

Mason Township Board Meeting

Regular Meeting

November 10th, 2020

Supervisor Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and the pledge of allegiance was given

Roll Call: Trustee Allen, Trustee Arnold, Treasure Chew, Supervisor Brandt and Clerk Dull. All present.

Public Comments: Mitchell Musburger who works/schooling from home online is hoping to change the internet service. He has created a petition and is hoping for the board to sign it. John Brandt is going to look over the petition.

Kristian Levan was present for public comments. She is still having problems with her neighbors, McDonalds. Her fence is continually being broke/damaged. She fears that there is drug dealing going on and occurring during the night hours. Trash is being piled up along their fence and on their property. Because of the neighbor's actions, she fears for her children's health and safety. She also believes that there are people living in the family's home that are known for trouble. John Brandt advised her to contact police and to get a survey done to prove that they are trespassing and disposing trash on their property.

Approve Agenda: Trustee Arnold made motion to approve the agenda, Trustee Allen second. Motion carried

Approval of consent agenda: Trustee Arnold made motion, Trustee Chew second to approve the consent agenda of last month's minutes. Motion carried.

Financial obligations and the Treasure's report. Trustee Allen made motion, Trustee Arnold second. Roll call vote- Chew-yes, Dull- yes, Brandt- yes, Arnold-yes and Allen-yes. Motion carried

Reports:

Cass County Sheriffs-

Cass County Commission- Roseanna Marchetti and Skip Dyes were present. Marchetti informed the board that at the last BOC meeting, the Commissioners accepted over \$800,000.00 in grants to the family and drug courts. This is through the efforts of Chief Judge Sue Dobrich who recently was awarded a lifetime achievement award sponsored by the Michigan Supreme Court and MDHHS. The Daniel J Wright Lifetime Achievement Award is an award for exceptional service and children. Judge Dobrich will receive the award on Nov.24, 2020 at the statewide adoption day festivities. Here is Cass County this year the annual adoption day will be held virtually as well as the presentation of the award. The Commissioners also approved all our past remote meetings, and three new workstations for Central Dispatch. They will be adding to the Rules of Procedure, remote meetings to the end of the year as well as the provision for remote meetings from Jan 1st 2021 to Dec.31st 2021. Two seats that were up for election on the Board of Commissioners were filled: Ryan Laylin of Silver Creek District 1 and Jeremiah Jones of Dowagiac for District 7. There are plans for Michigan Works to have an office in the County Building opening on January 4th, 2021. The office will be staffed by two job counselors, and a veteran's job counselor will be available on a weekly basis.

Zoning Administrator- Leroy Krempec was present. He informed the board that the wedding barn is ready for business and all permits have been finalized. Development in Mason Twp is on the rise. Kenny Strickland is trying to evict renters due to non-payment of taxes, it is going to court.

Planning Commission- Meeting moved to December 15th 2020 at 6:30pm

SEPSA- No report

Building Department- No report

Unfinished/ongoing Business:

1. Quote for Mulch: Deb Cloud said that they aren't happy with rubber mulch because when looking into the safety, is it child certified. They recommend staying with the same mulch they have been using because it is safety certified.

New Business:

1. Oath. All members took the oath of office and signed it. Trustee Charlie Arnold, David Allen, Treasure Arlene Chew, Clerk Janet Dull, and Supervisor John Brandt.
2. Light Post on 205; Geico approved the estimate quote and will be sending a check to cover cost. Mason Twp will need to write check to Severance Electric to start working. Approval to pay Severance Electric. Motioned made by Chew, second by Arnold. Roll call Chew-yes, Dull-yes, Brandt-yes, Arnold-yes, and Allen-yes. Motion Carried.
3. Cass County Interlocal Agreement for County Designated Assessor- tabled
4. Gutters for building. Motion made to purchase gutters made by Clerk Dull, second by Trustee Allen. Roll call: Chew-yes, Dull-yes, Brandt-yes, Arnold-yes, Allen-yes. Motion carried.

Comments:

Correspondence: none

Upcoming Dates: November 26th, 2020 Township closed

Board Meeting December 8th, 2020 at 7:00pm

Planning Commission December 15th, 2020 at 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn: was made by Trustee Arnold, second by Trustee Allen at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsa Greathouse, Township Deputy Clerk

