

Assyria Township Board Minutes August 6, 2018

A regular meeting of the Assyria Township Board was held at the Assyria Township Hall on, August 6, 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:

-There are several commission meetings scheduled on Tuesday August 7, 2018 that the commissioners will be attending.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Dar Leaf wanted the township to be aware the jail is currently over-crowded and that law enforcement has responded to over 9,000 calls in the last month. He will be here next month with more information.

-Julie Callie, State Representative reported on State action in Lansing.

-Jake from the Bellevue Fire Department, made the township aware that Eaton County Millage passed for new radios, this will allow better communication for all of the townships, with no additional expense to Assyria Township or other participating townships.

-A new Fireman has been hired and there is a possibility a couple more will be hired in upcoming weeks.

-The Fire Department is hopeful the township will be able to provide a building to house additional trucks, to better serve the township, possibly saving lives, buildings and lowering homeowner insurance rates.

-There will be a CPR class available on Saturday August 11th, 2018, 9:00 am at the Bellevue High School. Space is limited, however if there is enough interest an additional class will be taught at a later date. If interested please call Fire Chief, Mark Jordan at 517-719-0861.

Previous minutes reviewed and approved as written.

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

CLERK:

-Thank you to Dena Miller and everyone else that has helped to get the hall in order.

-The Election is Tuesday August 7, 2018, polls are open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

-The Sexton's contract has expired and needs to be renewed.

Motion made by M. Timmons, Supported by A. Terry to extend the Sexton's contract for an additional twenty four months as currently written.

All members vote YES.

-The tree lines in the Cemeteries need to be cleaned up. The Sexton is willing to do the work for an additional fee and will present an estimate at the next regular meeting.

-The Clerk has meant an individual involved in recycling waste. The clerk will check into the possibility of a "paper shred" day. There was some discussion of recycling waste in the future.

TREASURER:

- The township needs to consider updating or purchasing a new computer for the Assessors.
- The treasurer will check into IT possibilities.
- The township needs to get the audit underway. A. Terry to make contact with the accounting firm.

TRUSTEE: Jim Miller

- WIFI is up and running.
- Would like to be reimbursed for items he purchased for the hall. Miscellaneous cleaning items, waste baskets and towel holders.

Motion made by M. Timmons, supported by A. Terry to reimburse Jim Miller \$209.69 for the items purchased for the hall.

All members vote YES.

- The possibility of hiring Rian Carl to clean was discussed at the previous meeting, however no decision was made.

Motion made by M. Timmons, supported by A. Terry to hire Rian Carl at a rate of \$10.00 per hour to clean the hall on a as needed basis.

All members vote YES.

TRUSTEE: G. Waterbury

- Considering the condition of the water we may want to have a water conditioner installed.
- The trustee looked over the existing vacuum cleaner and he believes it can be repaired.

ASSESSOR:

- More discussion about the computers and finding an IT person.

SUPERVISOR:

- Discussion in regard to office furniture. A committee of the Deputy Assessor, Treasure and Clerk to research and select office furniture.

Motion made by M. Timmons, Supported by T. Stephens to spend up to \$5,000.00 for four work stations.

All members vote YES

-July Board of Review actions:

1. The BOR granted 100% Homestead Exemption to parcel 08-01-033-021-60 Retroactively to include both 2016 and 2017.
2. The BOR granted 100% Homestead Exemption to parcel 08-01-033-012-00 Retroactively to include both 2016 and 2017.
3. The BOR granted 100% Homestead Exemption to parcel 08-01-010-004-10 Effective 2018.
4. The BOR granted veteran's 100% tax exempt status to parcel 08-01-033-004-00 for 2018.
5. The BOR granted veteran's 100% tax exempt status to parcel 08-01-034-001-20 for 2018.

PARCEL 08-01-031-029-00 issue... Assyria Township owns the property the Township Hall is on, Ellis Cemetery, Assyria Cemetery, Bell Cemetery and Checker Cemetery. All are open to the public generally with no regulatory limitations being open or closed and no seasonal restrictions. In general, the cemeteries are open from sunup to sundown. There are no documents prohibiting accessing any parcel.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Discussion in regard to tax exemption.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Terry
Assyria Township Clerk

07/31/2018	10036	Dennis McKelvey	-SPLIT-	-1,095.50
07/31/2018	10037	Mike Timmons	-SPLIT-	-496.52
07/31/2018	10038	Terry Ryder-Stephens	-SPLIT-	-798.27
07/31/2018	10039	Annette Terry	-SPLIT-	-645.00
07/31/2018	10040	James Miller	-SPLIT-	-107.20
07/31/2018	10041	Eugene Waterbury	-SPLIT-	-107.20
07/31/2018	10042	Elizabeth Miller	-SPLIT-	-27.70
07/31/2018	10043	Heidi Bartha	-SPLIT-	-207.79
07/31/2018	10044	Roger Smith	-SPLIT-	-748.22
07/31/2018	10045	Heidi Bartha	215-962 · Miscellaneous Expense	-17.44
07/31/2018	10046	Addorio Technologies	257-962 · Miscellaneous Expense	-100.00
07/31/2018	10047	GBS	262-962 · Miscellaneous Expense	-223.84
07/31/2018	10048	Barry County Telephone	265-850 · Telephone	-292.10
07/31/2018	10049	Consumers Energy	265-920 · Utilities	0.00
07/31/2018	10050	The Reminder	247-962 · Miscellaneous Expense	-46.98
07/31/2018	10051	Barry County Road Commission	446-901 · Unpaved Roads Upkeep	-14,041.00
07/31/2018	10052	GDH & Sons LLC	276-805 · Sexton - Contracted	-1,368.16
07/31/2018	10053	GDH & Sons LLC	276-930 · Internments	-300.00
07/31/2018	10054	Lola Hedges	247-702 · Salaries & Wages	-75.00
07/31/2018	10055	Sally Sheldon	247-702 · Salaries & Wages	-75.00
07/31/2018	10056	PSI	262-962 · Miscellaneous Expense	-38.25
07/31/2018	10057	BS&A Software	-SPLIT-	-1,467.00
			Total	\$22,278.17

