Westphalia Township

Regular Meeting August 8, 2022

DRAFT MINUTES

13950 Pratt Road, Westphalia MI, 48894

Supervisor Thelen called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:10 p.m. Board members present were Supervisor Thelen, Trustee Barker, Trustee Thelen, Treasurer Buckley, and Clerk Platte.

Guests: Dave Pohl Officer Nelson

A motion was made by Buckley supported by Barker to accept the minutes from July 11, 2022. Motion carried.

Platte made a motion to approve the August meeting agenda as is, supported by T. Thelen. 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 T. Thelen. Motion carried.

Officer Nelson spoke briefly about the police department.

Pohl discussed the county making a commitment to the fiberoptic broadband and was asking for a support by the board. He also spoke about the cost of the county spending approximately $100,000.00 on abuse/neglect/counseling/trusting issues for troubled children. The clean community event produced 9 tons of hazardous waste, 11.5 tons of electronics, 7 tons of motor oil/antifreeze, 300 pounds of medications, 11 tons of scrap metal, 26 tons of tires, 21 tons of bulky trash waste, and 600 pounds of yard waste.

Supervisor Thelen discussed the ARPA funds with the first draw being the fire barn remodel which is $39254.31 in cost. He also discussed the expansion of the township parking lot. We need to get three bids and currently have one. He will continue this effort. He also discussed the hall rental process in that he has been talking with Avalanche Creative in making a calendar on the website for rents to see if there are open slots and making their own reservations. Discussion to continue at next meeting.

Treasurer Buckley discussed the mail meter and did research on an upgraded system.

Clerk Platte mentioned that Matt Rey is still interested in the snow removal and will have a new agreement for us at the September meeting.

Supervisor Thelen made a motion to support the county’s effort to expand the broadband/internet initiative for the grant funding. Motion seconded by Platte. Motion carried. Support was given by the board for the county.

Next scheduled meeting has been moved to Tuesday, September 6, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Buckley supported by Barker at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Platte, Clerk Troy Thelen, Supervisor