

Assyria Township Board Minutes October 1, 2018

A regular meeting of the Assyria Township Board was held at the Assyria Township Hall on, October 1, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

- Last week interviews regarding the Jail/Commission On Aging Building were held.
- Budget work shop to be held on Tuesday October 2nd.
- Drainage options are being discussed regarding the drainage issues south of the Wing farm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jack Ward from Code Enforcement, discussed issues being addressed in Assyria Township. One of which was the property on the corner of M-66 and Tasker Road, a letter was sent July 27, 2018 as of late no response has been received.
- Assyria Township ranks 3rd in Barry County for the number of complaints.

Previous minutes reviewed and approved as written.

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

Roll call taken. All members vote YES.

CLERK:

- Last day to register to vote and be eligible to vote is October 9, 2018.
- Last day to request and absentee ballot is Saturday, November 3, 2018 by 2:00 p.m.
- Public Accuracy Test will be October 18, 2018 at Baltimore Township Hall, at 1:30 p.m.
- The election is November 6, 2018. Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Election workers are:
 - Sally Bivens, Chairperson
 - Heidi Bartha, Co-Chairperson
 - Ed Bartha
 - Nora Peake
 - Joan Bair
 - Susan Elkins a.m.
 - Nicole Ryder-Stephens p.m.
- Nashville Township is short workers for this election Valeta Norris, Victoria Mingus and Marilyn Higgins have agreed to work for Castleton Township.
- There has been a delay in receiving ballots and the test decks for this election. The test decks were received just before this meeting, Ballots will be going out next week.
- Reminder Barry County offers Dead Deer Road Clean Up. If you see a dead deer along the side of the road please call 269-948-4801.
- Bellevue School is collecting bottle caps and lids to make friendship benches. Please save your clean medicine bottle, milk jug, detergent, hair spray, toothpaste, deodorant, drink bottle, flip top bottle tops and container lids less than 8" in diameter and any marked 2, 4 or 5 recycle. The school is going to be putting up a collection container. If you would be willing to save and donate to the cause, but are unable to get them to the school, you may contact the clerk at 269-968-3329.

-Issues in the current budget need to be addressed.

Motion made by A. Terry, supported by T. Ryder Stephens, to move a total of \$2,200.00 from account 446-901 to account 262-702 a sum of \$800.00 and to account 262-962 a sum of \$1,400.00.

All members vote YES.

Motion made by A. Terry, supported by T. Ryder Stephens, to move a total of \$4,800.00 from account 446-901 to be evenly distributed between accounts 265-850, 265-920 and 265-962.

All members vote YES.

TREASURER:

-The township has received a shared revenue check in the amount of \$28,827.00

-The vacuum is not repairable the township will need to purchase a new one.

-Discussion about computers.

Motion made by T. Ryder Stephens, supported by E. Waterbury to purchase a desk top computer for the Assessor and a laptop for the treasurer not to exceed \$1,000.00.

All members vote YES.

-Discussion in regard to Dennis McKelvey's retirement and he would not be signing our next Assessment roll.

Motion made by T. Ryder-Stephens, supported by G. Waterbury that as of 10-01-18 Roger Smith be recognized as the Assessor for Assyria Township and as of 10-01-18 Dennis McKelvey be recognized as being retired from Assyria Township.

All members vote YES.

TRUSTEE: Jim Miller

-A Generator has been ordered for the hall at a cost of \$6,700.00.

-There are still some electrical issues that need to be addressed.

-Discussion in regard to flag poles.

TRUSTEE: Gene Waterbury

-Besco has installed the water conditioning system.

-Requested reimbursement for an air conditioning cover.

Motion Made by G. Waterbury, supported by Terry Ryder-Stephens to reimburse Eugene Waterbury \$99.09 for the air conditioning cover.

All members vote YES.

ASSESSOR:

-Roger Smith has been performing as an Assessor for over 30 years and will begin the task of bringing the records up to date.

SUPERVISOR:

-Will be investigating the possibility of office chairs from the State and Federal Surplus in Lansing.

-Ed Brown Sheriff's Axillary will be using the Township hall on Saturday October 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

-Tri-County Electric wants to go "fiber optic". There are three copies of the agreement, two of which to be sent to the addresses indicated and one to be retained at the township.

-Discussion into the Metcalf Lake property.

RESOLUTION: # 10012018-1

Date: 10/01/2018

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

WHEREAS PARCEL 08-01-031-020-00 (Metcalf Lake 160 acres) was deeded to the City of Battle Creek in 1999: and

WHEREAS said parcel laid fallow and tax exempt until 2017 without clear justification: and

WHEREAS Battle Creek is granted a full Tax Tribunal on 26 Oct 2018 in contest to the tax Exemption being removed; and

WHEREAS the cost/benefit ratio in continued pursuit of the issue would not be judicious Use of the Township's limited revenue and acting in the best interest of the Township.

THEREFORE the tax exemption withdrawn for 2017 is hereby restored.

Motion made by M. Timmons, seconded by James Miller, to adopt the foregoing tax exemption resolution. Upon roll call vote, the following number of members voted aye: 5. The following voted nay: 0. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted on the first day of October 2018.

Township Clerk, Annette Terry

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Bill Waterbury, introduced himself and announced he is running for Bellevue School Board, he would like to put common sense back in the school.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Terry
Assyria Township Clerk

