

Assyria Township Board Minutes December 7, 2020

A regular/zoom meeting of the Assyria Township Board was held at the Assyria Township Hall on, December 7, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:39p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Tom Wing, T. Ryder-Stephens, J. Miller, Z. Haralson and A. Terry

Pastor Aaron Summers from Heritage Hills Church opened the meeting with prayer and blessings.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

- The commission will be having their last Commissioner's meeting of 2020 on Tuesday via Zoom.
- Dar Leaf has been in the news again.

Previous minutes reviewed and approved.

Motion made by T. Ryder-Stephens supported by A. Terry to pay the bills.
All members vote YES.

CLERK:

- There is an issue with the Assyria cemetery drive that needs to be addressed. Will have the Sexton look at the situation and advise.
- Laurie Tamez of Delton CPA has been very helpful advising the best accounting practices and chart of accounts for the Township and would like the board to consider using her to assist in setting up the up-coming budget and other accounting issues.

Motion made by A. Terry supported by T. Wing to use Laurie Tamez as the Township's financial advisor.
All members vote YES.

TREASURER:

- The counties IT team is still working remotely and has not been able to come to the hall.
- Is still checking into the requirements for a Township mail box.
- The Treasurer will be at the hall Monday, December 28, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to receive tax payments.
- The Treasurer will be at the hall Monday, March 1, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to receive tax payments.

TRUSTEE: Z. Haralson

- Stated he personally uses Laurie Tamez as his CPA and has been very happy and feels her rates are reasonable.

TRUSTEE: J. Miller

- Expressed his concern in regard to the Dominion voting equipment.

ASSESSOR:

- BOR will be Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Township Hall to correct errors and otherwise address MCL 21 1.7 and MCL 21 1.53B issues. This is not a time for homeowners to come in to question or dispute issues.
- The Board needs to consider a Resolution in regard to the poverty laws.
- The Board needs to consider a Resolution requiring an Asset Test to be considered for a poverty exemption.

Resolution made by T. Ryder-Stephens supported by J. Miller to follow the poverty guide lines set by the State of Michigan in regard to a poverty tax exemption.

All members vote YES

Resolution made by T. Ryder-Stephens supported by A. Terry requiring an Asset Test in order for a poverty exemption to be considered.

All members vote YES

SUPERVISOR:

- Acknowledged his wife Heather Wing and thanked her for her service as County Commissioner and all of the things she has accomplished for the county.
- Appointed himself and Z. Haralson to the Bellevue Fire Board.
- Requested information from the road commission in regard to the increased traffic in Assyria Township during the closer of M-66. Traffic increased significantly on the township's dirt roads, causing numerous issues.
- Discussed the PA 116 request from Steven Webb and Jodi Poyer.

Motion made by T. Wing supported by A. Terry to except the request.

Motion made by J. Miller supported by T. Ryder-Stephens to continue with the current website for a two year period.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dena Miller wanted to acknowledge the great election workers Assyria Township has, the Clerk agreed. The Township is blessed with a great team of election workers.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Annette Terry
Assyria Township Clerk

11/30/2020	10622	Terry Ryder Stephens	Reimbursement Tax supplies	-697.97
11/30/2020	10623	Consumers Energy	Electric	-64.53
11/30/2020	10624	Spectrum Printers Inc. Laurie Tamez CPA	Election Test Decks Invoice #65058	-380.00
11/30/2020	10625	PLC Barry County	Accounting/Budget invoice #5470	-1,040.00
11/30/2020	10626	Telephone	Telephone & Internet	-97.75
11/30/2020	10627	Staples	Election Supplies	-47.51
11/30/2020	10628	GDH & Sons LLC	Sexton	-1,416.50
11/30/2020	10629	GDH & Sons LLC	Burials	-1,100.00
11/30/2020	10630	Annette Terry	Clerk salary	-734.24
11/30/2020	10631	Eugene T Waterbury	Trustee Salary	-74.46
11/30/2020	10632	Heidi Bartha	Deputy Clerk	-174.54
11/30/2020	10633	James D Miller	Trustee Salary	-106.45
11/30/2020	10634	Mike P Timmons	Supervisor Salary	-383.23
11/30/2020	10635	Roger L Smith	Assessor Salary	-1,063.36
11/30/2020	10636	Stacy L Green	Deputy Treasurer	-49.34
11/30/2020	10637	Terry Ryder-Stephens	Treasurer Salary	-847.82
11/30/2020	10638	Thomas J Wing	Supervisor Salary	-191.62
11/30/2020	10639	Zachary Haralson	Trustee Salary	-35.42
11/30/2020	10640	Dena Miller	Election Cleaning	-177.00
11/30/2020	10641	Rian Carl	Cleaning	-165.49
11/30/2020	10642	Heidi M. Bartha	Election 11-3-2020	-290.50
11/30/2020	10643	Edward Bartha	Election 11-3-2020	-318.50
11/30/2020	10644	Susan Elkins	Election 11-3-2020	-325.50
11/30/2020	10645	Jennifer Carl	Election 11-3-2020	-157.50
11/30/2020	10646	Nora Peake	Election 11-3-2020	-437.50
11/30/2020	10647	Sally Bivens	Election 11-2-2020	-556.37
11/30/2020	10648	Marilyn Higgins	11-3-2020 Election	-35.00
11/30/2020	10649	Nicole Ryder Stephens	Election Training	-50.42
11/30/2020	10650	Annette J. Terry	Reimbursement	-129.71