

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 9, 2021

The September 9, 2021, meeting was called to by Supervisor Hass at 6:30 pm. Roll Call was taken. Present: Brunner, Bundle, Glaze, Hass. Absent: Gillam.

Pledge of Allegiance by all.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dominique De Cruz, Rick Williams, Kwesi Huffman of Hospital Farms & Co. – Interested in minority inclusion regarding cannabis crop. Will return for October board meeting with business plan.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Heritage Southwest IDS formerly Lewis Cass IDS sent letter to update our records on name change.

Mechanicsburg 4-Club has requested to resume monthly meetings at the township hall every 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Key Leader Jenna Rickett stated the members would be interested in leading the pledge at board meetings again.

MEC letter of rate increase.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 8, 2021, minutes – Motion by Brunner, seconded by Glaze. Approved.

August 12, 2021, minutes – Not available.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Glaze provided accounts/transactions report which is on record. Motion by Brunner, seconded by Bundle. Approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Brunner reviewed report, which is on record. Motion by Hass, seconded by Glaze. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Internet project update – County will approve partnership at September meeting. \$62,500 with County and township funds combined.

NEW BUSINESS:

Building Renovation – Discussion about possible/necessary updating to the building, specifically the hall. Bundle will list items for next meeting.

Hiring Custodian – Board agreed to hire Jerrell Roberston. Initially agreed that the building will be cleaned once a month and possibly before, after and between rentals as necessary. Possible to use Mr. Robertson for other maintenance needs.

Security Camera – Bundle will contact Haas Security Systems to obtain quote for security cameras (entry, hall, bay areas) and monitoring screen in the office.

Outside key box for hall rental – Discussion about usage of key box with rotating codes for the rental party to use to obtain key. Board will research pricing and installation.

Review of ordinance regarding marijuana growth – Board will address at October meeting.

INSPECTORS REPORTS

Zoning Solutions LLC: Zoning Administrator Jason Pompey provided open cases documents and gave update. Continued discussion about direction of blight control. Pompey will write citations but will not move forward with non-compliant court filings without Board being informed.

Building: Wayne Hardin submits individual permits as received. Provides quarterly report.

Mechanical/Plumbing: Bill Spomberg submits permits each month. August report submitted to Board.

Electrical: Ron Bellaire submits permits each month. August report submitted to Board.

EMERGENCY SERVICES, UTILITIES:

Cass Ambulance- Hass reported on ambulance barn and new Pride Care manager.

Cass Fire- Hass reported on gator equipment for fires off road.

Edwardsburg Fire- Eltzroth reported meeting to be held end of September.

CAUA- Hass reported on water tower painting project.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:

Gillam absent. No report from July meeting available.

Next regular meeting is September 15th at 7:30 pm.

Public hearings - none scheduled.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

No business to report.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Clerk Brunner – Brunner will continue as clerk. Bundle moved to rescind her previous resignation submission and accept her decision to continue. Glaze seconded. Approved.

Truth in Taxation Meeting – Assessor Northrup called meeting on September 27th at 6:30 PM at the township. Board members required to attend.

With no other business before the Board, Bundle moved to close the meeting, seconded by Brunner 7:15 pm. Hass adjourned the meeting.