

WALTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

August 8, 2023

Present: Supervisor Bob Starkweather, Treasurer Jeanine Nowak, Clerk Erin Cummings, Trustee Tom Harmon, Trustee Richard Heisler, Jeff Wills, John Collins, Patti and John Ostrowski, Dianne Barmes, Kathy Gardner, Rick and Barb Platzer, Charlie Sharp, Richard Boughner, Connie O'Neill, Gene and Colleen Gorton, Kaylene Shumaker, and Dale Barr, Nancy and John Holton, Stewart Conklin, Eric Libersher, Michelle and John Collins, Jerri Cartsinsu, Erika and Duston Twichell, Nathan Nighbert and Melissa Leckie

Absent:

Supervisor Starkweather called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Heisler moved to approve the August agenda. Seconded by Trustee Harmon MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Cummings presented the payables in written form, Clerk Cummings moved to transfer \$73,500.00, seconded by Trustee Heisler. MOTION CARRIED

Trustee Heisler moved to approve a budget adjustment for drains at large for 104,136.05, seconded by Trustee Harmon. MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer Nowak presented the Treasurer's report in written form. Trustee Heisler moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written and seconded by Trustee Harmon. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Eric Libersher- Annexation of 102.64' from the City of Olivet to Walton Township, parcel identification number 600-029-400-020-00, to allow for a pole building to be constructed. Clerk Cummings moved to support the annexation from the City of Olivet to Walton Township, seconded by Trustee Heisler. MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Harris Road Bridge Replacement- Trustee Heisler moved to approve \$49,000, Seconded by Trustee Harmon MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

- Clerk- Clerk Cummings provided the board with draft documents for the conditional use application. She will be submitting the application to the county by August 18th. Also, reminded the board we need to get 3 bids for snowplowing.
- Rural Fire- Camel Township officially asked to withdraw from the Rural Fire Association as of July 5th, it will take effect in 1 year. They will have a separate agreement with Charlotte Fire Department. Supervisor Starkweather asked if we should pursue an agreement as well, the board felt that was a good idea.
- Supervisor- Supervisor Starkweather, inquired on additional cleanup at the new property, Clerk Cummings stated she felt we should just hold off until we get a determination on the Conditional Use Permit.
- Sheriff-65 events

- Olivet Fire Chief-9 total calls for Walton in June. City hired a grant writer, would like to upgrade the oldest truck in the fleet. Trustee Heisler asked if there have been any meetings with Olivet College to help with costs? John stated he is working on that.
- County Commissioner-
- Road Commissioner Update-
- Assessing-

Public Comment:

- Residents voiced concerns as well as asking questions about the recently acquired property at 6966 S Stine Rd.
 - Kathy Gardner-encouraged everyone to attend the Oct 6, planning commission meeting where the conditional use permit will be discussed if submitted by August 18th.
 - Charles Sharp-Asked what the expense for the transfer station were in 2022. Does not understand why we would subsidize this program for residents.
 - Rick Platzer-Asked if the conditional use permit was submitted yet.
 - Barb Platzer- Does not understand why we did not investigate property values, smell, why did the board not put in more work investigating this before making these decisions.
 - Duston Twichell- This is not good for our community, concerned with leaking dumpsters it could threaten water supply. It's just a toxic facility. Voiced concerned that the sale was unethical as a board members wife was the realtor.
 - Melissa Leckie-voice concerns regarding further investigation on traffic patterns etc.
- Other Public Comments
 - Duston Twichell-Inquired on budget adjustments for 2022, the township is only allowed 2 per year. Also, mentioned a roll call vote should be happening for every financial decision being made.
 - Dale Barr-Would like to see a member of the community on the RFA. Reported blight concerns at 7240 Marshall Rd.
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MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:17 p.m. Trustee Heisler moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Harmon MOTION CARRIED