

APPROVED MINUTES
AKRON TOWNSHIP BOARD
AKRON TOWNSHIP HALL
July 15, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Schmuck, Ann Allen, Deana Jacoby, Joe Kata
Absent: Dennis Engelhard and Zoning Administrator, Jim Gokey
Legal Representation: Gary Gudmundsen and Tim Curtiss of Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner

The meeting was opened by Don Schmuck at 7:35 with the pledge of allegiance. The minutes were read. Motion by Don, supported by Deana to approve. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented for Akron Township. Motion by Ann supported by Don to approve the report. Motion carried. Balances are:

General Checking: \$16,147.11
Garbage: \$51,146.00
Fish Point Miller #1: \$6,188.14
Fish Point Miller #2: \$1,290.44
Hickory Island: \$756.25
Demorest: \$3,818.25
Tax Account: \$4.22
PNC Money Market: \$100,389.58
Team One Savings: \$50.00
Team One Money Market: \$225,532.05
CD: \$54,260.94
Total of all Accounts: \$459,282.98

The treasurer's report for ACW was presented. Motion by Don, supported by Ann to approve the report. Motion carried. Balances are:

General Checking: \$73,863.36
Memorial Account: \$7,941.06
6 month CD: \$25,163.08
12 month CD: \$50,573.00
Total of all accounts: 157,540.50

Township payables totaling \$15,952.12 and payroll totaling \$4,077.37 were presented to be paid. Motion by Don, supported by Deana to pay. Motion carried.

ACW Ambulance payables totaling \$7,467.44 and payroll totaling \$6,001.47 were presented to be paid. Motion by Joe, supported by Deana to pay. Motion carried.

Don accepted 41 sheets of paper with signatures for a petition worded: "We the undersigned being the record owners of land situated within Akron Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, petition the Township Board of Akron Township, pursuant to P.A. 188 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1954, as amended, to make the following improvements: Construction, improvement and maintenance of water system improvements to serve petitioners' properties. We further request that the cost of said improvements be paid by special assessments against the benefited properties through a special assessment district including petitioners' properties.

Don made a motion, supported by Ann to accept the petitions. Motion carried.

The attorneys were introduced and the public had many comments and questions:

Q-Can we turn in more petitions? Is there a cut-off period when no petitions can be turned in?

A-Yes, you can continue to turn in petitions. The cut-off time is at the end of the Public Hearing Meeting.

Q-Can a person dig their own trench to the road?

A-Yes

Q-How does the debt retirement need to be paid?

A-You can pay the debt retirement all at once or spread it over 30 or 40 years.

Q-Will there be fire hydrants?

A-No

Q-Can the project be split into more than one project?

A-Yes

Q-Can we get an engineer hired?

A-Yes, after we review signatures and we believe there is over 50% signed.

Q-If you have signed for two parcels does that mean you will have 2 assessments?

A-Not if you combine them or they are unbuildable.

Q-Can you have lots combined if adjoined and have one tax bill and one assessment?

A-Yes

Q-How do you combine lots? Is there a fee to combine lots?

A-Write Don a letter with the legal description and tax id code and it will be done in December. There is no fee.

Q-Can each tax id be signed for?

A-Yes

Q-If land is in PA116 do they have to pay?

A-No

Q-Can land in PA116 sign for water?

A-Yes, but they would then be assessed for the water.

Q-How is the 51% figured?

A-Total land area of the proposed assessment district

Q-If you have an unbuildable lot, will it be assessed?

A-No

Q-Can you combine lots on two sides of a road?

A-Yes, in some cases

Q-If you are not on the water route will your taxes go up?

A-Shouldn't. There are a variety of factors that influence assessment.

Q-During the Public Hearing, can someone withdraw or sign up for water?

A-Yes

Q-At what point is the grant monies available

A-Upon full application

Q-Does a sewer system follow a water project?

A-No

Q-Who did paperwork for grant?

A-Don, Ann, Civil Engineering

Q-Is there a timeline to receive funds?

A-No, our money is not part of the stimulus monies

Q-What happens to the petitions against the project?

A-The yes petitions are looked at first to see what percentage of people support the project

Q-Who certifies the petitions?

A-Usually the Supervisor, but could be anyone on the Board.

Q-If more than one person is on the deed, do they all need to sign the petitions

A-Yes

Q-Does the project land need to be contiguous?

A-Yes, but can have more than one project

Q-What happens with state land?

A-Not included in project

Q-At what point should an engineer be involved?

A-Sooner than later

Q-Would the August meeting be the time to hire an engineer?

A-Yes

Q-As petitions continue to be turned in, who should they be turned in to?

A-Ann, the Clerk

Q-Should people off the proposed route sign if they would like water?

A-Yes

Q-Are the special assessment charges the same for each person?

A-All assessments within the special assessment district would be determined on the same basis

Judy Simpson, of Sunset Bay Subdivision, stated she was not happy with the Roggenbuck fence results. Judy believed that since the fence variance was not granted that the fence would be taken down. Don and Ann explained that A. Roggenbuck took down the road fence enough that it isn't a safety issue anymore, but they were advised by the township attorney that the bay side fence ordinance wording is a little ambiguous and may not be enforceable.

Deana has agreed to take over cemetery responsibilities for the township.

Don presented information on the purchase of the tax delinquent house located adjacent to Hickory Island Cemetery. Kemp estimated it would cost about \$4,655 to remove the old house on the property. Ann made a motion, supported by Deana to purchase the property for back taxes. Motion carried.

The Township Board is invited to an informational open house for New Era Wind July 27, 2010.

The Tuscola County Road Commission is changing from appointed members to elected members.

The Akron Main Drain will go out for bid within 30 days.

The Village of Akron would like the township to split the cost 3 ways (Village, Akron and Fairgrove Townships) to have a trailer for tire disposal at the Village Hall for residents at a date in September. Ann will contact Shari to confirm our interest in the endeavor. Deana volunteered to work at this project.

Joe noted that the intersection of Forrest and Loomis has had many near-miss accidents and he believes a guard rail should be installed. The intersection of Loomis and Clark needs a stop sign. The Board appointed Joe to write a letter on the township's behalf with a copy to Mike VanHoost.

It was agreed that our water attorney, Gary Gudmundsen, will write a letter asking for a proposal or bid for our proposed water project. The engineers we would like considered are:

Rowe Engineering

Civil Engineering

Spicer Engineering

Wade-Trim Engineering

It was noted that they should be asked to have this available for the August meeting and to ask the proposed engineers if they agree with the figures in the pre-ap.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Allen
Clerk