

MARCH 2022 MINUTES  
MCLEANSBORO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

The March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 McLeansboro Township board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Clydus Gray. The meeting was held at the local Township building.

**Public Comments:** Brent Wilkerson was present at the meeting and had contacted the Township Clerk requesting time be made available for him to address the Board. His concerns relates to a sign that is on the Township right-of-way adjacent to property he currently owns. There are three signs at that general location, two of which are on Mr Wilkerson's property. One of the two signs represent the Bunge Corporation which has agreed to pay Mr. Wilkerson a fee to have their sign remain on his property. The second sign is a directional sign for Hopewell church which Mr. Wilkerson is not charging any rental fee. The third sign is for Farm Services (FS) which did not agree to the payment of any fee and subsequently requested permission to place their sign on the Township right-of-way. That permission was given by Road Commissioner Bob Drake and the sign was moved.

Mr. Wilkerson is objecting to the placement of the FS sign on the right-of-way citing potential unsafe conditions such as the blockage of oncoming traffic and its location near a potential water hazard. He is asking that the Board remove the sign from the right-of-way.

Mr. Wilkerson was informed by Supervisor Gray the matter would be addressed by the Board under New Business and he would be advised of their decision.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes from the February 2022 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 Dennis Johnson. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- **Cemetery Board Appointment:** Upon the resignation of Cemetery Board member Michael Rapp, that board voted to appoint Eva Lynn Gray to fill his unexpired term. That term will end on March 31, 2022. It was pointed out that the Cemetery Board is scheduled to meet on March 14th at which time the new term will be addressed.

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**New Business:**

- **Presentation By Brent Wilkerson:** As previously detailed, a lengthy discussion was held regarding Brent Wilkerson's allegations as well as his demand for removal of the FS sign. It was unanimously approved that Road Commissioner Drake would have full discretion in resolving the matter and that the Board would completely support any decision he made.

- **Annual Township Meeting Agenda:** As required by statute, the proposed agenda for the Annual Township meeting, scheduled to be held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, was presented to the Board for review. Motion by Dennis Johnson and seconded by Becky Cross to approve that agenda. Motion carried.

- **Time Limits for Public Comments:** Based on concerns regarding the length of time which may occur during public comments to the Board, a motion was made by Dennis Johnson and seconded by Becky Cross to limit any presentation to five minutes with an additional one minute given for any rebuttal or concerns. Motion carried.

- **Annual Operating Budget:** Supervisor Gray indicated work on the 2022-2023 annual operating budget was beginning and the proposed document(s) would be presented for preliminary review and approval at the April meeting.

**Monthly Claims**

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

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

Richard Woods  
Township Clerk