

Watson Township Board Meeting
1895 118th Ave. Allegan, MI 49010
July 11, 2024

Call to Order: 7:03 P.M.

Present:

Kevin Travis, Tera Davis, Michelle Harris, and Kelli Morris.

Absent:

John Caras

Agenda:

Trustee Harris made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Treasurer Davis supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes:

Trustee Harris made a motion to approve the minutes from June 6, 2024; Treasurer Davis supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Davis gave the Treasurer's report of account balances. Clerk Morris made a motion to approve the report as given, Trustee Harris supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills:

Treasurer Davis made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$32,662.80, Trustee Harris supported, all in favor, motion carried.

1st Quarter Budget Report:

Supervisor Travis gave a report on the first quarter budget; Clerk Morris made a motion to approve the report, Treasurer Davis supported, all in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Open- 7:08 P.M.

Judge Michael Buck:

Honorable Judge Michael Buck gave the board a bit of history on his tenure at Allegan County Court and when he first began his career on the east side of the state in the thumb area. He highlighted that he likes to balance the difficulties of his court by "celebrating" the positive moments as much as possible. He introduced and let the board know that he endorses candidate Jolene Clearwater, who is running un-opposed for Circuit Court Judge.

Candidate Jolene Clearwater:

Candidate Jolene Clearwater, who is running for Circuit Court, gave the board some information on her background. She included some things she currently does, including supervision of the county's probation officers. She explains that she is committed to family law and family matters. She also supports Alice Bernal.

Candidate Alice Bernal:

Candidate Alice Bernal gave the board information on her background, including crediting her Day Care profession to her dedication to families and family law. She is also certified in mediation.

Closed: 7:28 P.M.

REPORTS:

A. County Commissioner Report:

County Commissioner Gale Dugan gave a report on the month's commissioner meetings. Full minutes from the meetings can be found on the Allegan County government webpage.

B. Planning Commission:

The planning commission had the first meeting with the planning commission to begin looking at the zoning ordinance in relation to the masterplan.

C. Libraries:

Reports were emailed.

D. Sexton:

Sexton Cory Irish reported he has poured two foundations and sold one plot. He added that things have been quite busy.

E. Code Enforcement:

Ordinance Code Enforcement Officer Jim Davis reported on current open, closed, new and pending cases.

F. WAEMS:

Supervisor Travis gave a report including a recall by Ford Company, which will affect the ambulances. They also addressed staffing issues.

G. Martin Fire Department:

Firefighter Brian DeMann attended the meeting and gave the board a report.

Old Business:

A. Parks Mowing and Maintenance:

The board discussed the mowing and maintenance of the overgrown park. The township's current lawncare provider will be contacted for a quote for mowing the township park.

B. ARPA Funds:

Supervisor Travis goes over the requirements of ARPA funds and the timeline the board has to act on spending or allocating the funds.

C. Audit:

Supervisor Travis explains that our current accounting firm is being bought out. However, he is comfortable staying with the company if the personnel are going to remain the same.

New Business:

D. ORV Resolution:

Supervisor Travis presented and proposed Resolution #07112024-1 to allow ORV operation on County Primary roads within the township, in addition to the current allowable roads; Treasurer Davis supported- roll call vote: Morris-no, Davis-yes, Harris-no, Travis-yes. Resolution denied.

Adjourn:

Trustee Harris made a motion to adjourn, Treasurer Davis supported, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjourn:

8:02PM

Kelli Morris