

On Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Town Board Chair Greg Anderson called the regular monthly Town Board meeting to order. Other Supervisors present were Eugene Stoeckel, Jim Kusler, Mark Riverblood and John Roxbury, Jr.

### **Approve Minutes**

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by John Roxbury, Jr. to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016 regular monthly meeting as printed. Motion Carried.

### **Approve Financial Report**

A motion was made by John Roxbury, Jr and seconded by Mark Riverblood to approve the Financial Report for November 2016 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$603,577.48; total receipts of \$3,907.96; total disbursements of \$13,808.80; leaving a balance of \$593,676.64. Motion Carried Unanimously.

### **Old Business**

The first item listed under old business was the CUP Request for Zion Lutheran Church, Section 11. The Church previously presented a plan to move the addition over so it would meet the required 70 feet setback from the property line.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve the CUP Request for Zion Lutheran Church, with the following recommendations from Loren Kohnen, Zoning Administrator:

1. Provide conformance inspection on septic system, indicating that it is properly sized and meets all of the MPCA Rules 7080, 7081, 7082 & 7083.
2. Provide survey showing all setbacks, new addition, parking and number of parking stalls. Show that parking area is constructed of dust free material.
3. State type of construction the additions is being built of.
4. Provide building plans by Architect and Engineer.
5. Must follow all building codes and ADA accessibility.

Mark Riverblood seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The next item under Old Business was to review & approve the 2017 Township Fee Schedule. Mark Riverblood motioned to approve the fee schedule with no changes from 2016. John Roxbury, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The next item under Old Business was to review & approve the 2017 Township Pay Schedule. John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to approve the 2017 Township Pay Schedule with no changes from 2016. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

### **New Business**

The first item on the agenda was the CUP request by Pioneer Tree Service for permission to operate a commercial business, Section 17. Mr. Anderson explained that the item would be tabled until next month because the applicants did not submit all of the information that was requested by the Planning Commission.

The next item on the agenda was the maintenance on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, a request by Dan Whitcomb. Carol Whitcomb expressed concern with the way the gravel roads were being plowed and stated that she would like for the Township to follow their snowplow policy more closely because she does not feel that her road is being maintained adequately.

Mr. Anderson explained that gravel roads cannot be plowed if the roads are not frozen to protect the gravel, so therefore, the first few snow falls, as with snow falls in the spring, the Board has to use their discretion on which roads can be plowed.

After much discussion, the Board agreed that they may need to clarify their snowplow policy better for the next year.

Dan Whitcomb asked the Board if they could take a look at a big cottonwood tree on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street that he thinks should be removed. The Board asked the Clerk to check into the issue further.

The next item on the agenda was to select the Board of Review date. The Board selected April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Mark Riverblood motioned to approve the Annual AWAIR Report. John Roxbury, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve the second half of the 2016 Fire Contract in the amount of \$24,220.00. Mark Riverblood seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to have the Planning Commission work on a new outdoor event policy so that it can be added to the Ordinances for enforcement under the Liquor Licenses. Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

### **Open Forum**

Greg Bergman explained to the Board that they may want to check with the power company in regards to the cottonwood tree because if it interferes with the lines, they may take care of it.

Karrie Hume stated that she would just like the Township to make sure they are putting sand down in her neighborhood around Spruce Drive.

### **Supervisors Report**

Mark Riverblood stated that he would like to see the Township trim some of the brush along the roads. He has been in contact with Brian Dahlheimer who has a new machine with that capability and feels it is a good time to have some brush cut. Mark explained that it would cost \$80 an hour, and he and the Clerk could get together to figure out which roads need to be done.

Mark Riverblood motioned to have Brian Dahlheimer use a rotary mower to trim brush, on the areas approved by him and the Clerk, in the amount not to exceed \$3200.00. John Roxbury, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Eugene Stoeckel gave an update on the Fire Advisory Board.

John Roxbury, Jr. gave an update on the City Planning Commission meeting.

John Roxbury, Jr. thought the Township should look into a website. The Clerk stated that she could use the County website to give the basic information on the Township. Mark Riverblood stated that he would like to see the Township use the County website with only minimal information available. The Clerk agreed to work with the County to provide the basic information.

Greg Anderson stated the he and his daughter has purchased 209 acres in the City, which used to be in the Township before the City annexed it. He explained that is approaching the City of Princeton Council in two nights to detach it and bring it back into the Township, and asked the Board if they would like to support the detachment by way of a resolution. The full board was in support of bringing that property back.

John Roxbury, Jr. motioned to approve Resolution 2016-4, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DETACHMENT OF PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF PRINCETON AND ACCEPTING THE PROPERTY INTO THE TOWNSHIP, Eugene Stoeckel seconded the motion. Motion Carried with Greg Anderson abstaining.

### **Clerks Business**

The Clerk explained that there is a property owned by Dean & Allen Hansen that will need to have the descriptions re-written because there is a sliver of property that runs along 4 other properties to the south. She wanted to verify that the Board was good with just letting them file new deeds with new descriptions without requiring a land split. She stated that the Township engineer had reviewed the survey and is good with it. The Board agreed with no land split. The Clerk also explained that on the west side of that same property the adjoining property owner is trying to get quiet title to .75 acres. She explained that if Quiet Title is not granted, she believes a land split process would be necessary for the transfer of that .75 acres. The Board agreed that they would need to go through the land split process if there was no quiet title.

### **Approve Payment of the Bill**

A motion was made by Mark Riverblood and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to approve payment of the bills, Check numbers 11461-11505. Motion Carried.

### **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Mark Riverblood and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben  
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Leroy Bargfeld, Greg Bergman, Dan & Carol Whitcomb, Karrie Hume