
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Barb Miller	Mary Craite
Robin McGregor	Alison Swanson

Supervisor Wall opened the meeting by asking what dates work well for everyone to meet in groups of three with Doug Smith of Plante Moran. The meetings will be on November 22 with three Trustees attending at a time. More discussion followed about the Community Center. The previous plans that were completed in 2018 included a 68,000-square-foot building. Trustees Bartolotta and Matsura do not like the location of the OCC property. Treasurer Thomas asked Alison Swanson, Parks and Recreation Director if she thought that the OCC location would bring additional revenue for memberships or rentals from the surrounding areas, and she thought that it would. The OCC location is close to Commerce Township, White Lake, and West Bloomfield. Trustee Monohan was concerned about how we analyze the other potential locations and how we explain to the residents why we chose one location over another. Clerk Markee mentioned that the Hawk also makes a substantial amount of money from having alcohol sales (we think about \$500,000). Some residents who stop in to play volleyball may want to meet up afterward and have a beer. At this time, the location has not been determined and all possible locations are still being reviewed. Supervisor Wall shared that a dental company was looking to purchase a building from OCC. He thought that the other property would most likely be developed for housing. Trustee Matsura is very concerned about the current water leaks that she saw at OCC when we toured it.

Supervisor Wall said that Superintendent Lindberg was clear that they plan to be out of the Senior business when the new Stepanski Center is complete because they want to concentrate on their core business of education. If we must provide the Senior Services that Leggett does, including Meals on Wheels, there would be eight full-time and six part-time people who may or may not move to the Township payroll. Trustee Matsura said we are not in the business of cooking these meals and would still want someone else to provide them like the school currently does. Supervisor Wall would like to obtain the grant information that Leggett has to understand if the Township would also qualify for these grants. Sometimes grants have specific requirements. Barb Miller, Assistant Budget Director, was concerned about the maintenance costs for Leggett. Portions of the Leggett building were built in 1956, the gym was added in 1966 and the Library was added in the mid 1990's. Trustees Hauswirth and Bartolotta suggested leasing the buildings for a small fee until we have a new community center

that could accommodate these programs. Alison Swanson would like to lease the schools' gyms if there is a contract in place that the schools cannot cancel.

Trustee Bartolotta suggested that we get on the school board agenda to let them know that we will need to work together and understand what their concerns are. We need to publicly convey that we are in this together and that both of us want what's best for the community. If neither of us agree with the transition it reflects unfavorably on both the School District and the Township.

Alison thinks the School District should make it clear with a statement, "that the School District has chosen to only provide services to Pre-K through 12 grade students. Supervisor Wall said we need to declare publicly that we will work with the School District to continue to provide similar services. Alison made it clear that her current employees cannot take on any more maintenance such as cleaning and snow removal because they have their hands full with the current Parks and Rec properties. Clerk Markee said the current Leggett employees may want to retire under the school district's pension plan. Supervisor Wall will find out what the school's pension plan is.

Superintendent Wall clarified what the contract included with Plante Moran for the \$62,000 quote. It is only for phase 1 of the project. Clerk Markee and Trustee Hauswirth thought that we needed to spend the money to get the necessary information regarding OCC because we have to show that we did our due diligence with this property if we decide to choose it or choose something else. Most of the remainder of the Trustees thought we should spend the funds to obtain the information. Also, it takes four months for Plante Moran to complete the study and Clerk Markee said if we are going to do the study, we need to hire them now, so we do not miss out on the necessary information to make an informed decision and be prepared for a potential ballot question in November.

Trustee Monohon updated the Trustees regarding the Hawk Signal at Williams and Hatchery Rd. Trustee Hauswirth mentioned that Matt Covey, Fire Chief was working on the details of all the issues that the nursing homes are causing our EMS units including doing their work when the nursing homes should be able to put a patient back into bed. There may be a way to charge the nursing homes a fee for these services and Matt was looking into it. Trustee Monohon mentioned that at the SEMCOG meeting, several members suggested joining forces to petition our State Legislators to allow some kind of tax relief such as a PILOT for properties that are tax-exempt in the Townships such as government buildings. EMS calls to assisted care facilities are another tax concern and some municipalities are attempting to use nuisance ordinances to recoup some of the costs in fairness to other taxpayers. Also, Trustee Monohon mentioned that some municipal fire departments are having issues with their new fire trucks and rescue vehicles and the EPA is investigating these concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.