PLEASANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

March 14, 2023

Approved Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Schweyer, Merrill, Cross, Girven; Absent: Monk

Agenda – Motion by Merrill, supported by Schweyer, to add Fire/EMS agreement & Land Bank correspondence; AIF; Motion carried.

Public comment re US 31 & Thirteen Mile intersection/accidents – the Township will send a letter to Jessica at MDOT; Tyler, a Conservation Tech from the Conservation District introduced himself and said to contact him for any conservation needs. He also thanked us for our support of the hazardous waste collection.

Regular session closed; Opened budget hearing for the 2023-24 fiscal year. No input given. Closed public hearing and reopened regular session.

Motion by Girven, supported by Cross, to approve February board & cemetery minutes; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Schweyer, to approve Supervisor receiving Treasurer's Report; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Cross, supported by Girven, to approve paying the bills including Board of Review & Planning meeting and other routine/remaining bills for the month; AIF; Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE Kristyn Houle, Atty. re sewer; Township Attorney to James Scales, Atty. re alleged zoning ordinance violation; Land Bank grant cycles

NEW BUSINESS

The Board agreed paying \$348 for 2023 Hazardous Waste Collection based on 870 population (2020) at .40/person.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Cross, to approve the Resolution for Appropriations 2023-24; roll call vote – ayes: Cross, Girven, Schweyer, Merrill; AIF; Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To date the Township has spent \$4,158 toward Sewer Authority expenses which include the grant application process, notices, and attorney fees. Girven reported the last meeting was unpleasant and reiterated that the Sewer Authority was created to gather facts and cost which was requested by the residents.

Nuisance violations are in process and new photos will be taken in the spring. Some of these have been ongoing for several years.

The newsletter that goes out with the tax bills will include information regarding the process for handling unused burial spaces, after 40 years, returning ownership to the township. The transfer of lot ownership down the family line is encouraged.

OTHER BUSINESS

Clarification: The recent "sewer objection" letter was sent out by concerned citizens, and not the Township/Clerk.

The Township received the Fire/EMS service agreement for April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024. Discussion took place regarding Arcadia Fire Department providing contracted services if necessary. Also discussed was the "toning out" process and wait time.

Public comment – John Sedlock talked about fire/EMS services.

REPORTS

Planning report given by Merrill. Recreation Committee to meet the 20th.

The May board meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 2, at the same meeting time of 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Cross, Clerk