

Assyria Township Board Minutes February 3, 2020

A regular meeting of the Assyria Township Board was held at the Assyria Township Hall on, February 3, 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, Jim Miller, G. Waterbury and A. Terry

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

- There will be two more public forums in regard to the Commission on Aging and the Jail. One will be February 13, 2020 at Johnstown Hall and the other will be February 18, 2020 at the Thornapple Kellogg High School in Middleville.
- There will be a review of the compensation pay for county electives.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Allison Troyer Wiswell wanted to make the township aware of a new program in Barry County called the Blue Zones. The mission is to make Barry County a better place to live, work and play. Learn more at bluezones.com/activate-barry-county.

Previous minutes reviewed and approved as written.

The bills were reviewed. Motion made by M. Timmons, Supported by A. Terry to pay the bills. All members vote YES.

CLERK:

- There will be an election for Assyria Township on March 10, 2020. Polls are open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- Anyone can request an absentee ballot by sending in an application to receive a ballot or may request the clerk send them an application.
- The township now has a drop box at the hall for the residences convenience. It is located on the side of the building between the entry door to the new addition and the entry door to the old hall.
- Public testing of the voting equipment will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 22, 2020, at the township hall.
- The clerk will contact Rian Carl about cleaning prior to the election.

Appointment of Election Workers:

Sally Bivens Chairperson
Nora Peake
Marilyn Higgins
Ed Bartha
Susan Elkins
Nicole Ryder Stephens
Heidi Bartha Deputy Clerk

TREASURER:

- The Warren Group declined obtaining our tax rolls at a rate of \$1.00 per parcel.
- The drop box has been working well for receiving taxes and information.

TRUSTEE: Gene Waterbury
-Discussion in regard to the parking lot.

TRUSTEE: Jim Miller

Discussion in regard to the electrical work, ceiling and walls.

Motion made by Jim Miller, supported by M. Timmons to hire the electrician to install LED light fixtures and move switches at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00, providing the work can be done by February 29, 2020.
All members vote yes.

Motion made by Terry Ryder-Stephens, supported by J. Miller to hire Burdette Painting to finish the ceiling and walls not to exceed \$2,500.00, under the condition the work can be completed on the ceiling by February 29, 2020.
All members vote yes.

-The Trustee's church is going to be replacing some tables and will be accepting donations from anyone interested in making good use of the existing tables.

Motion made by J. Miller, supported by A. Terry to donate \$50.00 to Bellevue Baptist Church for two 8ft long tables.
All members vote yes.

IT: Pamela Jo Eastman has resigned.

Motion made by M. Timmons, supported by J. Miller to pay the assessor \$200.00 per month to take over the IT duties (hardware & software).
All members vote yes.

Motion made by M. Timmons, supported by Terry Ryder-Stephens to obtain a battery back-up system not to exceed \$200.00 for the Treasurer and the Assessor.
All members vote yes.

ASSESSOR:

-Has been addressing existing errors as they are found.
- Is ready for the BOR in March.

SUPERVISOR:

-Signed off on the Census Bureau Boundary Validation request, no changes.

Motion made to move \$4,000.00 from account 257-962 to account 257-704 and \$800.00 from account 257-727 to account 257-704. (This action duplicates a January 6, 2020 action.)

Motion made by M. Timmons supported by A. Terry to increase the Assessor's and the Sexton's pay by .016% by \$251.00 and \$268.00 respectfully.
All members vote yes.

-Discussion in regard to opening the hall up in the event of a power outage. The board feels there may be too much liability involved, but will contact Central Dispatch to volunteer the building in the event of an extended emergency.

-Board of Review will meet:

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7 p.m. to receive the roll.

Monday, March 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to receive petitions.

Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to receive petitions.

Notice above to be posted in The Reminder the last two weeks of February.

-Annual meeting:

Assyria Township will hold its Annual meeting at the Township Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 31, 2020. followed by a public hearing of the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2021 (FY2021), the expected millage rate to support the budget is 0.8322%, this meeting will in turn be followed by the last annual meeting for fy2020, NOTE: There will be no regular meeting in April. Notice above to be posted in The Reminder March 14th.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-A resident considered increasing the sexton's pay inappropriate.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

01/31/2020	10412	Lola J Hedges	BOR	-39.65
01/31/2020	10413	Nicole B Ryder-Stephens	BOR	-39.65
01/31/2020	10414	Roger L Smith	January Assessor	-1,047.92
01/31/2020	10415	Annette Terry	January Clerk	-657.63
01/31/2020	10416	Eugene T Waterbury	January Trustee	-109.27
01/31/2020	10417	James D Miller	January Trustee	-104.24
01/31/2020	10418	Mike P Timmons	Jan. Supervisor	-505.91
01/31/2020	10419	Pamela Jo Eastman	Jan. IT	-347.50
01/31/2020	10420	Terry Ryder-Stephens	January Treasurer	-763.45
01/31/2020	10421	Consumers Energy	Electric12-18-19 to 1-17-20	-60.54
01/31/2020	10422	Barry County Telephone	Phone & internet 1-15 to 2-14-2020	-95.12
01/31/2020	10423	The Reminder	AV ballot applications	-187.00
01/31/2020	10424	Walker, Fluke and Sheldon PLC	Year-end tax forms	-355.00
01/31/2020	10425	Barry County Treasurers Association	Treasurer's membership dues	-10.00
01/31/2020	10426	Pamela J Eastman	Reimbursement for quickbooks & website	-231.56
01/31/2020	10427	GDH & Sons LLC	January Sexton	-1,394.16
01/31/2020	10428	Annette J. Terry	Reimbursement for postage	-165.00