
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Wall, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Steve Thomas, Treasurer
Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee
Marie Hauswirth, Trustee
Janet Matsura, Trustee
Mark Monohon, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Agenda included:

1. Opportunity For Trustees To Discuss Topics Of Concern
2. Public Comments Limited To Three (3) Minutes Per Speaker

Supervisor Wall opened the meeting by informing the Trustees that the Township has had several problems recently with Air B & B Rentals where the Police have been called to the property. needs to address our code violations throughout the Township. We may need additional Code Enforcement Officers. There have been several cases recently that went to our 51st District Court. Most of the citations have been reduced after the Judges make their decisions. Our ordinance allows too much time with providing too many warnings and notices, and then a citation is issued and then the Court gives them additional time and reduces the citation amount. There are too many unoperable vehicles sitting in people's driveways and we need to issue citations sooner and clean up the Township.

Trustee Monohon voiced his concern about government going after things like leaving your garbage can out for a longer period than the ordinance allows, or when condo owners have disagreements with their neighbors, they will call in a minor violation and then the Code Enforcement Officer writes a citation for something minor. He does not want to see government writing violations for minor items over neighbor disputes.

the Air B&B rentals with a possible ordinance amendment. Legal Firm, Rosati, Schultz, Joppich, and Amtsbuechler, PC contract needs to be renewed and the hourly rate will be increased \$5.00 per hour over the next three years. Trustee Bartolotta asked if we could put them on a monthly retainer amount, because he would like Joellen to attend all our meetings, and Supervisor Wall explained that this firm does not do monthly amounts. It is not necessary for an attorney to attend all the meetings, but should attend some if there are controversial issues being discussed.

Supervisor Wall mentioned there is property clearing occurring on Hatchery and Williams Lake Rd. for the new development. There was a resident that said they drove past it and just cried when they saw the clearing taking place.

Clerk Markee mentioned the Bob Slade property on Crescent Lake Rd, next to the Guitar store looks awful. The Chase Bank has been demolished along with the O'Reilly and Genisys buildings.

Clerk Markee mentioned she is currently working on getting enough workers for the August 2, 2022 Election, so pass the word around to your friends and neighbors. It seems like many people are on vacation and are unable to work. We mailed out around 9,000 ballots and there will be several thousand more mailed.

Trustee Hauswirth said she contacted the Treasurer's Office and asked for the Chase contact person to see about getting the DPW and all Departments capable to accept credit card payments. She had a resident call her, very upset that we do not offer credit card payments or online payments in most of the departments.

Supervisor Wall said there is a new Chase system starting in the next few months and when that is completed, Barb Miller will be working on making credit card payments and online payments available to our Township residents.

Trustee Monohon was elected to the TAP committee with SEMCOG and he provided a SEMCOG update. Supervisor Wall said he has been to some of the SEMCOG meetings with Sue and Karen a long time ago, and typically, most of the funds go to cities.

Trustee Monohon talked about the Hawk Crosswalk and he is working with Jim Runestad's office, SEMCOG, DNR, and MDOT to help with funding the crosswalk. Supervisor Wall said, 'maybe we should use some ARPA funds to make the crosswalk happen sooner than later.' He called the RCOC to see what was possible, and is looking into it. According to Trustee Monohon, SEMCOG would like professional estimates and Trustee Monohon asked DLZ to provide the estimate free of charge and DLZ is planning to comply.

Trustee Matsura said the cost of gas is concerning and the prices need to come down. Treasurer Thomas was concerned about panhandlers being out and causing safety issues for drivers. The panhandlers seem to be all over the Township. Supervisor Wall said it is difficult to enforce, because of freedom of speech, but if they are causing a safety issue, the Code Enforcers can issue tickets to them.

Trustee Bartolotta said that Code Enforcement needs to drive through the Trailer Park on the corner of M-59 and Elizabeth Lake Rd. He has concerns with code violations in this Trailer Park. In addition, is there anything we can do to get rid of the Donation Boxes that seem to draw junk piles all around them? Supervisor Wall thought we could possibly do something.

Treasurer Thomas said he would bring forward the Defined Contribution plan to our Board of Trustee's Meeting on July 11, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.