

Watertown Township Board Meeting
March 11, 2020

Worvie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Worvie, Thatcher, Pyles, Nelson, and Schlosser were present. Fire Captain Smith, Zoning Admin Sparks, Commissioner Jensen and thirty (30) guests also attended.

Pyles read the February 12, 2020 **meeting minutes**. Worvie instructed that the minutes would stand approved.

Barry McCafferty Mr. McCafferty along with other residents expressed their concerns with the trees that were cut down in Aspen Park. Worvie stated that they were all dead and they needed to come down due to the township being reliable for any that fall. There was no cost in the tree removal. The residents stated that there were many more in that park and the beach park that needed to be looked at. Worvie stated these were NOT removed for a boat launch; The trees were removed strictly because they were dead.

Debbie Atwell Mrs. Atwell wanted to dispute a fire bill they received; she stated they repeatedly told 911 that the department wasn't needed. Captain Smith read the 911 call from the beginning, after deliberation Pyles made a motion to lower the bill from \$500 to \$100, to cover the price of fuel and the firefighter wages. Motion was seconded by Schlosser. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jensen Jensen handed out flyers for the Covid-19 Hotline

Fire Report Smith reported on 1 fire run. He stated they will be doing a pancake breakfast in May and they would have an open house with kid's games and other things at that time.

Zoning Report: Sparks reported on 1 new house being built.

Blight Report Pyles reported that there was 1 new case, 13 extensions issued, 2 cases that came into compliance and closed, 1 ticket issued, 2 violations issued and the Cook Hearing scheduled for April 1st 2020.

Library Report Pyles reported that Hunter Safety had 46 students this year; The DNR presented Pyles with a certificate of appreciation for the 5 years of service and helping over 200 people get their hunters' safety certificate. There will be another game night on March 20th. The Easter Bunny will be at the Easter program on April 3rd. The bachelor auction at Buckwild was a huge success for the library. The library had 132 patrons plus hunters safety in the month of February.

Treasurer's Report: Schlosser presented the treasurer's report with the following balances on 02/29/2020:

General Fund	\$ 118,728.21
Library Account	2,392.84
Fire Dept. Reserve Fund	97,543.72
Trust & Agency	171.97
Tax Collections	434,017.62
<u>Certificates of Deposit</u>	
#63529	\$10,044.00
#63530	18,300.09
#60726	24,834.69
#63781	5,048.69
#63690	10,014.74
#63770	24,251.68

Pyles motioned to approve Treasurer's report as presented. Motion seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Supervisor Report: Worvie received the final billing for the budget year from the county and the Wilkinson bid. Pyles made a motion to pay the Wilkinson bid to get the discount. Nelson seconded the motion. Roll call, Thatcher Aye; Pyles Aye; Worvie Aye; Schlosser Aye; Nelson Aye. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report: Pyles submitted the March vouchers as follows: General Fund \$14,282.87 with the addition of Charter, Consumers and Tuscola County Advertiser when received; Library Fund \$1,100.44; Fire Fund at \$374.85. Nelson motioned to approve the vouchers and have checks drawn on the same, seconded by Thatcher. Motion carried. Pyles briefly went over the Presidential Primary that was held the day before. Pyles then went over a problem with a resident that has been mining without the proper permission per our ordinance and without paying royalties. Nelson made a motion to authorize the Township Attorneys to initiate a Circuit Court Injunction to prohibit the residents from mining on the property until they obtain the necessary permits. Schlosser seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Public Comment: Residents has questions on the outcome of the election. Pyles answered all questions

Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Schlosser seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Malisa Pyles, Township Clerk

Frank Worvie, Supervisor

Date

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