

Edwards Township Board Meeting
October 14, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Taylor opened the regular meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Ron Taylor, Treasurer Eileen Fournier, Clerk Yvonne Mahl, Trustees Dave Ross, Brent Illig

ATTENDANCE: Appointed/Official Positions: Craig Scott, County Commissioner; Ray Miller, BOR & Planning Commission; Carl McCauley & Rick Stillwagon, Planning Commissions; Bob Clayton, Zoning Administrator; Mike Laier, Sexton; Bob Mahl, Hall Maintenance; Robert Kowalski BOR Member, Township residents

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS to AGENDA: Propane prices

Motion by Taylor, supported by Illig, to accept additions to the agenda. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Looking for medical examiner to cover four counties, passed continuing budget, still working toward balancing the budget

TREASURERS REPORT presented by Fournier. Motion by Taylor, supported by Ross, to approve Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

PAST MINUTES September 9, 2019 were reviewed. Motion by Illig, supported by Fournier, to approve minutes Motion carried.

HALL DEPOSIT RETURNS: Motion by Illig, supported by Ross, to return hall deposits as listed. Motion carried.

PROPANE PRICES: Fick & Son current: 1.39 first fill, capped at 1.49 through April 2020, Webster & Garner 89.99 first fill, capped at 1.19 through April 2020. Gary Oil 1.14 first fill, 1.44 capped through June 2020, 79.00 tank set Motion by Illig to table until clerk gets answers to questions: will Fick match Garner, will Garner set tank and wait., second by Ross, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion by Taylor, supported by Ross, to approve bills as presented checks 5405-5458 with 5411 & 5412 being voided, in the amount of \$17,525.33. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Mahl, Fournier, Ross, Illig Nays: None.

PENSION SURRENDER 2018: While Jeff Kiester was the supervisor of Edwards Township, he paid into the pension program. Since he resigned prior to the yearly payment to Gleaner all the money paid in on his behalf was returned to the township. It was if he was never in the pension program. Jeff's portion was 568.21 and the township paid in 1136.42 on his behalf. It was explained to Past clerk Stephens that since Jeff didn't meet the guideline set forth that Jeff should receive his portion back and the township should receive theirs back, but Mr. Stephens chose to give the total of 1704.63 to Mr. Kiester. Illig made a motion to have a letter written to Jeff Kiester asking him to repay the amount of 1136.42 and asked that we receive the emails from Gleaner. Fournier second, motion carried.

LEGAL ACTION AGAINST FORMER CLERK STEPHENS: Fournier felt we should at least talk about options. Stephens refuses to sit down with Mahl and or Pfeiffer, stated files were there when he gave laptop to Clerk Curtis. He reported to have removed the how to books made by himself for Pontem, nothing else. Mahl pointed out Election manual not turned over, discussed having IT person Tom Spencer look at laptop, see what he can recover. Motion by Illig second by Fournier to have Clerk Mahl contact Spencer cost not to exceed 500.00. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mahl, Fournier, Illig, Ross, Taylor Nays: None.

FOIA EMILY: Tabled

AUDIT REPORT: Motion by Fournier second by Illig to except the audit report as presented with two note worthy changes: budget report to be handed out quarterly, anyone that turns in mileage log include date, where and mileage.

PAINT EXTERIOR DOORS, INSIDE AND OUT: Motion by Fournier Second by Ross to have Jessie's Painting to paint doors at a cost of 450.00. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes Fournier, Ross, Illig, Taylor, Mahl, Nays: None.

WIRELESS PRINTER FOR CLERK HOME OFFICE, Motion by Illig, second by Ross for clerk to purchase printer to be shared by clerk and hall manager, Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Ross, Illig Taylor, Mahl, Fournier Nays: None.

UPDATE ON CHAPMAN LAKE: One property owner will be billed full amount due on winter 2019 tax roll. Checks written for 22.98 to rest of property owners, Treasurer will include letter and mail checks.

DANGEROUS BUILDING: Greenwood Rd ½ mile East of M-30, Hole in roof, owner lives in Clio. Supervisor has contacted her via mailings with mailed response but no solutions. Motion by Ross Second by Illig to site owner with a dangerous building violation to be taken care of by Zoning Administrator.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING/HOTEL: February 6&7, 2020 Tabled to get prices.

CLERK LAPTOP: current laptop is over 7 years old; number pad has stopped working and it will not be supported by Microsoft in January 2020. Motion by Illig supported by Ross for clerk to purchase a new laptop not to exceed 2300.00. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Illig Taylor, Mahl, Fournier, Ross Nays: None.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT: Supervisor will contact road commission to discuss coming year road projects prices: Green Rd. Lehman Rd., Kartes Rd., and work on a 5-year plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ray Miller: keep in mind hills and swamp issues on Lehman when looking at Roads, Rick Stillwagon: electric issues going into Clydesdale Estates, easement issue. Rick Stillwagon and Mike Laier suggested a public hearing to hear public comments as to what roads should be done.

BOARD COMMENTS: Fournier will not be in office Wednesday October 30, 2019, Mahl noted 2nd bed & breakfast interest in township, Taylor thanked those that helped with second cemetery tree trimming.

Next township board meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.

Next MTA meeting is scheduled for
November 14, 2019, at 7:00 pm, at Hill Township

Motion by Taylor, supported by Illig, to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 pm. Motion carried.

Ron Taylor, Edwards Township Supervisor

Yvonne Mahl, Edwards Township Clerk