

## Assyria Township Board Minutes January 6, 2020

A regular meeting of the Assyria Township Board was held at the Assyria Township Hall on, January 6, 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, G. Waterbury, J. Miller and A. Terry

### COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

- The commission is planning the next public forum in regard to the new jail.
- There may be a 911 millage request on the ballot.
- Appointments were made to the solid waste committee.
- Students have been attending the commission meetings, to experience government at work.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Residents expressed concern in regard to a resident running a business out of their home, violent behaviors and fraudulent sales of property. The Supervisor referred them to Jack Ward, code compliance, Jim McManus, planning and zoning and the County Sherriff's office. He also advised them they may want to seek legal counsel, as a group.

Previous minutes reviewed and approved as written.

The bills were reviewed. Motion made by J. Miller, Supported by T. Ryder-Stephens to pay the bills. All members vote yes.

### CLERK:

- BOR training reservations have been made and paid for.
- Discussion in regard to bid for lighting and ceiling repairs.

### TREASURER:

- The Township received \$32,269.00 in State Revenue Sharing.
- Discussion in regard to seeking an electrical bid.
- Has received a request from The Warren Group requesting our tax roll information.

### Resolution 202001051

Made by M. Timmons, supported by T. Ryder-Stephens, Resolve the township will charge \$1.00 per parcel to furnish tax files to any requesting entity.  
All members vote yes.

### TRUSTEE: Gene Waterbury

- Discussion in regard to presentations screens.

TRUSTEE: Jim Miller

-Discussion in regard to Mastodon bones found in Assyria Township in 1939.

SUPERVISOR:

-BOR will meet March 3, 9, 10, 12 of 2020.

-Looking for alternate BOR members.

-Instructed the Assessor persons requesting a property tax exemption shall do so in person.

-Hamilton has completed the work leveling the South/East side of the property.

-Discussion in regard to possible future projects for the property.

-Road Commission annual meeting is at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2020.

-Request the board consider a response plan for a Township power outage.

-Election workers, if under \$1,800.00 no withholding and if under \$600.00 no W-2.

-Website, contact information does not allow copying e-mail address, print does.

-Assyria Township & Bellevue Township are now responsible to the Drain Commission for a part of the upkeep for the Gibson/Triskett drain. Drain Commissioner states he works closely with the Barry County Conservation District to insure good land use management.

-Request the Clerk establish and keep a Drain file.

-Discussion in regard to the new east portion of Assyria cemetery and its development.

-Needs to obtain a cost from the Sexton to start mowing the new area of the cemetery.

-Discussion in regard to the recent survey comparing the Barry County Township's pay benefits. Assyria Township's salaries appear to be significantly lower than townships of the same size or smaller.

Resolution to increase Board salaries effective April 1, 2020.

WHEREAS: MCL 41.95 authorizes the township board of Assyria Township to determine the salaries for the offices of supervisor, clerk, treasurer and trustees for fiscal year 2021 by adopting a resolution for each office at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors; and WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salaries of the office of trustee, supervisor, clerk and treasurer shall be as follows:

Trustees:	\$ 1,450.00
Supervisor:	\$ 7,830.00
Clerk:	\$ 10,791.00
Treasurer	\$ 12,270.00

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on the last working day of March of this year, at which time the electors may modify these amounts. Pursuant to MCL 41.96(7), such modifications(s) that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during each official's term of office. In the event that the electors remain silent, the officers shall be entitled to the salaries as established in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution presented and offered to the Assyria Township Board on January 6 of the year 2020 by Mike P. Timmons and Supported by G. Waterbury with a final vote of 5 for (YES) 0 Against (NO) is declared accepted by the Supervisor.

Amend Budget:

Motion made by M. Timmons, Supported by Ryder-Stephens to move \$421.00 from 276-962 to 257-705. All members vote yes.

Motion made by M. Timmons, supported by J. Miller to move \$230.00 from 101-955 to 254-703. All members vote yes.

Motion made by M. Timmons, Supported by Ryder-Stephens to move \$1,200.00 from 101-955 to 254-702. All members vote yes.

Motion made by M. Timmons, Supported by Ryder-Stephens to move \$800.00 from 257-727 to 257-704. All members vote yes.

Motion made by M. Timmons, Supported by Ryder-Stephens to move \$4,000.00 from 257-962 to 257-704. All members vote yes.

Motion made by M. Timmons, Supported by Ryder-Stephens to move \$500.00 from 253-727 to 101-962. All members vote yes.

IT: ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Residents thanked the board for their suggestions and time.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p. m.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/08/2019	10381	MTA	BOR training	-504.50
12/08/2019	10382	Eugene T Waterbury	Reimbursement for ladder & caution tape	-123.29
12/31/2019	10383	Kent Oil	Propane	-558.32
12/31/2019	10384	Consumers Energy	Electric 11-20-19 to 12-17-19	-58.09
12/31/2019	10385	Barry County Telephone	Telephone/internet 12-15-19 to 1-14-20	-96.04
12/31/2019	10386	The Reminder	Board of revenue notice	-54.81
12/31/2019	10387	Accident Fund	Insurance	-764.00

12/31/2019	10388	Pamela J Eastman	Treasurer's new computer	-395.00
12/31/2019	10389	Pamela J Eastman	QB Payroll	-14.84
12/31/2019	10390	Deborah A. Ringewold	Dec Treas Deputy	-58.18
12/31/2019	10391	Heidi Bartha	Dec Deputy	-45.26
12/31/2019	10392	Lola J Hedges	BOR	-60.34
12/31/2019	10393	Nicole B Ryder-Stephens	BOR	-60.34
12/31/2019	10394	Paul T Wing	BOR	-60.34
12/31/2019	10395	Sally J Sheldon	BOR	-63.53
12/31/2019	10396	Annette Terry	Dec Clerk	-657.63
12/31/2019	10397	Eugene T Waterbury	Dec Trustee	-109.28
12/31/2019	10398	James D Miller	Dec Trustee	-104.25
12/31/2019	10399	Mike P Timmons	Dec Supervisor	-505.91
12/31/2019	10400	Pamela Jo Eastman	Dec IT	-347.50
12/31/2019	10401	Roger L Smith	Dec Assessor	-947.94
12/31/2019	10402	Terry Ryder-Stephens	Dec Treasurer	-763.46
12/31/2019	10403	Terry Ryder Stephens	Mileage & Office Supplies	-431.02
12/31/2019	10404	void	Void printed on check in error.	0.00
12/31/2019	10405	Mike Timmons	Mileage & softener salt	-133.50
12/31/2019	10406	GDH & Sons LLC	December Sexton	-1,394.16
12/31/2019	10407	GDH & Sons LLC	Vaughn Miller burial	-500.00
12/31/2019	10408	Bellevue Community Fire Board	Fire/medical Jan-March 2020	-8,000.00
12/31/2019	10409	Hamilton Horticultural Landscape & Garden	Balance excavation service	-4,000.00
12/31/2019	10410	The Reminder	BOR posting	-55.63
12/31/2019	10411	Annette J. Terry	Toilet paper, towels, misc.	-92.43