

Meyer Township  
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May 15, 2019  
Regular Board Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Bob Smith with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Present at the meeting-** Robert Smith, Mark Schoen, Sheryl Lauscher, Andrew Fazer and Beth Bertolini.
3. Registered Visitors- Ella Gurgall, Mary Lee LaBonte, Betty Broeders, Harriet Poquette, Will Koller, Richard Powell, Barb Peters, Karen Plunger and Carol Arnold.
4. **A Motion to approve the agenda was made by Beth Bertolini, supported by Andrew Fazer. Motion carried 5-0.**
5. Guest- John Anderson- Assessor- John said that if a July Board of Review is needed it would be held on July 16 at 6:30pm-7pm. If this BOR meeting is scheduled (based on need) it will be posted on the front door of the Township Hall and the Post Office, John said that all the 2019 year reports are in to the State and the County. Bob DesJarles has rolled over the 2019 Database to begin entering the Data for the Property taxes that will be sent out in July. The Board of Equalization is looking into ways to create an income to fund and improve the GIS Mapping System. The Board of Equalization would like to take over the approvals of Land/Property Divisions throughout the entire county for a small fee to the land owner seeking the division. We should expect a letter from the Board of Equalization explaining this plan and asking for approval from our Board.
6. Public Comment- Levi Danielson spoke about the potential benefits from having a State licensed Medical Marihuana growing facility in Meyer Township. He mentioned that several states have seen great financial benefits. He said that what he is proposing will not include any direct sales and will be heavily regulated. There will be a Town Hall style meeting open to the public on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm about this possible business and what it would mean to our township. Medical Marihuana experts, local police and township officials will be present. This is an informational meeting only. No decisions will be made until the public has a chance to ask questions and the board is better informed.
7. Public Comment- Barb Peters said that the trees have arrived for the Memorial of Trees Project. They will be planting on Saturday at 10 am. Anyone who would

like to volunteer to help with the planting of the trees would be greatly appreciated.

8. Public Comment- Residents of Golden Shores Apartments commented that they see Shirley doing a lot of mowing and taking care of the plants and flowers planted throughout the Township. They feel she is doing a great job and any complaints about her work are unreasonable.
9. Public Comment- A resident asked about when the Menominee County Road Commission Board meetings are held. The MCRC Board meetings are held at 9 am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The next MCRC Board Meeting is on June 11.
10. Consent Agenda- Bills, Minutes and Treasurers Reports- **A motion was made by Andrew Fazer to approve the Bills, Minutes and Treasurers reports with the addition of \$4569.08 for bills which arrived today. New total for monthly bills is \$10,506.10. Motion supported by Mark Schoen. Motion carried 5-0.**
11. Action Item- Roads Update- Fahrner Asphalt Sealers met with Bob and Mark and gave our Board estimates for 3 roads to be pulverized, shaped, water compacting, double chip seal, fog sealing and painting. The estimate for West Third Street was \$69,975, for Park Avenue \$21,975 and First Street \$44,475 for a total of \$136,425. They also looked at Anderson Street, but we have no estimate for that yet. The intersection of South Main and Anderson needs serious repairs. Cold patching is not enough. Anderson will need to be blacktop because of the heavy trucks using that intersection. We need to contact the MCRC to approve and schedule these road projects as soon as possible because all townships are trying to schedule repairs and we want to make sure to get on the schedule for this summer. **A Motion was made by Andrew Fazer to proceed with the West Third Street re-do with Fahrner. Motion supported by Sheryl Lauscher. Motion carried 5-0.**
12. Action Item- Employee Policy/Hours/Duties/Payroll/Log Book- Andrew re-wrote the duties for Town Hall Janitor Duties and created an inventory list. Mark will meet with Scott when Scott is done with his bus driving job and Bob will meet with Les to discuss the expected duties that go along with those jobs.
13. Action Item- Dogs in Town- Several complaints have been filed with Township Board members about people who are letting their dogs relieve themselves outside of their own yards. Dog owners should pick up their dogs waste in a bag and dispose of it properly. Little children are playing outdoors, people are mowing their grass and it is unsanitary and unfair for residents to have to deal with someone else's animals waste. Dog waste is a biohazard and does not make good fertilizer. It should not be burned. Pet owners should act responsibly and pick up after their dog. Please be considerate neighbors. Help keep our town cleaner and safer.
14. Action Item- Blight Complaints- Meyer Township does have a Blight Ordinance. We have received many complaints this spring about junk vehicles and household

and construction garbage that has been accumulating over a long period of time. Hermansville is having a town clean-up day June 22nd, 8-1. Dumpsters will be located on US 2 across from the Wildwood. No tires, batteries, paint, yard or household waste. Meyer Township residents only! Must bring a current utility bill or driver's license for proof of Meyer Township residency. To dispose of regular household garbage contact GAD, Delta Disposal or bring your trash to the transfer station in Powers on Saturday mornings before noon. Yard trash can bring in vermin and give a habitat to wild animals. This can become a public Health nuisance. Please follow the Township Blight Ordinance to avoid any interference from the Health Department or the Township.

