Westphalia Township

Regular Meeting June 3, 2024

FINAL MINUTES

13950 Pratt Road, Westphalia MI, 48894

Supervisor Thelen called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:05 p.m. Board members present were Supervisor Thelen, Clerk Platte, Trustee Thelen, Trustee Barker and Treasurer Buckley.

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Peggy Lidgard Dave Pohl

 Phil Hanses Jeff Platte

A motion was made by T. Thelen, supported by Buckley to accept the minutes from May 6, 2024, as well as the agenda for June 3, 2024. Motion carried.

Treasurer Buckley presented the financial statements 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. Supported by Barker. Motion carried.

Dave Pohl – see monthly notes attached – Mr. Pohl also mentioned that he will not be running for County Commissioner this year and that Zack Rudat will be running along with another person who lives on Parks Road. Westphalia Township is asking that when you see Mr. Pohl next, please give him a good send off as he has been in office for 22 years. Thank you Mr. Pohl for all your hard work and dedication over the years.

Phil Hanses was in the meeting to let the Township know that he is running again for Drain Commissioner and that he has an opponent this year. He stated that he feels he is the best candidate for this position and he hopes that all will take his years of service into consideration when voting in the upcoming elections. He also explained to the board the Jason Road bridge project. The agreement was explained line by line. After discussion, Supervisor Thelen made a motion to enter into the agreement with the Road Commission and the Drain Commission for the Morris Drain (Jason Road Bridge Project. Trustee Thelen seconded and motion was carried. The agreement was signed and dated by Supervisor Thelen and Clerk Platte and handed to Mr. Hanses for further signatures at the County level and then will be sent back to the Township.

Peggy Lidgard explained that there are some homes in Westphalia Township that became uncapped. She also stated that she had 11 new permits from the County, 30 sales total for the year. She also stated that Pohl Oil, which was purchased by J&H, will become uncapped for being sold. Pete Preston will meet Peggy at the Township Hall Tuesday, June 4, to drop off all the material he still has in his possession pertaining to Westphalia Township. She will be on vacation from June 22 through July 2 and will be unreachable.

Jeff Platte was in attendance to discuss a renewal contract as his lawn mowing services which will be ending the end of 2024. He brought in three different proposals, a one year contract cost, a two year contract cost, and a five year contract cost. He currently has maintained a five year contract with the township and has went above and beyond with things that are not in his current contract around the township, such as keeping the weeds down around the building, in the stones, and in the dirt driveway. He also mentioned to the board the need for the metal edging to be removed as it is coming up in areas around the building and is a hazard as someone could cut themselves. He said that he would remove it and dig around the stones creating a ditch for the stones to be held. He also mentioned that the ditch on the East side of the driveway should be filled in as the culvert is filling up from road erosion. He said that he would talk with the Road Commission on this to see what the cost would be for a tile and a drain

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in for the water run off. Supervisor Thelen and Trustee Thelen thought it would be best to wait until elections are over before renewing the contract. Supervisor Thelen also mentioned that the snow removal bid will be looked at and probably put out for bid as well as the mowing.

Supervisor Thelen stated that the millage for the township is at the attorney’s office and hopefully will be ready for the July board meeting for approval.

Clerk Platte presented the mutual agreement between DeWitt Area Emergency and the Westphalia Township Fire Department. The agreement was looked over and Supervisor Thelen made a motion to enter into the agreement between Westphalia Fire Department and DeWitt Area Emergency. Buckley supported. Motion carried.

Clerk Platte also brought the L4029 into the meeting. Our new assessor, Peggy, was kind enough to prepare this for the township. The document was signed by Supervisor Thelen and Clerk Platte. Clerk Platte to forward to the necessary persons.

Resolution 24-5 was brought to the meeting by Clerk Platte which is the Poverty Exemption Guidelines. Clerk Platte offered the resolution and Supervisor Thelen seconded. Motion carried. There was a roll call vote taken for this resolution with Five (5) ayes and 0 (Zero) nays

 Trustee Thelen – yes

 Trustee Barker – yes

 Treasurer Buckley – yes

 Supervisor Thelen – yes

 Clerk Platte – yes

Next scheduled meeting is Monday, July 8, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made Supervisor Thelen, supported by Barker at 6:39 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Platte, Clerk Troy Thelen, Supervisor