

WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Supervisor Gatlin. Members present were Supervisor Gatlin, Clerk Fritz, Treasurer Munn, Trustee Thole and Trustee Bennett. Also present was Chris Hamilton from SCMCCI. 20 citizens were also present.

Treasurer Munn made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Clerk Fritz supported. Voice vote; passed. The monthly bill total was \$9501.45.

Clerk Fritz made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Trustee Thole supported. Voice vote; passed.

Citizens' Comments: Kristen Shook voiced concerns about the passage of the medical marihuana ordinance in the township. Revenue is regulated and controlled by the state. They have special software for the facilities and cameras will watch everything from sales to measuring to growing. The number of licenses was uncapped to allow stacking in order to get more permits in order to grow. Unlimited stacking is needed. Dispensaries were brought up at the last meeting, even though at this point they are not permitted in the township. This may change in the future.

Yant's neighbor asked about progress on their property. They had a court date and did not pass. They have fines that need to be paid. They had a default judgement made against them because they did not show up for court. The 30-day time frame was passed on February 5. On March 14 there will be a no-show cause hearing, so Chris will be taking pictures before she goes to court.

Joe Loosier would like to build a provision center in Fulton, and would like to do another presentation at April's meeting. He asked people to call with questions. You would be charged with a felony for driving under the influence of marihuana, even medical marihuana.

Janet Mendocha made an offer for the café to Phil Rhoades and got no response. The owners were not present at the meeting. Supervisor Gatlin made a motion to uphold. Treasurer Munn supported. A roll call vote was taken on whether to uphold the judgement by the building inspector. Thole: Yes. Fritz: Yes. Gatlin: Yes. Munn: Yes. Bennett: Yes. It was approved to raze and will be forwarded to Roxanne Sieber.

Dana Downing from South County Community Services made a presentation to the citizens. SCCS covers Pavilion, Climax, Prairie Ronde, Schoolcraft, Brady and Wakeshma Townships. It is a basic needs agency and there has been an increase in needs of the area. They cover food, medicine, housing, gas money, and rides to appointments. They get half their money from private donations and the other from United Way. They help to pay bills, they do not hand out money. Diane with SCCS is the Senior Outreach help and is very effective in getting people the help they need. They have a metro service van that gave out 22154 one-way rides which was a 348% increase from last year. There are over 3000 seniors and 400 (65 years or older) live alone. Diane has been delivering pantry meals and helped with healthcare management as well as making 105 veteran service visits. Dana said there is a millage election in August.

OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Gatlin stated that the fire administrator job in the fire authority did not pass, the job cannot be divided.

The road committee did meet to discuss the roads. Their next meeting is on March 12.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Celebrate elderhood is having a dinner for anyone in the area that is over 100 years of age.

ZONING ENFORCEMENT: Chris Hamilton said she will be looking at U Ave between 36th and 39th as well as a home on Y Ave.

FIRE AUTHORITY UPDATE: Chief McMillan stated they have been helping by pumping water out of yards from the flooding. Trees are now falling down. If you need a permit to burn brush, they are free. He reminded everyone that there is a recall on some older Kiddie fire extinguishers. He stated that the new call center will be opening some time after July. The department has a program for free smoke detectors.

BOARD COMMENTS: Barb stated that with the amount of poverty in the area, consideration needs to be made to reduce permit fees. Shawn stated that there is an election in May for Climax Scotts school voters. If you are voting in this election, you must report to Climax, not Wakeshma Township. Jason stated that in November we will be voting on recreational marihuana. If passed dispensaries will be able to sell medical marihuana. If we did not want that, how would it be stopped? Both medical and recreational would be regulated seed to sale by the state's metric system. Leanne stated that the tax season is over and she will be settling with county on the 20th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 by Supervisor Gatlin.