Westphalia Township

Regular Meeting December 6, 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 Barker, Trustee Thelen, Treasurer Buckley, and Clerk Platte.

Guests: Dave Pohl

A motion was made by Buckley supported by T. Thelen to accept the minutes from November 1, 2021. Motion carried.

Supervisor Thelen made a motion to approve the December meeting agenda as is, supported by Buckley with the addition of the DeWitt Area Emergency Services Authority contract approval. 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 A. Thelen. Motion carried.

Dave Pohl – Discussed the 911 conversion going well will a switch date of January 11, 2022. Cyber security contract with same company who does the county audit. Evaluation of where network/security is setting. LEAP – 184 application submitted for grants through AARP, estimated 60% should be eligible. Property on Pratt Road and a property near DeWitt the county is looking at for possible park conversion.

Supervisor Thelen addressed a new payroll policy for the township and asked for input. The board gave their input and this will be revisited at the January 2022 board meeting for a vote.

Supervisor Thelen also brought up the new hall rental agreement for renters. Our lawyers are drafting a new contract which the board will vote on next month. The board did increased rent for both residents and non-resident. Resident rates will be $250.00 and non-residents will be $350.00. Price increases will be effective as of January 1, 2022. For the residents and non-residents who have already paid are on the books for 2022 will be exempt from the new rental rate increase. Clerk Platte mentioned that there were people on the books for this December cancelling. The board decided that we would not be giving money back to those who cancelled themselves. If they would like to put their money towards another date then we would be happy to switch dates.

The DeWitt Area Emergency Services Authority contract for 2022 was signed.

T. Thelen shared the approved letter from the recovery money from COVID. Fire Chief Bengel is working with Klein Cabinets for pricing on adding showers, etc. in the fire barn.

Next scheduled meeting will be January 3, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by T. Thelen supported by Buckley at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Platte, Clerk Troy Thelen, Supervisor