**Wayland Township**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 7, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor VanVolkinburg at 6:30 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Trustee Stein.

Roll Call showed all members present.

Approval of the July 10, regular board meeting was made by Trustee Miner and support from Stein. Treasurer Kamyszek motioned for approval, with support from Stein.

**Audience (1st) –** Kathy Sheldon- Walker, Fluke, Sheldon discussed 2022-2023 Audit Report, and the fire truck purchase and contract with the City. Clean opinion given, Board to approve audit report in September.

Rachelle Smit, State Representative reported on her three committee’s: agriculture, elections, and Insurance funding services. Farmers right to repair, Prop 2 and the Early Voting, locals need to control sand and gravel, hydro dams that Consumer Power wants to remove, effects Lake Allegan.

Chris Machiela from the Allegan County Drain Commission introduced himself. Trustee Miner told him that the drain commission would be involved in the potential RV Park.

**County Commissioner** – Commissioner Mark DeYoung was in attendance. Discussed Prop-2 Early Voting and the recent decision by the County Clerk to not contract with the local clerks as initially discussed; Commissioners are reviewing. Discussed Court House remodel for new judges and the Dumont Lake complex and law suit filed by the County Clerk and Treasurer and Drain Commissioner. Internet 1-2-2 using ARPA funds. Five-year master plan for Parks – on the County website. Grants are being used. VanVolkinburg asked if all employees were back in the office; DeYoung stated for the ‘most part.’

**Planning Commission** – Matt Miner- July 12, meeting. PC has made a recommendation to the Township Board to DENY the SUP request from Fred “Ross” Williams for a private road. Minutes from the July 12, meeting explains the reasoning. See below under new business. Meeting to be held on August 9, to discuss the RV Park and in September to discuss APEX Solar Energy request with a public hearing.

**Sheriff/Deputy Report** –July had 102 incidents. VanVolkinburg and Clerk McInerney interviewed two county deputies with JP Damveld also in attendance. Chase Raigiah (sp) was chosen. September or October will be the start date.

**Cemetery Report** – McInerney reported that Kuhtic continues to pour foundations which continue to come in. The East Elmwood expansion will begin with water installation. McInerney and Vezzetti will view a demonstration of the new Online Burial Search OBS via our Pontem Database on August 16.

**WAEMS Report** – Sue Kamyszek met on Wednesday, July 12, for 3 hours. The new ‘co-directors’ will be Brenda Mays and Cathy Veldhouse. On September 2, Bob Hess will retire but will continue as a consultant through 2023. A 3rd ambulance has arrived and a fourth will arrive in 2024.

**Unfinished Business** – \*PCI – Lori sent an email 7/13, following our 7/10 meeting – see attached. Discussed continued delay in follow up. Boeskool called and was not happy with the information he was given. Attachment discussed 486 126th, 456 Gregorville Road, Patterson/126th Avenue corner, 3095 4th Street, 2672 Seymour Drive Fire/Court, and the 2nd Street issue that Kirk Scharphorn discussed with owner and has been cleaned up. VanVolkinburg shared that our Deputies and PCI will work together to discuss concerns with residents.

L2L sent a check & VanVolkinburg stated they have filed all the paperwork for the reunion.

Fire Department Contract with City emails to Seeber, McInerney asked for an update – discussed email from Seeber. After much conversation, VanVolkinburg will request Fire Department budget reports from 08-09 through current from City Treasurer Parish.

Versiti Blood Drive – Kamyszek report. **August 31, next blood drive at Wayland Township Hall**

Michigan Gas Utilities Ordinance – Ordinance O-03-2023 Michigan Gas Utility Franchise, from Seeber. McInerney asked for an update from Seeber.

Discussion on Gregorville Road – Information from Auditor & Seeber that County owns the roads. Contractor payment issue is moot.

Stallard Asphalt on Hall driveway patching– VanVolkinburg. VanVolkinburg suggested we add sealing the parking lot to the 23-24 budget.

**New Business** - Farmland Agreement – Form ES-013 – Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program: WaJan Farms LLC – John Scholten 60.03 acres

“ “ 10.43 acres

“ “ 19.17 acres –

VanVolkinburg made a motion to support all three parcels. Following discussion, Miner provided support. Roll call vote, all yes, motion carried. McInerney will file the paper work and send this out to the entities.

Little Library Update @ Allegan County Park – VanVolkinburg rebuilt the library and will install it at the Allegan County Park. Big thank you to VanVolkinburg for designing and building our Little Free Libraries.

PC Denial Request for 650 129th Avenue, Fred “Ross” Williams private road vote. See above. Miner shared the reason discussing the July 12, 2023, meeting minutes and made the motion for the denial. Kamyszek provided support. All yes. McInerney will add his escrow funds to others to be sent out.

EV=Early Voting – Decisions, cost, etc. Discussed the decision made by the County Clerk – discussed above to not coordinate EV with the locals. *Election Commission Meeting following this meeting.*

A&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension. Discussed permit and Miner motioned with support from Stein. All yes, motion passed. McInerney will send this out.

**Approval and Review of bills** –Bills needing board approval, balance sheet, - Miner motioned with support from Stein. All yes, motion carried.

**Resolution R-10-2023 – Budget Adjustment** – McInerney. Following discussion, Stein made a motion with support from Miner, all yes, roll call vote, motion carried.

**Communication** – Local Community Stabilization Authority – AT&T’s Metro Act fee – overpaid by $31.30 and will make that correction with 2024 payment.

\*LARA Official denial of Annexation land – City/Hopkins

**Audience (second):** None

**Board Comments** –– VanVolkinburg shared condolences to McInerney on the loss of her mother. All others, McInerney, Kamyszek, Miner and Stein had nothing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m. with a motion from VanVolkinburg and support from Miner.

Ann McInerney, Clerk

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