

ALLEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 1, 2021

Minutes

Call to Order

Trustee Kingham, as Chairman called the regular meeting of the Allen Township Trustees to order on March 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Kingham began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:	Rick Kingham	Township Trustee Chairman
	Don McCreary	Township Trustee
	Jack Rausch	Township Trustee
	Lori LaCella	Township Fiscal Officer
	Steve Brose	Fire Chief
	Nick Johnson	Road Superintendent
	Deputy Smith	Union County Sheriff
	Roger Bechtol	Resident

FINANCES & ADMINISTRATION

The Fiscal Officer read the minutes of February 1, 2021, and the said minutes were approved as read.

The Fiscal Officer provided each member of the Board with a list of recent receipts and pending expenditures for review. There was a motion by Trustee Rausch and a second by Trustee McCreary, and upon certification by the Fiscal Officer that appropriate funds were available, the pending expenditures were approved. The Fiscal Officer also provided the most recent payroll reports for the Board's review. The board reviewed the previous month's bank reconciliation and verified the sequence of the checks.

The fiscal officer presented the board with the final appropriations. After review and discussion Trustee, McCreary moved, seconded by Trustee Rausch that the final appropriations be approved. Upon roll call, all being in favor, the appropriations were approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

Resident Roger Bechtol attended to discuss the drainage of his property on Darby Pottersburg Rd. Road Superintendent, Nick Johnson said he would contact the county engineer to discuss a resolution.

ZONING BUSINESS

Received a call from Andrew Drumm regarding his father's property at 18744 Allen Center Rd. He is thinking about buying the property, which is currently a rental. He is thinking about building a greenhouse on the 3-acre lot to grow vegetables and to raise chickens. This would be considered to be proper for U1 zoning and considered agriculture. I confirmed with Brad from LUC and with Thayne Gray, the prosecutor. Nothing new with this.

Received a call from Jeff Rymer who owns property on Buck Run Rd. off of Rt. 245 on the West side of the road. He owns approximately 145 acres and is proposing to utilize 50 acres to build 40-50 single-unit

condos that would sell in the \$500,000 range. They would be wind and solar-powered. He will be providing plans and drawings to share with the zoning board and trustees. Nothing new with this.

Bill Streng received a call from Jim Wimmers, a local realtor regarding the property at the end of the exit ramp from Rt 33 onto Honda Parkway. The client would like to purchase the property and use it for his landscaping business. The property is zoned M2 and the proposed use of the property would require B3 zoning. The property is too small to meet the required acreage and/or setbacks for either type of zoning, therefore BZA approval would be required. Access to the property would be either off Darby Pottersburg Rd., which due to the proximity of the exit ramp would likely not be approved by the county, or the township-owned road immediately to the SW of the property. Either road that would be used to access the property would require a large tile due to the ditch size. The property lays low, so there could be a drainage issue.

Bill Streng received a call from the Union County Building Dept. relative to a resident on Allen Center Rd. who had previously applied for and received a zoning certificate for an accessory building. The building was complete and when the county inspector inspected the building he discovered a hot tub that was not shown on the plan. She was told that the township did not have an issue with this being installed in the accessory building.

See attached report for more detail.

SHERIFF REPORT

Deputy Smith attended and has had no issues within the Township.

ROAD BUSINESS

Road Superintendent, Nick Johnson noted Eubanks would be finishing the lighting because they received the incorrect fixtures.

Road Superintendent, Nick Johnson noted they have been doing a lot of plowing and salting.

Road Superintendent, Nick Johnson noted for dumpster day he contacted IPS - Mark Volrath – he can only guarantee five dumpsters. In the past, the township has used seven to fourteen dumpsters. He also contacted Smith's to check their availability. He is waiting on a callback.

Road Superintendent, Nick Johnson requested the sale of the old office furniture on gov deals. com. There was a motion by Trustee Kingham and a second by Trustee McCreary declaring the items in excess and approved to sell.

Nick Johnson noted he received a call on the Kawasaki tractor that was ordered and that due to Covid they cannot get the Kawasaki and the township would be getting a Briggs.

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chief Steve Brose, noted Dan Daily would be out next week to finish the audio/visual setup.

Chief Steve Brose, noted that Starlink satellite internet arrived, it will be set up for the Township building this week.

Chief Steve Brose is awaiting estimates for FD Kitchen remodel due to mold that cannot be removed.

Chief Steve Brose, noted the Union County Engineer maybe removing the emergency exclusion for bridges.

Chief Steve Brose noted the monthly safety training.

Chief Steve Brose noted there are currently 19 part-time firefighters and the schedule has been fully staffed for the past several months.

Chief Steve Brose made phone calls to find out the starting process of the May 2022 fire levy:

Per the Union County Election Board, the steps are as follows:

PAC (Political Action Committee) is required.

Develop the financial need in dollar amount.

Meet with Andrea Weaver to receive an auditor estimate based on need.

To contact Thayne Grey for levy verbiage.

The deadline to file is 90 days prior.

Crews have completed monthly safety training.

See the report for additional detail.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER MISCELLANEOUS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

There being no further business, Trustee Kingham moved to adjourn the meeting, Trustee McCreary offered a second. Upon a roll call vote, all being in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Ricky Kingham (Chairman)

Jack Rausch

Don McCreary