

WALTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

January 14th, 2025

Present: Supervisor Thering, Trustee Starkweather, Trustee Richard Heisler, Treasurer Christina Heisler, Dave Soblesky, Dave Moody, Dianne Barmes, Rick Platzer, Sally Starkweather, Patti and John Ostrowski, Rick Platzer and John and Nancy Holton,

Absent: Clerk Erin Cummings

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

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

Correction to December minutes- the board requested the privacy fence between lots 6-69. Trustee Starkweather moved to approve the corrected December minutes. Seconded by Trustee Heisler MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer Heisler presented the payables in written form, Treasurer Heisler moved to transfer \$21,000, seconded by Trustee Heisler. MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Heisler 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:

Olivet Fire Department-The council agreed to accept all of Walton Township as of May 1 as long as both parties have agreed upon a contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Station Committee-Trustee Starkweather moved to elect Supervisor Thering as a representative and the alternate representative as Trustee Heisler for the fire committee, seconded by Supervisor Thering. MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Demo and Cleanup at 6966 S Stine Rd-Clerk Cummings reached out to Barnwood Living in West Virginia, they declined purchasing the structure at 6966 S Stine Rd. Would the board like to continue with the bid that Clerk Cummings provided in draft form in December, if so, please review and get back to Clerk Cummings on any changes prior to our February meeting. The board will discuss this further in February.

Reports:

- **Clerk-** Special election in May.
- **Rural Fire-** Supervisor Thering attended the meeting, not much was discussed. There will be another meeting next month.
- **Supervisor-** Olivet Fire Department-The council agreed to accept all of Walton Township as of May 1. Discussion took place on what the board wanted to offer as an increase in the contract. Chief Collins recommended doing a one-year contract and see how things go. Trustee Starkweather moved to approve \$40,000 and a 1-year contract. Seconded by Trustee Heisler MOTION CARRIED. Roll Call Vote 4-Yes 0-No
- **Sheriff-** 50 events
- **Olivet Fire Chief-**14 total calls 7 for Walton, Chief Collins was not present. Working with Bellevue for cold water rescue. Took pumper to get upgraded lights, on the way back the motor blew. Not sure that a 30-year-old truck is worth putting the money into. May have an option of a pumper truck.
- **Commissioner-** Commissioner Mott discussed the 2 mills that will be on the ballot May 6, this

will be for Sheriff's Department, road patrol, prosecuting attorney and animal control. Currently there are 10 cadets in school currently in field training if the millage passes the sheriffs department will be at full staff. They have not had a full staff since 2016. Residents can still go to the website to see how it affects each property owner. They will still have to make administrative staff cuts. The budget is balanced until Oct, then you will start seeing cuts. It will cost the County \$120,000 for the special election.

- **Road Commission Update**-Supervisor Thering stated that the RC has their tentative plans out and will be taking comments until February 15th.
- **Assessing**- Poverty Guideline Resolution Supervisor Thering moved to approve, Seconded by Trustee Heisler MOTION CARRIED.
- **Public Comment:**
 - Patti asked Chief Collins who she would call after May 1 for a burn permit.
 - Michelle Collins-Thanked Bob for doing a good job dealing with the rural fire over the years.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:32p.m. Trustee Heisler moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Starkweather, MOTION CARRIED