

MARCH 2020 MINUTES MCLEANSBORO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

The March 10th, 2020 Township board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Clydus Gray. The meeting was held at the McLeansboro Township building.

There were no public comments.

Attending the meeting as observers were High School seniors Trevor Gray and Olivia Ragan.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes from the February meeting were read by the Clerk. As there were no corrections to be made, a motion to approve the minutes, as written, was made by Becky Cross and seconded by Kyle Ingram. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Subsequent to the initial Disaster Mitigation meeting, Supervisor Gray (along with Road Commissioner Bob Drake) submitted a list of proposed mitigation items for review. While some of the issues were approved, there were several that were rejected. The rejected items included railroad crossing safety improvements, Dust control and heating and cooling windows for the Township building. Items approved included designating the Township building as a heating and cooling center along with generators to ensure the continued use of the building as such a center and finally, additional improvements to the golf course road. The next scheduled Disaster Mitigation meeting will be April 24th.

New Business

- Both Clydus and Eva Lynn Gray attended a two-day General Assistance training seminar on March 5th and 6th, 2020. The meeting included discussions of pending legislative issues, changes in rates of payments for both individuals and families as well as other items of importance.
- The proposed agenda for the April 14th annual Town Meeting was presented to the Board for review. Motion by Kyle Ingram and seconded by Becky Cross to approve that agenda. Motion carried.

- One of the three cemetery board members, Drexel Mead, is currently ill and unable to attend board meetings. A request was received from that board to appoint a temporary replacement until such time as Drexel can return. Motion of allow the appointment of that replacement, at full pay, was made by Kyle Ingram and seconded by Dennis Johnson. Motion carried.
- As per a letter received from the County Tax Assessor, Clint Hopfinger, Cypress Lane Cottages, LLC, should have received a tax abatement for improvements made in 2017 and 2018. However, those abatements were not provided. As a result, the total abatement due that entity is \$770.00. The Township's portion of that amount is \$127.42. Motion to pay the amount due was made by Becky Cross and seconded by Jamie Ellis. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

For informational purposes, Supervisor Gray pointed out a letter from City Attorney David Garavalia indicating the city's intention to annex property commonly known as 901 South Jackson Street. A public hearing regarding the proposed annexation will be held on March 19th, 2020.

Road Commissioner Bob Drake indicated he will be meeting with several Senators and/or Representatives on March 13th to discuss the distribution of Motor Fuel Tax funds. The purpose of that meeting is to help ensure a fair and equitable distribution of those funds.

Monthly Claims

- Road and Bridge Fund, Building and Equipment Fund, Permanent Road Fund and Joint Bridge Fund claims were provided for review. Motion by Dennis Johnson and seconded by Jamie Ellis to pay those bills. Motion carried.
- Town Fund and Social Security Fund claims were also presented to the Board. Motion by Becky Cross and seconded by Kyle Ingram to pay those bills. Motion carried.

There being no further business to conduct, motion to adjourn was made by Jamie Ellis and seconded by Dennis Johnson. Motion Carried.

Richard Woods
Town Clerk