
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Marie E. Hauswirth, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alison Swanson
Jeff Polkowski

Mark Simlar
Dave Hills

Justin Daymon

Supervisor Wall asked all the Trustees about having a Town Hall regarding the garbage problem on Wednesday, September 18, and all Trustees were in favor of it. Supervisor Wall will publish a flyer and communicate the meeting on social media to get the word out. Supervisor Wall explained that West Bloomfield is suing GFL for their \$1.5 million bond and each customer will get approximately \$15.00 to \$20.00 credit on their garbage bill.

Jeff Polkowski, Superintendent of Development Services, said that Bell Cement is located in the heaviest industrial zoning district that we have in the Township. It was zoned that way from at least 1960. Before 1960, it was agricultural. Dave Hills explained that 95% of the berms for noise reduction are built. They have been approved to continue building by giving the Township a \$97,000 performance bond because they want to reuse their concrete to make their driveway and parking lot. By October 15, there should be a big improvement in reducing the noise. They visited the site today around 2:00 and the noise was not bad. The wind was louder than the noise from the concrete crushing. Bell has on order \$22,000 in trees to be installed in October and Dave contacted the Landscaper to confirm this is true. Bell Cement is sorting and selling bulk construction products and there will be two days per week that they will be doing concrete crushing.

The delivery dump trucks' rear lid will bang when they have completed the unloading of the material, but this is not constant. The dust is being contained because they are constantly watering the area to keep the dust down. They have received an air quality permit from EGLE and EGLE has approved them to operate their business on this site. DPW does not have a problem with them operating here.

Trustee Bartolotta said that Bells has been taking in all of the old torn-out asphalt from Mott High School's parking lot. People complain about the airport noise, but they still live there. The people living in the homes near the Bell Development site should have known when they moved in or before they purchased their homes that their homes were next door to the heaviest-zoned industrial site in the Township.

Waterford Development Services, Building Department shut the facility down because Bell was operating without approval. Going forward, it seems like Bell is doing everything the Township has asked them to do because they do not want to get shut down again. Bell's had to meet some requirements before they were approved to re-open. They came back two times to the Planning Commission before they were approved.

During a Planning Commission meeting, eleven people were in favor of the Lake Sylvan approved Airbnb. There were three people who showed up to speak against it. The applicant was using this home as an Airbnb prior to the ordinance on short-term rentals passing. Pictures were passed around that showed the Trustees the Airbnb property, and the property looked like it was very well maintained.

Mark Simlar, HR Director, said that Catholic Services has decided not to take on the Encore Program at the Sr. Center, and it may cost about \$50,000 to insure this program. We have to start working on bringing the Sr. Center employees into the Township wage rates according to the Union. The Township Attorneys are not in support of bringing on the Encore Program. Clerk Markee said she thinks this program needs to stay in our Township because the population is getting older, and we need this service in our Township. Just because we haven't done this before does not mean that we can't do it.

Trustee Monohon asked if there might be another non-profit organization that would take on these programs or that we could contract with to provide some of these services such as the Encore Program and Meals on Wheels such as Lighthouse. We would still provide the services using a contract house to do it.

Alison Swanson, Director of Parks and Rec, said that we need to have informational meetings for the OCC Bond Proposal, and September 24 and October 7, 2024, were selected to be the dates and that the communication would go out.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.