

APPROVED MINUTES
AKRON TOWNSHIP BOARD
AKRON TOWNSHIP HALL
June 23, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Schmuck, Ann Allen, Deana Jacoby, Joe Kata
Absent: Dennis Engelhard
Zoning Administrator: Jim Gokey

The meeting was opened by Don Schmuck at 7:37 with the pledge of allegiance. The minutes were read. Motion by Don, supported by Deana to approve with an addition. Motion carried.

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

General Checking: \$129,334.26
Garbage: \$59,869.94
Fish Point Miller #1: \$6,187.38
Fish Point Miller #2: \$1,290.23
Hickory Island: \$756.16
Demorest: \$3,817.78
Tax Account: \$4.22
PNC Money Market: \$100,357.50
Team One Savings: \$50.00
Team One Money Market: \$225,292.87
CD: \$54,260.94
Total of all Accounts: \$581,221.28

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

General Checking: \$69,155.93
Memorial Account: \$7,573.34
6 month CD: \$25,163.08
12 month CD: \$50,573.00
Total of all accounts: 152,465.35

Township payroll totaling \$4,406.62 and payables totaling \$122,982.19 were presented to be paid. Motion by Don, supported by Deana to pay. Motion carried.

ACW Ambulance payroll totaling \$5,889.18 and payables totaling \$5,156.15 were presented to be paid. Motion by Don, supported by Joe to pay. Motion carried.

Don gave an update on the proposed water project. Akron Township qualified for a Rural Development loan of \$855,000 and a grant of \$245,000. Don noted that Wisner Township had their first public hearing on their water project and are moving forward with the project. Their water line is scheduled to go to the Akron Twp line on M-25 and just north of Allen Road on Vassar Rd. Some of the public reported they are working on a petition drive, to possibly include Thomas Marine. They requested an informational meeting with an attorney and engineer available to answer questions. Don reported that Wanda, from Rural Development, will attend our August meeting. He also stated

Wanda assured him that there will be plenty of time for us to move forward after the August meeting and still be in line for funding.

The public had questions on connecting parcels, wetland parcels with cattails and flexibility in allowing connecting lots. There were also questions for Jim Gokey, zoning administrator, on minimum size for a buildable lot. He said a buildable lot is an acre unless it is in an established subdivision. Also, the lot needs to have enough room for a septic field and set backs. On the question of who calculates the land area, Don stated we need legal opinion on that and the other concerns. Questions were asked of PA116 and the role it plays in figuring land area, of figuring state land, and of people signing one petition and then later signing another. Don noted all of these questions need to be answered by an attorney and there will be one present at the July meeting. Comments were made that some believed it would be beneficial for us to leverage on Wisner's project as far as costs were concerned.

Don accepted 28 sheets of paper with signatures for a petition worded: "We, the undersigned, being the record owners of lands in Akron Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, the area which constitutes at least 21 percent of the total land area within the proposed district to finance the construction, maintenance and/or improvement of a water system, all in accordance with MCL 41.723, Section 3 of the Public Improvements Act, Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended, (MCL 41.721, et seq.)" The petitions were turned over to the clerk.

Don read a timeline statement from a flyer which said there is a deadline to receive funds from Rural Development of September 30, 2010. Don contacted Wanda, of Rural Dev, and Wanda said the statement was false and she guaranteed Don we would have longer than that. Then the public clarified that the flyer stated stimulus funds are available through 9-30-2010.

Don asked when petitions would be done and it was reported the petitions would be turned in near the July 15 board meeting.

Deana had information regarding land foreclosures in Akron Township. One parcel adjoins Hickory Island Cemetery. The property will be auctioned off unless the township is interested in purchasing the land. Deana will check the auction date and Don will see if we could also buy the larger section adjoining the cemetery and how much it will cost to tear down the existing structure.

Deana proposed language to update the website for the water project. Consensus was the wording was ok.

Don reported ACW-Unionville Fire Board is proposing by-law changes regarding whether or not an employee of the fire dept. should be a member of the governing board. The by-law now states they cannot. Proposed change would allow an employee to also serve on the board. No one knew why the by-law was changed to its current language or when it was changed. Consensus was that Don and Joe represent the township on this fire board and they have our support to make that decision.

Ann presented three attorneys for consideration to represent Akron Township on the proposed water project.

Gary Gudmundsen of Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner, Saginaw

Peter Poznak of Currie Kendall, Midland

William Fahey of Fahey, Schultz, Burzych Rhodes, Okemos

After discussion it was decided that Ann and Don would meet with Gudmundsen and Poznak in person and make a decision on which attorney to represent us at the July meeting and for the water project.

Ann made a motion we approve the cemetery contract. Supported by Deana. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Allen
Clerk