

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

IN PERSON MEETING

May 16, 2024

Held at Washington Township Hall, 8989 S. Baldwin Rd., Ashley, MI 48806

- I. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Whaley at 7:01pm, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll call- Present: N. Rogers, E. Whitford, K. Whaley, H. Whaley; Absent: B. Hoffer (due to death of her son)
- II. Motion to approve minutes from April 18th Board meeting by N. Rogers, 2nd by K. Whaley, all in favor, motion carried.
- III. Motion to approve Agenda with additions, by K. Whaley, 2nd N. Rogers, all in favor, motion carried.
- IV. Motion to approve financial reports by N. Rogers (contingent on B. Hoffer's balancing), 2nd by E. Whitford, roll call votes, yeas- N. Rogers, K. Whaley, H. Whaley, E. Whitford, nays- none, Absent- B. Hoffer; motion carried. *April Payroll will be done at a later date.
- V. Open Issues/Visitors-
 - a) Frank Skinner from Consumer's Energy for Heartland Farms Wind Energy; Contact for complaint/resolutions. He would like to keep things informal thus have them call him vs. Addison. However the Township would like to be kept more informed, Addison and Frank will work together to set up a complaint/resolution system. Reports will be given on a monthly basis.
 - b) Terror on 27- no contact yet, Supervisor Whaley to continue pursuing.
 - c) Clerk Hoffer is still waiting to purchase Microsoft office as we are still awaiting the decision from get.gov on domain name
 - d) There will be 7 trainings in July for Election workers. Washington Township will hold one training on July 17th at 1pm at the Township Hall.
 - e) ARPA reports due April 30th. We have a trouble call in to help get into our account to submit reports.
 - f) We had approximately 26 volunteers from DTE, J. Ranck, and township residents to help with the cemetery cleanup. J. Ranck/DTE brought large equipment and refreshments.
 - g) BS&A conversion cost for ~~BOR~~ Assessing Database is \$1500, Supervisor Whaley will call MTA about any trouble others have had with the cloud/~~BOR~~ Assessing.
- VI. Public Comment for old business/open issues-

Carl asked if Terror on 27 will be allowed to open if no permit acquired, answer was no. Also informed us culvert is being replaced west of Baldwin/Roosevelt intersection. John mentioned that in his opinion Frank Skinner was not very personable.
- VII. New Business
 - a) Recycling program- 7-8 counties are putting together a plan to put recycling stations around the counties. Gratiot County Blight Ordinance is \$1000 per participant, and they have streamlined the process since its inception.

- b) Board Candidates- Howard Whaley for Supervisor, Kevin Whaley for treasurer, Doreen Summer for clerk, Nancy Rogers & Eric Whitford for Trustee.
- c) Trustee Rogers sent requests for estimates for Hall build to 5 contractors. One estimate has been submitted and is double our working budget.
- d) Invenergy Bond has been taken care of.
- e) James Faber submitted a bid for lawn care at \$2900 for the 2024 Mowing season. K. Whaley motioned to accept, N. Rogers 2nd. Roll call votes, yeas- K. Whaley, H. Whaley, N. Rogers, E. Whitord. nays- none. Absent- B. Hoffer
- f) Gratiot County Planning Commission recommended approval of our Zoning Ordinance. N. Rogers motion to accept our Zoning Ordinance, K. Whaley 2nd, all approved, B. Hoffer absent. Notice will be placed in paper and will become effective 14 days after.
- g) Assessor Zemla requested a file box and a key to the hall so he can pick up assessor mail as needed. K. Whaley motioned, N. Rogers 2nd, all approved, B. Hoffer absent. Motion carried.
- h) Trustee Rogers and Deputy Treasurer Bontrager to look into getting grants. Currently working with Josh at DTE to fill out a grant application.

VIII. Letters/Correspondence:

- a) US 127 Construction- still ongoing.

IX. Additional Public Comment:

- a) Trustee Rogers' road has been repaired. Wilson Rd. still needs repair.
- b) Trustee Rogers requested that Supervisor Whaley call Mr. Faber about weed whipping the cemetery.
- c) Request for laptop for grant work has been received.

- X. Motion to adjourn by K. Whaley, 2nd by N. Rogers, all in favor. Adjourned at 8:37pm

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Reed, Deputy Township Clerk

Approved as amended

On June 20, 2024

Washington Township Supervisor

Barbara Hoffer

Washington Township Clerk