

DALLAS TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting
February 8, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.

Members Feldpausch, Vern Marvel, Elizabeth
Present: Koenigsknecht, Therese Schafer, Ann

Members
Absent: Schafer, Stephanie

Guests: Halfmann, Katie & Hufnagel, Cindy

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Feldpausch at 2:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: Listed above.

Additions or Correction to Agenda/Approval of Agenda: ***A motion was made by E. Marvel, supported by A. Schafer, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.***

Minutes of Meeting – January 11th: ***A motion was made by A. Schafer, supported by E. Marvel, to approve the minutes from the January 11th monthly board meeting. Motion carried.***

Approval of Bills: ***A motion was made by E. Marvel, supported by A. Schafer to approve the payment of the amended bills as follows: General Fund \$1048.95 and Fire Fund \$675.03. Motion carried.***

REPORTS:

Fire Dept: V. Feldpausch stated 2 firefighters have enrolled in FF #1 & #2; new truck vendor, Pierce Corp, are behind due to employees with COVID; truck pre-construction meeting going to take place; and yearly breakfast fundraiser is being cancelled.

Clerk: Received a FOIA request from Open the Books, submitted all receipts, paperwork to CTCL Grants Team and \$5000 grant report was approved; planning on more training of deputy and meeting with Patti Schafer in February; and asked for permission to purchase a new vacuum for the Twp Hall. ***A motion was made by E. Marvel, supported by V. Feldpausch to approve the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner for the township hall, not to exceed \$200. Motion carried***

Treasurer: A. Schafer introduced her new deputy, Katie (Pohl) Halfmann, stated she is working on collecting taxes and has collected \$1,340,709.71 (86%) has been collected as of 2/5/2021 and \$219,190.98 is still due; of the taxes.

Supervisor: V. Feldpausch has been working with Assessor P. Lidgard; Pre-BOR meeting is 3/2/21 @ 11:00 am; BOR dates and times are: Monday, March 8, 2021 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Tuesday, March 9, 2021 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; attending CAASA and reviewed taxpayer's per capita amount. Lynn Weber from CAASA will attend the March meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Wind Turbines: Received a phone call from a resident of Bloomer Township in Montcalm County. Asking for information regarding wind turbine zoning ordinance that we have in place.

2. Old Fire Hall for High School Athletics: T. Koenigsknecht contacted Jonathan Johnson, account manager from Burnham and Flower Group, who stated there are several steps that need to be looked into such as Dallas Twp requesting Fowler Public Schools, (FPS), to add Dallas Twp. as an additional insured; a written lease/contract agreement drawn up, which spells out what FPS can use. Mr. Johnson also strongly recommended that the Twp. attorney review the lease/contract agreement. He mentioned that with COVID, there may also be some other implications. ***A motion was made by E. Marvel, supported by A. Schafer to allow the Fowler Public School Athletic Department to use the south side of the Township Hall, located at 225 South Main Street. Misuse will void the lease agreement. Motion carried***

NEW BUSINESS:

1. County Commissioners Report: Commissioner Pohl emailed the following report:

- District Health Department (MMDHD) (<https://www.mmdhd.org/>) website. A short video by Director Cheatham providing recent information and sites for vaccination signup and when more vaccine becomes available. Other locations for the vaccination are Hospitals, Pharmacies, local doctor's offices

as the vaccine becomes available. There are some clinics being conducted to address some especially vulnerable groups.

- The County Parks & Greenspace recommended the Board of Commissioners reapply for the Natural Resource Trust Fund grant to acquire the Pratt Road property for a Park.
- Capital Improvement Projects were approved such as plumbing updates, kitchen equipment replacements, and sewer repairs at the 32-year-old county jail; building the generator needs at the Health Department; replacing the transformers at the Courthouse due to modifications to meet current codes.
- New County Prosecutor is adopting a number of changes including technology updates. The results should provide more efficient information exchange between the Sheriff, Courts, Clerk, 911, LEIN data access and others that may have info needs. The other benefit is document storage and backup.
- Equalization Department is contracting out the commercial/industrial and the agricultural appraisal studies.
- The Board reorganization took place January 5th with the officers re-elected for another year. Kam Washburn, Chair and Bruce DeLong, Vice-Chair. Most other committee assignments remain the same.
- Clinton Transit provided a report and requested approval for their "21" budget. They are planning to expand services to include Saturday and Sunday this spring. They look to expand Tri-County Regional connectivity for job purposes and meet health and human service needs.

2. Zoning Administrator Report: Board members received a 2021 Dallas Wireless Communication Tower App information and briefly discussed.

3. Resolution 2021-#3 to Allow Residents to Protest in Writing to the Board of Review (BOR): V. Feldpausch has been in contact with Assessor Peggy Lidgard, regarding allowing residents to protest in writing to the BOR. **A motion was made by E. Marvel, supported by A. Schafer to approve the payment of the following bills. Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk: Ayes: A. Schafer; V. Feldpausch; T. Koenigsknecht and E. Marvel. Motion carried**

4. Clinton County Catalyst (CCC) 3-Year Contract (formally Clinton County Economic Alliance): There was extensive discussion and since the Village of Fowler contributes to CCC, and there are no commercial properties in Dallas Twp, and support for ambulance coverage has increased, it was decided to not enter into a 3-year agreement with Clinton County Catalyst. **A motion was made by E. Marvel, supported by V. Feldpausch, to deny the agreement with Clinton County Catalyst for the next 3 years. Motion carried**

5. Budget Talks for 2021-2022: Supv. Feldpausch requested that board members bring their thoughts and budget numbers for the Pre-Budget meeting on March 8, 2021 @ 2:00 pm.

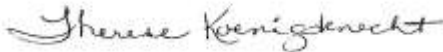
Public Comments:

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

There being no further business, a motion was made by T. Koenigsknecht, supported by E. Marvel, to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Therese Koenigsknecht, Dallas Township Clerk

Upcoming Events:

- February 18th, C.A.A.S.A. Board Meeting**
- March 2nd, Dallas Twp. Pre-Board of Review Meeting 11:00 am**
- March 8th, Dallas Twp Pre-Budget Hearing & Board Meeting 2:00 pm**
- March 31st, Dallas Twp Budget Review and Hearing 2:00 pm**