Westphalia Township

Regular Meeting June 7, 2021

FINAL MINUTES

13950 Pratt Road, Westphalia MI, 48894

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

Absent: Trustee Thelen

Guests: Randy Bengel

Dave Pohl

A motion was made by Buckley supported by Barker to accept the minutes from May 4, 2021. 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, seconded by Platte. Motion carried.

Dave Pohl, from the County Commissioner’s Office, talked about the the county’s emergency declaration and that they are not sure if they will be extending this per decision of their board. This will allow any unit that has concerns for an employee to remain on Zoom. As of current the County is still conducting Zoom meetings. The County has a new project for flags for proper flag disposal and etiquette of the flag that is inside the courthouse. The audit came back, county is in good shape. Redistricting in the county will happen this year.

Randy Bengel – a few guys finished classes. Gear should be here soon for the new guys. Radio deal is going on and needing templates.

Supervisor Thelen talked about moving payroll for the Fire Department and General from quarterly contributions to monthly contributions per his discussion with the township’s financial advisor. The switch will take place starting July 1, 2021.

Supervisor Thelen also discussed the road maintenance schedule. The township budgeted for $150,000.00 for roads this year. $50,000.00 of the budget will go for chloride. The first application was scheduled for today but has been pushed back to June 19, 2021 and then another application in July. Two culverts are being replaced this year as well. Road projects for gravel will be Wright to Tallman, Grange to Jones, Hinman to Grange, Tallman to Hinman.

Clerk Platte mentioned that Jim Pohl had resubmitted his invoice for payment of snow removal for last season. Supervisor Thelen said that he would contact Mr. Pohl directly as there is no signed contract. A contract was supposed to be submitted based on the prior township supervisor, Frank Trierweiler, having discussed a contract with Mr. Pohl. Mr. Trierweiler wanted a contract that designating costs per tasks that were to be completed by Mr. Pohl during the snow season such as a cost for just salting, a cost for scrapping the entire drive, etc. Supervisor Thelen also mentioned that he would be in contact with the township attorney to have a contract drafted for snow removal and then would like to place an ad for this coming snow season and go from there.

Supervisor Thelen asked Clerk Platte to contact Culligan and see if we could get a price from them for delivery of salt for the township hall and possibly get a contract written to have them deliver and fill the softener at the township on a monthly basis. Trustee Barker stated that she has dealt with the Culligan distributor in Ionia, Denkers. Clerk Platte to call there.

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Clerk Platte mentioned that there is an election audit for the township to be held Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. with the County Clerk’s Office. This audit was from the May 2021 election.

The laptops for the supervisor and the fire department were delivered today.

Next scheduled meeting will be July 12, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Buckley supported by Barker at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Platte, Clerk Troy Thelen, Supervisor