

WALTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

December 10, 2024

Present: Supervisor Thering, Trustee Starkweather, Trustee Richard Heisler, Clerk Erin Cummings, Treasurer Christina Heisler, Dave Soblesky, Dave Moody, Dianne Barmes, Connie, Oneil, Diane Miller, Denis Starr Rick Platzer, Sally Starkweather, Kari and Jeff Wills, Patti and John Ostrowski, Jim D'Lamater, Rick and Barb Platzer, Brandy Miller, Chris Garrison, John and Nancy Holton, Gregory Hedrick and Jim Pion

Absent:

Supervisor Thering called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Heisler moved to approve the December agenda. Seconded by Trustee Starkweather MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Cummings presented the payables in written form, Trustee Heisler moved to transfer \$17,000, seconded by Trustee Starkweather. MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Nowak presented the Treasurer's report in written form. Trustee Heisler moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written, seconded by Trustee Starkweather. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Conditional Use permit application was submitted on behalf of Jeff and Kerri Wills by Brandy Miller-Jeff Wills explained the changes requested in the CUP. The CUP is a work in progress over several years. Discussion took place by board members. The Board made a motion to require a privacy fence on the east property line adjacent to sites 6-14, Supervisor Starkweather moved to accept, seconded by Trustee Heisler. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Granger Contract-Trustee Starkweather explained that the new contract is for 3 years with a 5% increase each year. Beginning in February there will be 2-8-yard cardboard containers for \$190.00, they will be dumped every other week they also will be locked and chained.

Appoint Board of Review Member-Supervisor Thering introduced Jim D'Lamater. Trustee Heisler moved to appoint Jim D'Lamater as a Board of Review member, seconded by Trustee Starkweather. MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Reports:

- **Clerk-** Patti will be continuing as Assessor through 2025, Jeanine Nowak will be the Deputy Treasurer at least through this budget year. Doug and Chris will be attending new official training in December. Clerk Cummings provided a draft bid to board members for review. Also, John Holton found a company in West Virginia that maybe interested in purchasing the barn at 6966 S Stine Rd.
- **Rural Fire-** December 11th Rural Fire will be meeting at Brookfield Township Hall. Supervisor Thering and Trustee Starkweather will be attending.
- **Supervisor-** Supervisor Thering met with the Mayor of Olivet and will be attending the January city council meeting to discuss taking over the remainder of Walton Township (11 square Miles)
- **Sheriff-** 75 events
- **Olivet Fire Chief-** 21 total calls, Chief Collins was not present.
- **Commissioner-** Commissioner Mott will continue as chair for the next 4 years. As most are aware the millage did not pass, it failed by 1622 votes. The County is looking at ways to make cuts, they may sell buildings, looking at cutting some services in the 4H extension office and animal control. The Sheriff only has a day shift. There are still things to get down and this

causes a burden on individuals that remain. The county may put the millage back on for either May or August.

- **Road Commission Update**-No Report
- **Assessing-**
- **Public Comment:**
 - Brandy Miller- Discussed enforcement at the home on Marshall Rd, all fees and fines were waived at the hearing in November. The property owner has until May 1 to get into compliance. Brandy will be attending the January meeting to discuss conditional use permits, zoning, and enforcement. Reminder that permits are not required for ag buildings, if there is any question have them contact Brandy.
 - John Holton and Trustee Heisler will measure the barn and get the information for the company in West Virginia.
 - Jim Pion-Would like the board to reconsider withdrawing from rural fire. If Walton owns 10% we would be owed \$100,000 if we withdraw. Charlotte can get 4-6 people out immediately where Olivet could have a delay. He would like to see Olivet as the mutual aid with Charlotte as the main. Charlotte has more equipment as well. Next year if we withdraw there could be 4 people in Walton Township that cannot participate in Christmas Kiddies.
 - Diane Miller-Thanks the Board for requiring a privacy fence at Sherwood Forest Campground. The current fence is not maintained.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:18p.m. Trustee Heisler moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Starkweather, MOTION CARRIED