

On Tuesday, September 18, 2018 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, and Mark Riverblood. Supervisor Thomas Duden was absent.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Mark Riverblood to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2018 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 August 2018 as submitted. Beginning Balance of Township funds was \$791,229.77; total receipts of \$15,669.79; total disbursements of \$69,468.78; leaving a balance of \$737,430.78. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business on the agenda.

New Business

Chairman Greg Anderson informed everyone that there will not be a discussion on the CUP for the cell tower. The applicants have requested to postpone the discussion until the October 16th Regular Meeting. John Roxbury Jr. explained how the public hearing went and stated that no public was in favor of the CUP and that the County Ordinance requires co-location first. Therefore the Planning Commission recommended denial of the CUP.

The next item on the agenda was an update on the Brickton Monument given by Barry Schrieber.

Greg Anderson stated that a reverse referendum petition was submitted to Township and since the clerk has verified that the petition had the minimum required signatures, the next step will be a special election in February. The petition for a reverse referendum was acknowledged and accepted by the consensus of the Board.

Open Forum

Tony Trunk asked if the Township would be mowing the ditches again. Greg Anderson stated that they would be going out again soon, to do some mowing and brushing in the ditches.

Dave Persing asked the Board why the Township has two elections instead of doing all the voting in November. Greg Anderson stated that there had been some past discussion about that and everyone decided to keep a separate Township Election. Mark Riverblood stated that when there is a stand-alone Township Election, it doesn't get mixed in with all the partisan politics and is issue driven locally. He stated that it works really well with the Annual Meeting where the electorates are in charge and the residents have a clear voice in their local government. In past meetings, the overall consensus of the electorate was that it works this way. Dave Persing asked if it was decided by the five people in this room. Greg Anderson stated that it is discussed at the Annual Meeting and is the decision of the electorate. Mr. Persing asked how that would get changed. The Clerk stated that she thinks it needs to be changed by a question on the ballot in November. Eugene Stoeckel stated that the State considers the third Tuesday in March as Township Day and even Townships that vote in November still recognize Township Day in March. Mr. Persing asked about the cost associated with the March Election. Mr. Riverblood stated that it is basically a couple hundred dollars, the cost of the judges.

There were no other residents that spoke during open forum.

Supervisors Report

Mark Riverblood gave an update on the weeds in the Township.

Eugene Stoeckel gave an update on the Airport Advisory Committee and the City Planning Commission.

Greg Anderson gave an update on the Fire Advisory Board. He stated that the Advisory Board was asking for commitments from the Townships on the purchase of a new pumper truck and new ladder truck. Mark Riverblood recommended that the Town Board issue a response pursuant to that request by taking a formal position, so they can have a draft to act on at the October 16th meeting. Mr. Riverblood stated that he would not support it unless he saw a report from the safety apparatus company that assesses the service availability of the existing pumper truck. He stated an unneeded new truck could unravel the joint powers agreement for fire service, drive the rates up and then have an effect on the ISO ratings. Mr. Riverblood stated that if they can get the specifics as to what they want the Township to react to, he and the Clerk can compose a letter and be concise in their response.

Greg Anderson stated that they have been getting some complaints on County Line Road. It is collapsing from the muskrats and gophers. He stated that West Branch is taking care of the immediate problem but the Township should think about how they should fix it in the future. Mr. Riverblood reminded the Board about coming to an agreement with the County about turning back some of these shared roads to the County. Greg Anderson suggested that the Clerk contact Bruce Cochran to see what he thinks about it.

Greg Anderson stated that he was approached by Brad Schumacher about re-zoning a piece of property that is currently zoned part Rural Residential and he would like to turn the whole thing into Residential. He said that there has not been anything submitted, he just wanted to bring it to the Board's attention.

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 12133-12157. Motion Carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Eugene Stoeckel and seconded by Mark Riverblood to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Wubben
Clerk/Treasurer

Attendees: Nancy Moan, Eldon Johnson, John Roxbury, Linda Boettcher, Judy Gerth, Kimberly & Tony Trunk, Barry Schrieber, Dave Persing, Rory Mattson