

MASON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

April 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with Supervisor Brandt leading in the pledge of allegiance. Roll was taken with all members present.

Supervisor Brandt welcomed the public and asked for comment. Mark O'Reilly, Kinexus Group, an economic development company. His partner, Zach reviewed the company's focus as a nonprofit company connecting people, investments and organizations. Also, there are PPP loans available until May 31, 2021.

Mr. Gibbs requested Five Points Road South get street markings this year, and old business signs be taken down.

Trustee Arnold made the motion to approve tonight's agenda, seconded by Treasurer Chew. Motion carried.

Trustee Allen made the motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Arnold. Roll call vote – Arnold – yes, Allen-yes, Chew-yes, Dull-yes, and Brandt-yes.

REPORTS:

Commissioner Dyes reported the Hazardous waste day is May 15, 2021, 9am-noon, at the Cass County Road Commission Bldg. The work on the Old Courthouse will begin soon. Commissioner Marchetti reported August 1-7, Cass County Fair, August 13-15 US 12 garage sale. The bid for rebuilding Mason Street will go out in May.

Zoning Administrator Krempec reported the Johnson Bldg. at Five Points might need to be rezoned – commercial to industrial. He has two properties to inspect with a deputy sheriff. The house on Sansford Landing is R-1 not commercial for an air&b.

SEPSA – 12 EMS runs.

Planning Commission chair Deb Cloud reported a public hearing on Apr. 20, 6:30 then the PC meeting. Building Dept. – Bldg permits 2, Electrical permits – 6, mechanical permits -5, plumbing permits -2.

Sheriff Behnke stopped by and gave this report. Mason Township has had a 30% increase in stolen autos or trailers in the past year. Most trailers are found. Domestic mental health increased 23%. There is a need for more deputies, dispatchers, marine division officers for the summer. See the sheriff website.

Unfinished business:

1. Trustee Allen made the motion to approve the quote from Action Services for 30 yards of playground mulch -\$600. And the haul & spreading of the mulch -\$500. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Roll call vote – Chew-yes, Arnold-yes, Allen-yes, Dull-yes, and Brandt-yes. Motion carried.
2. Supervisor Brandt updated the board on the installation of the light pole at Five Points. This project should be done. The bill has not been received.
3. Roads- We have not heard from Cass County Road.
4. Update from Mr. Krempec on the short- term rental homes. The State law is the short- term rental homes are commercial and should be in commercial zones.

New Business:

1. Clerk Dull made the motion to delete Article 15, Renters Ordinance, from the Zoning Book. Whereas, The Article was adopted on April 8, 2014 but due to reason the township did not have 7,500 residents, the Article needed to be deleted. Whereas, it was overlooked at the time and we became aware of the mistake now. Seconded by Treasurer Chew. Roll call vote – Arnold-yes, Allen-yes, Chew-yes, Dull-yes, and Brandt-yes. Motion carried.
2. Trustee Allen made the motion to donate \$1,500 to the Domestic & Sexual Abuse Services for 2021. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Roll call vote – Chew-yes, Arnold-yes, Allen-yes, Dull-yes, and Brandt-yes. Motion carried.
3. The request by SEPSA for a communication tower at M205 on township property was tabled. The board had many questions.

Correspondence: none

Dates: Planning commission – April 20, 6:30pm Public Hearing – 6:30pm

Special election – May 4, 7am-8pm, for Edwardsburg School

Annual Township Clean up Day – May 8, 8am – noon

Township Board – May 11, 7 pm

Adjourn: 8:40pm Motion made by Trustee Allen, seconded by Trustee Arnold. Motion carried.