

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

The July 8, 2021, meeting was called to by Supervisor Hass at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call was taken.  
Present: Brunner, Bundle, Gillam, Glaze, Hass.

Pledge of Allegiance by all.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Nick Mitchell - New resident east end of Davis Lake Road. Interested in MEC broadband service to his residence. Asked if township would apply for the American Rescue Act and if fund awards could be used for expansion on Davis Lake Road.

Mike Grice - 6<sup>th</sup> District Commissioner - County is working to with grants and other resources to help MEC broadband expansion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Poverty Exemption information/application/affirmation received by County Treasurer's office. Required to be posted on Township website. Was done by Bundle and communicated to County of completion.

Brunner received email from County Prosecutor Fitz's office requesting the monthly Trustee's meeting agenda. Will email as requested.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**June 10 meeting** - Correction of Moriah Holloway listed as Deputy Clerk not Deputy Treasurer. Motion by Glaze, seconded by Gillam. Approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Glaze provided accounts/transactions report which is on record. Continued support to move away from Old National to Fifth Third Bank after tax season. Motion by Brunner, seconded by Hass. Approved.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Kirkdorfer Pavilion Sign**- Bundle provided material sample and cost \$228, no installation. Motion by Gillam, seconded by Hass. Approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Diamond Lake Association** - Ted Ferris, Mr. Gardner, Diamond Lake residents concerning goose control on Diamond Lake. Wanted township to approve nest destruction to control population. Board unanimously voted against the request.

Joel Spybrook - an owner of Camp Wildwood. Phillips Street, Edwardsburg, private street. Needs brush hogging to clear tree line. Hass spoke to Joe Belina at the county road commission. They will bill us for the service, and the township will bill the camp owners. Camp needs to contact road commission to assess need and obtain pricing.

## **INSPECTORS REPORTS**

**Zoning Solutions LLC:** Zoning Administrator Jason Pompey provided open cases documents and gave update. Hospital Street (Backus) update. Moving forward to hearing with Planning and Zoning to review site plan. Multi-jurisdictional solar energy plant that will include Jefferson, process just beginning. Blight cases are in process. Pompey asked for clarification. Hass stated the Board is in consensus that he tickets blight properties but that he notifies the Board before court action. Pompey explained there are rules and regulations addressing selective enforcement and that the court understands that townships have limited budgets to deal with buildings determined to required demolition. Properties that are out of compliance are known. Board will plan to budget for such situations. Pompey will work with the township in timing to address situations. Pompey left copy of new contract for services.

Rezoning form needed by Zoning Solutions. A Lagrange township form was provided to use as an example if needed. Hass stated he recalls we have this form. Bundle will review existing hard copies, found nothing on her One Drive.

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

**Mechanical/Plumbing:** Bill Spomberg submits permits each month though nothing received for July.

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

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES, UTILITIES:**

Cass Ambulance- Supervisor Hass reported.

Cass Fire- Supervisor Hass reported.

Edwardsburg Fire-Deputy Supervisor Eltzroth reported.

CAUA- Supervisor Hass reported. Possible rate increase and painting water tower.

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:**

Status of ordinance review- Gillam reported. Ordinance book revision is complete. Will move on to LANDPLAN for production of final book.

Report by Hass. Residents want to use a hard pool cover instead of building a fence. Michigan regulation allows for the hard covers, but the township ordinance does not because there weren't such covers when zoning was done. Hass stated that the resident will present to Planning and Zoning to submit that the ordinance be amended to allow the hard cover.

Next regular meeting is July 21 at 7:30 pm.

Public hearings - none scheduled.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**

No business to report.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

FOIA request - Grants monies that were offered through Facebook to support election costs, we did not apply. Asked for extension and provided estimate for cost. Have no response back.

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