “LAWYER.” Motion carried. Clerk Platte to correct for final minutes for July.

Smith presented the invoices to the board and a correction is to be made to the General Fund as Union Bank interest did not show up on the financial statement. With this correction to be made, a motion to approve the invoices for payment as were read, seconded by Fox. Motion carried.

Gail discussed that Ron Feldpausch retired as foreman effective last week. Bruce Wirth is now contact on our side of the county. Gravel is coming end of August and hopefully will be complete by September 10, 2017. Ran out of product so contractor left and Road Commission had to get the contractor back who is busy. He also discussed that the third week in March, at the Road Commission, township officials gather and he suggested that if we were interested to attend as it is very informative. In 2016 the Road Commission spent $316,000.00 in addition to what our township spent. This was for grading, sign repair, etc. and snow removal was half that cost. The Road Commission purchased two new graders at $309,000.00 a piece as well as two new Peterbilt trucks at $280,000.00 a piece. They are looking in the future to possibly leasing equipment. Gail discussed there are two new board members for the Road Commission, Kevin Holt from DeWitt Township as well as himself. Trustee Fox asked a question about Grange Road and Mr. Watkins will make sure he checks into that as he did not have an answer at the meeting. Trustee Pung asked about Pratt Road being paved. Gail commented that it takes $200,000.00 per mile to pave and that Pratt Road has such heavy farm equipment and milk trucks traveling that, that it would probably take extra money for just that road. Trustee Pung also commented on the cost Supervisor Trierweiler received for paving from Grange Road to the new township building. Gail stated that he thought Supervisor Trierweiler should sit down with Bruce and Joe from the Road Commission and see if there is another contractor that they deal with that could give another quote.

Gary Hengesbach, Westphalia Builders, discussed the below issues for the new building:

1. There will be more sidewalk added around the building.
2. He needed a color for the wrapping of the pole on the South side of the building. The board chose Clay from Mr. Hengesbach’s samples.
3. There will be concrete around the flag pole with curb so that no one has a tendency to back into that.
4. Someone needs to sit with Lori from Planscapes in regards to landscape. We asked Mr. Hengesbach if she could draw up something and present to the board with a “slideshow”

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possibly so that the board could see what all the bushes/flowers/trees look like as none of us are familiar with horticulture that well.

1. Asphalt should be at the new building September 1, 2017.
2. The board needs to pick out appliances, microwave, fridge, and stove (all electric). The board decided on stainless steel products.
3. Mr. Hengesbach also discussed someone on the board reaching out to Westphalia Telephone in regards to WiFi. Trustee Pung will do so.

Clerk Platte briefly discussed that we need to have a rental agreement made up for the hall rental. We looked at a sample from Lawrence Town Hall. This will be discussed in detail at the September meeting. The lawyers would like to take look at the final and make sure that all is secure for this agreement. Clerk Platte discussed with the Liquor Commission as well about the policy for a liquor license. Josh stated to Clerk Platte via phone conversation prior to the board meeting that if anyone would be selling drinks then a liquor license would have to be submitted. If there is no exchange of money then no license would need to be obtained. Trustee Fox will contact Riley Township on their policy for rental and Clerk Platte will contact Westphalia Parish on their policy.

Clerk Platte also discussed the website. Fire Chief Wieber had already submitted information pertaining to the fire department that was submitted to Avalanche Creative. The board decided that we would like to have information in regards to the following placed on our portion of the website:

1. Calendar with meeting dates
2. Minutes
3. Contact information for the board
4. Links to election page, Clinton County, Westphalia Historical Society, Westphalia Village
5. Board of Review meeting dates
6. Hall rental information

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Fox and supported by Smith at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Our next meeting will be held September 11, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Platte, clerk Francis Trierweiler, Supervisor