

Assyria Township Board Minutes June 4, 2018

A regular meeting of the Assyria Township Board was held at the Assyria Township Hall on, June 4, 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:

-Barry County Transit will provide transportation to Battle Creek for Barry County Residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Jake Jackson from the Bellevue Fire Department, wants to remind the Assyria Township Residents, the Bellevue Fire Department will provide and install Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors. If anyone is interested, please contact him at 269-487-5695 or the Bellevue Fire Department at 269-763-3262.

-The DNR has offered the use of extra vehicles to surrounding townships that would be willing to house them at the township. This would offer quicker response times for both fire and medical calls. It would be necessary to have a secure structure that could be heated to at least 54 degrees. This could make a difference not only being able to save lives and structures, but may also reduce the cost of home owners insurance to the residents.

-Bellevue's annual car show will be July 14, 2018.

Previous minutes reviewed and approved as written.

The bills were reviewed. Motion by J. Miller, Support by G. Waterbury to pay the bills.
Roll call taken. All members vote YES.

CLERK:

-There will be an Election on August 7, 2018.

-The Clerk and Deputy Clerk have attended a training class on the use of the new election equipment.

-The Public Accuracy test will be July 19, 2018, at the Baltimore Township Hall, at 1:00 p.m.

-The township has enough Republican election workers, however, we could use one or two more Democrat election workers. Anyone interested in working the elections should contact the clerk ASAP at 269-968-3329 or 269-967-8032. A two hour training class, which is required to be certified to work as an election inspector is being held at the end of June.

-In order to verify and correct inaccuracies of the current cemetery records, the township will be asking the residents of Assyria to provide a copy of any type of document they may have in regard to reserving a burial plot and/or lot. Even if that is only a cancelled check. Any other information the residents are able to give would be greatly appreciated.

-The existing ballot boxes are not compatible with the new tabulator. Therefore the existing boxes will need to be disposed of. Anyone interested in them should contact one of the board members.

TREASURER:

-Tax season is upon us, the newsletter and tax bills will be going out the first part of July.

-The petty cash account is being established.

TRUSTEE: Jim Miller and G. Waterbury

-Expressed their concern that the building project was not complete.

-J. Miller will be contacting the builder.

ASSESSOR:

-The data transfer on the computer went well.

-The assessor needs to get moved into the hall ASAP.

-The assessor has a desk and chair he is willing to sell to the township.

SUPERVISOR:

-The Supervisor will be contacting Roger Smith, informing him he has been selected as the Assistant Assessor with a 45 day trial period.

-The Supervisor instructed the Clerk to send letters to the other applicants.

Resolution 06042018-1
Real Property Tax Exemptions
Assyria Township
Barry County, Michigan
Adopted and effective June 04, 2018

WHEREAS the Michigan State Tax Commission AMAR Of 2018 appears to require townships to have written procedures, including audit procedures, for determining how to grant real property exemptions or remove real property exemptions when the property no longer qualifies for exemption; and.

WHEREAS MCL211.1 thru MCL 211.156 not only addresses the granting and removal of real property exemptions, it also identifies (MCL 211.10e) what manuals are approved for Assessor use by the State Tax Commission.

The Assyria Township Board hereby resolves and directs that the Township Assessor not only abide by MCL211.1 thru MCL 211.156 and State Tax Commission Bulletins & Forms (including date stamping Form 5076 upon receipt) but also annually (as of 31 December) provide to the Township Board an acceptable accounting of Real Property Tax Exemptions granted, denied, removed and/or unresolved.

The Foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Mike P. Timmons

Second offered by Board Member James Miller.

Roll call vote:

Number voting "Aye" Five

Names of Members voting "Nay" None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Annette Terry
06-04-2018

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-A resident questioned why the funds in the budget for dirt roads had decreased from \$10,000.00 to \$7,000.00.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Terry
Assyria Township Clerk