

Assyria Township Board Minutes November 2, 2020

A regular meeting of the Assyria Township Board was held at the Assyria Township Hall on November 2, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: M. Timmons, T. Ryder-Stephens, J. Miller, G. Waterbury and A. Terry

Jim Miller gave a presentation honoring both G. Waterbury and M. Timmons.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Absent

Previous minutes (12 Oct draft) reviewed and approved as published.

Motion made by J. Miller, supported by T. Ryder-Stephens to pay the bills.
All members vote YES.

CLERK:

- The Clerk inquired as to the agreement with the individuals farming and storing on the land the Township owns. Mr. Timmons advised the Clerk that Mr. "Dutch" Angus signed an agreement with the Township on 2 June 2014 that allows him to grow hay on the vacant field east of the Assyria cemetery. This prevents the Township from having to periodically pay to have the vacant field brush-hogged.
- The election is Tuesday, November 3, 2020 the polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- The Clerk and Deputy Clerk have been extremely busy processing absentee ballots.
- Both Saturday and Monday were very busy with residents coming in to vote and/or register to vote.
- Unfortunately, three of our election workers are not going to be able to work the election due to health issues.
- There seem to be more cases of Covid in the Township and close surrounding areas. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk feel the Township may want to consider paying the cleaners extra, due to this development.

Motion made by A. Terry, supported by M. Timmons, to increase the cleaning personnel's wage to \$12.00 per hour.
All members vote Yes

TREASURER:

- The Township received the State Revenue Sharing check in the amount of \$34,914.00.
- The Treasurer is researching the post office requirements for installing a secure Mail-Box in the Township's parking area.
- The Treasurer and the Clerk will be meeting with the *County's* Computer Security team.
- Winter Taxes will be going out December 1, 2020.

TRUSTEE: G. Waterbury

- To-night is his last meeting and he will turn his seat over to the new Trustee.

TRUSTEE: J. Miller

-The roof and soffit over the outside stairwell is complete and everyone agreed it looks very nice.

ASSESSOR: Absent

SUPERVISOR:

-The Supervisor gave a synopsis of things accomplished in the Township during his time in office and thanked J. Miller and G. Waterbury for their hard work and dedication to the community.

-The Supervisor cited that since Colorado legalized recreational marijuana in 2012, that emergency room visits and EMT calls for marijuana related incidents have increased by 79 percent and the suicide rate for 15 to 19 year old's has increased nearly 20 percent and that the majority of voters in Assyria Township voted against accepting Marijuana on 06 November 2018. the Assyria Township Board re-confirms its Marijuana "opt-out" status.

-The Sexton has been operating without a contract. A new contract was written and presented to the board.

Motion made by M. Timmons, supported by G. Waterbury to approve the new contract for the Sexton.

All members vote YES

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A resident made the suggestion that the old Assyria Township Sign be restored and finished to be used as a land-mark sign outside of the building.

Motion made by J. Miller, supported by T. Ryder-Stephens to have the Assyria Township Hall sign restored to be used inside or outside of the Township Hall.

All members vote YES

A resident inquired as to the status of the old Assyria store. The Supervisor said that ownership of the property has changed but there is no word on potential future use.

Tom Wing, the incoming Supervisor, presented the Board with copies of the Annual Road Commission report that the Township received in January at its Annual Meeting with the Road Commission. Mr. Timmons noted that the Township has spent several thousands of dollars assisting the County carry out the County's responsibility to maintain the roads in Assyria Township.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

10/12/2020	10594	Riley L Smith	Assessor's Assistant	-3,657.97
10/31/2020	10595	Barry County Telephone	Telephone	-97.75
10/31/2020	10596	void	void	
10/31/2020	10597	void	void	
10/31/2020	10598	Consumers Energy	Electric	-52.04
10/31/2020	10599	Election Source	Plastic security sleeves	-167.65
10/31/2020	10600	Montie Morris	Construction work on roof	-300.00
10/31/2020	10601	James Miller	Building supplies & mileage	-1,129.84
10/31/2020	10602	Terry Ryder Stephens	Mileage	-414.00
10/31/2020	10603	Annette Terry	Clerk	-734.25
10/31/2020	10604	Eugene T Waterbury	Trustee	-111.59
10/31/2020	10605	James D Miller	Trustee	-106.45
10/31/2020	10606	Mike P Timmons	Supervisor	-574.85
10/31/2020	10607	Terry Ryder-Stephens	Treasurer	-847.82
10/19/2020	10608	GBS	Misc. election supplies	-83.26
10/31/2020	10609	void	void	
10/31/2020	10610	void	void	
10/31/2020	10611	void Walker, Fluke and Sheldon	void	
10/31/2020	10612	PLC	Audit & Accounting Services	-4,590.00
10/31/2020	10613	Heidi M. Bartha	Reimbursements & Web Page	-210.40
10/31/2020	10614	Roger L Smith	Assessor	-1,063.35
10/30/2020	10615	Heidi Bartha	Deputy Clerk	-456.74
10/30/2020	10616	Stacy L Green	Deputy Treasurer	-92.51

APPROVED