

WARREN TOWNSHIP – PUBLIC MEETING  
ZOOM MEETING  
January 18, 2021

Board Members Present: Lisa Warner, Jerry Barber, Linda Anthony, Denny Allen and Dawn Clark.

Absent: Dawn VanBlarcom & Katie Huber.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Present: a roll call introduction was not done, but I believe these residents were in attendance: Lee Harsh, Matt Dillon and Lauren Partlo.

Denny Allen, Supervisor – called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

12/20/2021 meeting Minutes regular meeting minutes were emailed and presented on the screen for review during the Zoom meeting. Dawn Clark made a motion to accept as presented. Lisa Warner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report for month ending 12/31/2020 was emailed prior to the meeting and presented on the screen for review during the Zoom meeting. Both reports will be filed for audit.

**Old Business:**

None at this time.

**New Business:**

Discussion was held regarding appointing and paying a zoning administrator. Denny Allen has reviewed the wages paid by various townships and found that the range was anywhere from \$240.00 to \$3000.00, all depending on the size of the townships. Denny Allen made a motion to appoint Clay DeJongh as Warren Township zoning administrator, effective 02/01/2021 at a rate of \$240.00 per month. Roll call vote: Linda Anthony – yes; Jerry Barber – yes; Dawn Clark – yes; Lisa Warner – yes and Denny Allen – yes. Motion carried.

Denny Allen made a motion to appoint members to the zoning board of appeals: Jerry Barber, Trustee of Warren Township; Lee Harsh, Planning Commission member and on member of the general public – that member is to be determined. Denny Allen included in the motion a rate of pay at \$70.00 per needed variance occurrence. Roll call vote: Denny Allen – yes; Linda Anthony – yes; Jerry Barber – yes; Lisa Warner – yes and Dawn Clark – yes. Motion carried.

Denny Allen stated that we needed one additional member on the board to join the Coleman Area Fire Board. Denny Allen asked for any volunteers. Dawn Clark said she would be interested. Denny Allen made a motion to add Dawn Clark to the Coleman Area Fire Board. Linda Anthony 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all were in favor. Motion carried.

Denny Allen and Linda Anthony sent over the Midland County Road Commission bids for the road work that the township and county feel need to be reviewed. Bids received:

\*Margruder Road from Baker to Shearer - total reconstruction \$249051.39

- \*N County Line from Curtis to Mid/Gladwin County Line - drainage & gravel \$143251.46. Possible 4 way split – MCRC, ICRC, Wise & Warren
- \*Shearer Road from Coleman to County Line - drainage \$31085.25
- \*Geneva Road from Curtis to County Line - drainage \$36425.62
- \*Geneva Road from Curtis to County Line - gravel \$45794.01
- \*Lewis Road from Burns to Pere Marquette - overlay \$190790.20
- \*Chip / Fogseal estimated:
  - Lewis Road from Pere Marquette to Burns \$39710.00
  - Fike Road from Coleman to Lewis \$31526.43
  - Shearer Road from Coleman to Lewis \$29857.14

Construction Program Cost Estimate for the Midland County Road Commission states that we presently have \$52421.91 in 2021 MCRC matching, \$52421.91 township match and \$61158.90 in 2021 MCRC non-matching.

Denny Allen made a motion to move forward on the Shearer road drainage \$31085.25, the 3 chip/fogseals totaling \$101093.57 and a pending approval on the County Line Road estimate, waiting on the results of Wise Township meeting to split 4 ways. Linda Anthony 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all were in favor. Motion carried,

Linda Anthony presented what she located on the Michigan Township Association's website for wage comparisons on township positions. Linda Anthony asked Dawn Clark about the SET tax collection rate and discuss setting that to what her and the Midland County Treasurer discuss. Any variations to salaries need to be discussed at the February meeting, suggested alterations documented at the February meeting and a motion into place at the March budget hearing. This allows the board and public ample time to review. Linda Anthony also shared that our present rate of per diem is \$35.00 per occurrence and mileage is reimbursed at a rate of \$.505 per mile.

**Public:**

Loren Partlo – 4545 N. Geneva Road, Coleman. Loren Partlo is asking for the board's consideration in allowing residents the opportunity for recreational growing in the newly updated ordinances. Lauren Partlo reported what Wise Township is pulling in on permit fees and feels that this would be a great revenue. Encouraged board members to reach out to Doris Methner if you have any additional questions on Wise Township.

Linda Anthony asked about Heather Finney and Dawn Clark reported that she has decided that if she proceeds, she will grow hemp.

Dawn Clark would like the board to look into the possibility of recreational growing within the township. Let's see how the residents feel. Denny Allen stated that we will move forward with looking into.

**Board Reports:**

Library Board: Zoom meeting was held 12/15/2020. Discussions were held on how the pandemic is has kept the library services challenging, but all is going well. We will continue with Zoom meetings until the Governor states otherwise. Next meeting will be 01/19/2021 at 7:00 PM.

Fire Board: Jerry Barber reported for the month of November that there were 8 medical runs, 2 good intent, 1 structure, 2 grass and 7 wires down. For the month of December there was 11 medical, 6 good intent, 2 assists and 3 wires down. Meetings are held every

other month. Lisa Warner asked how many runs total for 2020. Jerry Barber will get that number for the board. Next meeting will be \_\_\_\_\_ at 7:00 PM.

Zoning/Planning Board: Denny Allen reported that no meeting was held in January. Denny Allen welcomed Lisa Warner as secretary. Next meeting is 02/03/2021 at 6:30 PM.

Township Code Authority: No meeting held. Next meeting will be held 01/28/2021.

**Misc. Items:**

Dawn Clark made a motion to pay the January 2021 bills. Lisa Warner 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Denny Allen made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 PM.

Linda S. Anthony  
Warren Township Clerk