Westphalia Township

Regular Meeting February 7, 2022

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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 Barker to accept the minutes from January 3, 2022. Motion carried.

Supervisor Thelen made a motion to approve the February meeting agenda as is, supported by Clerk Platte. 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 Barker. Motion carried.

Dave Pohl – Discussed the county’s 911 system. Veterans Services are expanded from the county, people will be in county office four days a week for services. Discussion of broadband, going through survey county wide. The county approved resolution to support paving rail trail, ten foot strip. Diane Zuker, County Clerk, will be retiring in May of this year. Road Commission project, construction bids due February 10, 2022.

Resolution 22-5, Resolution of the Westphalia Township Board of Review, date set for March 16, 2022. A motion was made by Buckley and supported by Platte to adopt the resolution. Motion carried.

Resolution 22-6, Resolution to adopt poverty exemption eligibility requirements, income standards asset test, and application for 2022. A motion was made by Buckley and supported by Barker to adopt the resolution. Motion carried.

Supervisor Thelen discussed salary increases for the township board members for the fiscal year 2022-2023. Resolution 22-01 is to establish salary for the supervisor of an increase of $500 to make yearly salary equal $14,500.00. Buckley made a motion to adopt the resolution, Barker supported. Motion carried. Resolution 22-02 is to establish salary for the clerk of an increase of $500 to make a yearly salary equal to $18500.00. Barker made a motion to adopt the resolution, Buckley supported. Motion carried. Resolution 22-03 is to establish salary for the treasurer of an increase of $500.00 to make yearly salary equal $18500.00. Barker made a motion to adopt the resolution, Trustee Thelen supported. Motion carried. Resolution 22-04 is to establish salary for the trustee of an increase of $250 each to make a yearly salary of $2750.00. Buckley made a motion to adopt the resolution, Platte supported. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Bengel discussed that there is rebidding going on for renovations at the fire hall.

Supervisor Thelen and Fire Chief Bengel went to Portland for the ambulance increase meeting. The board discussed staying with Portland Ambulance.

Next scheduled meeting will be March 7, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

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There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Platte supported by Buckley at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Platte, Clerk Troy Thelen, Supervisor