Westphalia Township

Regular Meeting March 8, 2021

FINAL MINUTES

13950 Pratt Road, Westphalia MI, 48894

Supervisor Thelen called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:00 pm. Board members present were Supervisor Thelen, Trustee Barker, Trustee Thelen, Treasurer Buckley, and Clerk Platte.

Guests: Randy Bengel

A motion was made by Trustee Thelen and supported by Barker for approval of the January 27, 2021 minutes, motion carried. February 8, 2021 minutes motion was made by Trustee Thelen and supported by Buckley, motion carried. February 15, 2021 minutes motion was made by Buckley and seconded by Barker, motion carried.

Treasurer Buckley presented the financial statements via email to all board members. A motion was made by Treasurer Buckley to approve the financial statements as well as bills presented for the General and FD funds, seconded by Trustee Thelen. Motion carried.

Supervisor Thelen commented on the contract with Siegfried Crandall for a three year versus just one year. Discussion was had with the board. Clerk Platte made a motion to sign the contract with Siegfried Crandall for a three year projection at a cost of $5200.00 per year instead of the original one year contract that was signed. Buckley supported. Motion carried.

Special election for May 4, 2021 was discussed. Clerk Platte mentioned that currently there are 260 absentee applications returned as of today’s date. Ballots and precinct kit cost from the County was $1200.00 and notifications from the County postings are not determined yet. A date of Friday, March 19 has been set to run the sample ballots through the machine. Clerk Platte to get notification into the newspaper.

Chief Bengel handed out a projection budget proposal for 2021 for the fire department. Items that were approved in 2020 haven’t been able to be accomplished because of COVID, but they are still trying to get bids for certain items listed. Siren hasn’t been working in town. Chief Bengel called Westphalia Electric to take a look at it and it’s working now. Platte made a motion to replace the tires needed for the tanker. Barker supported. Motion carried. Trustee Thelen asked about the computer system and Bengel stated that it isn’t something needed ASAP but will need to be done sooner than later. Clerk Platte mentioned that if we did a computer for the fire department that the supervisor should have a computer as well.

Clerk Platte asked Supervisor Thelen if he was going to attend Board of Review meetings on March 9 and 10, 2021. He will need to swear in the new Board of Review member as Clerk Platte wasn’t given contact information from Trustee Thelen before the meeting.

Next scheduled meeting will be March 29, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Platte, supported by Trustee Thelen at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Platte, Clerk Troy Thelen, Supervisor