

WALTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

July 5, 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, Jim Mott, Dave Moody, Dianne Barmes, Kathy Gardner, Rick and Barb Platzer, Charlie Sharp, Tami Briskie, Richard Boughner, Connie O'Neill, Gene and Colleen Gorton, Kaylene Shumaker, and Melissa Leckie

Absent:

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

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

Clerk Cummings presented the payables in written form, Treasurer Nowak moved to recommend \$325,000 be transferred, to accept the payables/transfer and 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:

- Cemetery Lot Annual Increase-The board discussed and agreed to increase the lot cost by \$50.00 from \$150.00 to \$200.00 after August 1, 2023. Our cemetery lot costs are much lower than surrounding communities, we will annually revisit the fees. Supervisor Starkweather moved to approve; Seconded by Trustee Heisler MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Assessment for Dillon Drain-The board discussed options and agreed to the pre-pay option of \$304,136.05

Roll Call

Supervisor Starkweather	Yes
Treasurer Nowak	Yes
Trustee Heisler	Yes
Clerk Cummings	Yes
Trustee Harmon	Yes

Reports:

- Clerk- Clerk Cummings provided the board with a draft sketch of the property for the conditional use permit and asked for feedback from the Board.
- Rural Fire- Supervisor Starkweather is on the selection Committee for a new fire chief, they have narrowed it down from 5 to 2. Camel Township is officially asking to withdraw from the Rural Fire Association as of July 5th.
- Supervisor- Supervisor Starkweather provided the board with information on the City of Charlotte

and Rural Fire Association Grant Equipment Acquisition Agreement as well as the Intergovernmental Agreement for Emergency Services. Both will be added to the August Agenda.

- Sheriff-73 events
- Olivet Fire Chief-8 total calls for Walton in June.
- County Commissioner- Commissioner Mott asked if anyone had any questions for him as he did not have anything to add.
- Road Commissioner Update- Received information on the Harris Rd bridge will add it to agenda for August. Cochran Rd north of Bellevue Hwy will have trees cut this winter with road work in 2024.
- Assessing- Board of Review will be held July 18th at 6pm.

Public Comment:

- Residents voiced concerns as well as asking questions about the recently acquired property at 6966 S Stine Rd.
 - Kathy Gardner-concerned with transfer station relocation, and the contamination with the current transfer station location. Upset that there is a time limit on the meetings. Voiced concern over the increase of cemetery lots and why residents cannot be notified in advance. Upset about time limits set on township meetings.
 - Tami Briskie- would like to know what the cost of the transfer station cleanup at the current location would be.
 - Colleen Gorton-Would like to know why residents were not notified prior to purchasing the property, and how are traffic concerns going to be handled.
 - Connie O'Neill-Would like to know why the Township would still not be held liability for all the years of use at the Transfer Station.
 - Charles Sharp-Understands we do not own the property but we should still be held liable even if we relocate. Questioned about asbestos in buildings etc.
 - Kaylene Shumarker-Concerned about water contamination.
 - Diane Barmes- asked if the township has thought about maintenance costs for the new property-Treasurer Nowak explained that the property was purchased with Covid Relief Funds to help with the amount of space we are leaking at the hall for elections and the relocation of the transfer station to township owned property. Diane asked if the budget can be requested through a Freedom of Information request. Diane thanked the board for the support to have Miller Road regraveled.
 - Rick Platzer-concerned with the runoff from to his property.
 - Barb Platzer- Concerned with water contamination and property values.
 - Melissa Leckie-asked who the township uses as an attorney.
 - Richard Boughner-Would like to get residents together so everyone is marching in the same direction.
 - Jeff Wills-tried clarifying issues that were being raised by residents.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:18 p.m. Trustee Heisler moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Harmon MOTION CARRIED