

WALTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

February 11th, 2025

Present: Supervisor Thering, Trustee Starkweather, Trustee Richard Heisler, Treasurer Christina Heisler, Dave Soblesky, Dave Moody, Jim D'Lamater, Barb Platzer, Patti and John Ostrowski, Jeff and Kari Wills, Michelle and John Collins, Charles Sharp, and John and Nancy Holton,

Absent:

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

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

Clerk Cummings presented the payables in written form, Treasurer Heisler moved to transfer \$31,200, seconded by Clerk Cummings. MOTION CARRIED

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Salary Resolution-The board discussed salary increase as there was no increase in 2024. The salary resolution for 2025 is proposed at 2.5%. Roll Call Vote 5-0 in support of the salary increase.

Olivet Fire Department (Truck)-The City of Olivet has approved \$300,000 for a new pumper/tanker truck. The truck will not exceed \$500,000. Supervisor Thering proposed that Walton Township contribute \$100,000 to be paid in 3 payments over the 3 budget years. Roll Call vote 5-0 in support of the \$100,000 contribution.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Demo and Cleanup at 6966 S Stine Rd-Clerk Cummings moved to table the discussion until after budget meetings have taken place, seconded by Supervisor Heisler. MOTION CARRIED

Reports:

- **Clerk-** Chuck Vasilion has decided to retire as the election chair, Jen Johnson and Michelle Collins will be Co-Chairs. Budget workshop will be held on March 8th at 9am and the Budget and Annual meeting will be March 18th at 5pm.
- **Rural Fire-** Supervisor Thering will be attending the upcoming meeting.
- **Supervisor-** Supervisor Thering mentioned that Dave Moody will be attending virtual Board of Review training
- **Sheriff-** 56 events
- **Olivet Fire Chief-**23 total calls 11 for Walton. Cold water rescue was held. Senator will be touring the fire station on February 18th at 2pm. Chief Collins thanked the board for working so quickly to help with the new truck. Chief Collins is still looking for property for a new fire station, the previous property is no longer an option. Trustee Heisler added that the other new truck is scheduled to be build March 13th.
- **Commissioner-** Commissioner Mott discussed the possibility of townships being required to conduct there own zoning. If this happens it will not go into effect until Fall. The County will possibly start closing on Fridays; this may happen in the next month. The Commissioner in District 1 resigned. There were 2 applicants however the board was at a tie vote, a special election will have to be conducted in August and November for District 1.

- **Road Commission Update-** ECRC received a federal grant to rehabilitate Five Point Highway between Maurer and Matthews roads which includes raising the section through Creepy Swamp. The project is still under design and construction is planned for 2026. We will need to place fill within the 100-year floodplain, and for funding obligation, MDOT requires RC secure a letter from the Township saying the following: Walton Township is aware of the upcoming rehabilitation project on Five Point Highway between Maurer Road and Matthews Road. We are aware there may be some fill placed within the 100-year floodplain as part of the project. Walton Township has no objection to fill being placed within the 100-year floodplain for this project. Clerk Cummings moved to approve the fill in the 100-year flood plan as part of the bridge project, seconded by Supervisor Thering. MOTION CARRIED.
- **Assessing-**
- **Public Comment:**
 - Barb Platzer asked if we could make the treasurers report available at meetings. Treasurer Heisler added that she has had them available the last 3 months with no interest from anyone, she can make her copy.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:44p.m. Trustee Heisler moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Starkweather, MOTION CARRIED