

On Tuesday, July 18, 2017 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, Mark Riverblood, Larry Ziebarth and Jim Kusler.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Mark Riverblood and seconded by Eugene Stoeckel to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2017 regular monthly meeting as printed. Motion Carried.

Approve Financial Report

A motion was made by Mark Riverblood and seconded by Jim Kusler to approve the Financial Report for June 2017 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$682,807.68; total receipts of \$2,169.42; total disbursements of \$41,034.97; leaving a balance of \$643,942.13. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Old Business

Eugene Stoeckel asked about Walz corner. The Clerk informed him that she spoke with West Branch Construction and it is on their schedule to repair.

There was no old business on the agenda.

New Business

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve the Temporary Liquor License for Outlaw Grass Drags. Larry Ziebarth seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Open Forum

Sandy Bistideau requested a property zoning variance for 4006 Brickton Road. The parcel has previously been split and is zoned Agricultural. They would like the property rezoned to Residential so they can build a home.

Chairman Anderson explained that there is no way the property could be zoned to Residential because there is no other Residential surrounding the property. According to ordinance there are only 2 homes per quarter quarter in the Ag zone, and this area already has two homes. He also explained that this issue would involve a variance of which the Township could not legally grant according to state standards.

Mark Riverblood stated that the Board has frequent requests to deviate from the Ordinances but they need to be consistent in enforcing the Ordinances.

After some discussion the Board agreed that there is not another building site available in which to build a new home.

Dave Persing stated that they requested an IUP in May. They were advised at that time to either withdraw their application or have it denied because a full board wasn't present at the meeting. He wanted to know if they got their application money refunded. Mark Riverblood asked the Clerk if there were any special meetings involved with the IUP. The Clerk stated there were not. Mr. Riverblood asked if there were any precedents preventing them from refunding. The Clerk was not aware of any.

Mr. Riverblood asked Mr. Persing if he was requesting a refund. Mr. Persing stated he was. Mr. Riverblood also asked Mr. Persing if he had any further requests. Mr. Persing was just looking for an answer and then may have follow up questions.

Mr. Riverblood motioned to approve Mr. Persing's request for a refund for the IUP application fee. Larry Ziebarth seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Mr. Persing stated that he feels like there was some conflict of interest to ensure them of a fair hearing. He was informed that Kathy Stoeckel, a planning commission member, made phone calls and visits in order to drum up opposition to the IUP. He felt like the deck was already stacked before he walked in the door on the night of the public hearing. He doesn't feel like he was treated fairly and felt like there were members that should have recused themselves if they couldn't have an un-biased opinion.

Mr. Persing also stated that he did not understand how a 4/5 vote of the Board was needed to approve an IUP but not to reject one. He did not think it was fair that two meetings in a row, there was not a full board and because of the time constraint, the application could not be voted upon, causing him to withdraw the application.

After some discussion, Mr. Persing stated that he wanted the Board to know how he felt and plans to reapply for an IUP in the future.

Supervisors Report

Eugene Stoeckel gave an update on the Airport Advisory Board.

Greg Anderson stated that the Clerk has done some research on purchasing a new tractor, along with a flail mower and a boom mower. He feels that the Township would benefit from cutting their own ditches and also doing the brushing rather than hiring someone else to do the job or renting the equipment. The tractor could also be used for the reclaimer. He stated that the Clerk obtained the bid through the state process and received some good pricing.

Eugene Stoeckel motioned to approve Resolution 2017-6 for the purchase of a new Massey tractor with two mowers. Mark Riverblood seconded the motion with the friendly motion to include the dollar amount not to exceed \$110,000.00. Motion Carried.

Clerks Business

The Clerk did not have any business to address.

Approve Payment of the Bills

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Mark Riverblood to approve payment of the bills, Check numbers 11689-11715. Motion Carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Mark Riverblood to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Sandy & Tony Bistideau, Jackie & Mike Bailey, Joel Minks, Dave & Theresa Persing