15. Action Item- Webinar for Local Government-Michigan and Marijuana. The MSU County Extension is doing a webinar series on the different things that township officials should know before making any decisions about Marijuana in their townships. It is a 6 part series of hour and a half classes. It is \$50 for the 6 class series. Beth would like to watch these classes and share them with other township officials before the Town Hall Informational Meeting on Medical Marihuana. **A Motion was made by Mark Schoen to approve the payment of \$50 for this Webinar series. Motion supported by Andrew Fazer. Motion carried 5-0.**
16. Action Item- Summer Help- After placing the ad for Summer Help our employees from last year both asked to continue on as our Summer Helpers. They both did a great job last year and we all agreed it would be best to keep workers who are already trained and have proven their competency. **A Motion to keep our Summer Help employees from last year (Matt Peters and Seth Polfus) was made by Mark Schoen, supported by Sheryl Lauscher. Motion carried 5-0.**
17. Public Comment- A resident asked if the man who was pulling stumps out of the pond would be doing that again this year. Our Board was told by our insurance company and our attorney that anyone working on Township property must carry business insurance for liability and injury. This resident and others felt that no one should be profiting off of Township property.
18. Public Comment- A resident asked if Number 45 Road will be getting any improvements. It is not on our list of roads in urgent need of repair. Bob will mention it when he talks to the MCRC this week.
19. Public Comment- A resident asked if the \$6000 that the Township had paid for a Cascade system had been taken from the Fire Department equipment account. This was a previous oversight and it has been corrected.
20. Public Comment- A resident asked if a policy supported by a motion had been set concerning the turning in and the signing of timesheets for our hourly employees. This has been discussed, but no motion has been made yet. **A Motion was made by Sheryl Lauscher to require that all timesheets be turned into the chairpersons mailbox by noon on Monday of pay week for approval (initials and date). Supervisor approval is also required (initials and date). Work**

**outside of Community Club to be approved by Supervisor prior to work being performed. Motion supported by Mark Schoen. Motion carried 5-0.**

21. Public Comment- It was asked why it takes so long to get a fire number. Beth explained that when we set out to update our old fire numbers we ran an ad quoting a price that we can afford to maintain if we have at least 25 of the same kind of fire number signs in one order. Otherwise the price for those fire numbers will be at least \$10 more for each one. We now have the 25 fire numbers and anyone who ordered one will be billed when they come in. The Township will take responsibility for the installation of the new numbers.
22. Board Comment- Mark said that they are cutting some trees in the area near the fireworks platform. Due to the large size of some of the fireworks they need to have a larger perimeter around that firing platform. This is for the safety of everyone involved in the lighting and the viewing of the fireworks. More about this perimeter will be released before the lighting of the fireworks.
23. Board Comment- Sheryl asked if we could run another ad about the Monday night burning rules. We will run the same ad we do every summer. Hermansville

### **Burning Rules**

The Meyer Township Board has received MANY complaints from residents concerning improper garbage burning in town. The only approved hours for burning are on MONDAY evening AFTER 5 pm until 10 pm. The only approved trash that can be burned are paper products and untreated wood products. Diapers, food waste, and other household trash are NOT approved. Burning garbage should be attended, burned completely and then extinguished. Some of the trash being burned can cause hazardous air quality and can result in breathing problems and definitely bad neighbor relations. Many townships have ordinances that enforce burning rules. Let's avoid this by being considerate of our neighbors.

24. Board Comment- Beth said that Todd and Salle Grondine donated a large cloth military flag to the Township. It is much bigger and better quality than the flags we usually buy. It will probably be hung in front of the Community Club. Thanks to Todd and Salle Grondine.
25. Adjournment- **There being no further business before the Board a Motion was made to adjourn at 8:00 pm by Andrew Fazer, supported by Sheryl Lauscher. Motion carried, 5-0.**