

BRUCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2019

Call meeting to order at 1900 hours

Board Members: R. LaJoie, C. Marsh, D. Rogers, M. Pins. W. Pulfrey

Greetings - Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments - limit 3 minutes – Member of the Public commented/presented information on internet connectivity and the new guidelines on contractors reporting internet service areas.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the August 11, 2019 Minutes was made by Rogers and supported by Pins, motion passed.

Pay Bills – Checks #10161 through #10196 including ACH190910TX Federal tax payment for a total of \$37,144.15. Motion by Pins and supported by Rodgers to pay the bills. Motion passed.

County Commission Report – None

Reports of Special Meeting - None

Zoning Administrator – To date we have 25 residential permits and 4 agriculture permits for a total of 29 permits.

Assessor's Report: The Assessor is reviewing building permits. AMAR has been straightened out.

Planning Commission Report – None

Treasurer's Report - None

Clerk's Report –

- Township Hall Rental Information was provided regarding other Halls and what they charge. A work session will be scheduled at a future date.
- Land Division for Moore (002-004-005-55) requesting approval. Motion by Marsh supported by Pins to approve the Land Division. Motion Passed
- Land Division for Carney (002-082-009-00) requesting approval. Motion by Pins supported by Rodgers to approve by Resolution roll call vote, Rodger yes, Pins yes, Marsh yes, Pulfrey yes, LaJoie yes. Resolution passed.
- Tax Tribunal 18-003008 was appealed. Marsh will contact our attorney.

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- Election Training on Oct. 21-22 for the Clerk.
- Mi-Deal information on purchasing from State Contracts was provided.
- QuickBooks provided us with a 20% discount, which is locked in for 3 years. The discount is \$885 per year.
- Resolution for Final 2019 tax levy. The Clerk will contact the county as this was completed.

Firemen's Report – There were 2 lift assist and 1 fire call this period. The Fire Department will be holding a Pig Roast on 10/19/2019. One Fire truck is down for pump repair (packing needed). This truck is 14 years old and doing good. Training credits are filed online with the state and reports are done. We are not eligible for grants as we got one a couple of years ago. We would like lift bags but the price of them is high, we were waiting for budget information to see if we can afford it. There was a question regarding wearing gear to calls and are we in compliance with MIOSA requirements. More research will be needed, Marsh will meet with the Fire Chief to verify information.

Ground and Park Report –

Dunbar Park – We will be pulling dock in mid-October. Bass Fishing tournament starts this weekend

Cemetery's – Mowing them one last time next week.

Old Business

- A. Employee Handbook will be discussed at a work session along with the Hall Rental work session.
- B.

New Business

- A. Web Site – we currently have our domain through Lighthouse.net. Packerland bought out Lighthouse.net and they in turn was purchased by Astoria. Astoria is not wanting to deal with domain anymore. As we have our domain through Astoria at the present, we could lose our E-mail addresses at any time. I propose that we move our domain to GoDaddy and change our E-mail addresses to be part of our domain. GoDaddy currently allows 10 E-mail addresses at no cost. The GoDaddy account can host our domain, manage our e-mail and provide security. Motion by Pulfrey supported by Marsh to migrate to GoDaddy and obtain our own Domain (register) of BruceTownship.Net. Motion approved. Payment will be by Credit Card.
- B. Cemetery - Plot size and locations were discussed to the extent that when the plots were established the individual burial sites were 3-foot-wide, now they are 4-foot-wide to accommodate the vaults. This is causing concerns with how many vaults and be placed into a given plot. Also, the location of the cremation burial was discussed as being 2-feet

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from the Head Stone location. Cremation burial fees were discussed and a motion by Marsh to establish the Cremation Burial fee at \$200. Motion was supported by Pulfrey, motion passed. Green carpet was purchased to cover cremation site for the burial site.

C. Snow Bids – Bids requests for snow removal will be posted on the web site by Pulfrey and in the bulletin board, due date for bids will be 9/30/2019. Pulfrey was requested to add to the web site, recognition for Carolyn J. Person and Shirley Patrick for their expertise and efforts in maintaining the Flower Gardens at the Township Hall.

D. Citizen of the Year –Pins nominated Wanda and Vern Sawyers for the Citizen of the Year designation because of their efforts and years of dedicated service to the Bruce Township people and operations, Pins presented the motion for that purpose and it was supported by Rodgers. Motion passed, Pulfrey will obtain the plaque for presentation.

E. Pickford Schools will be having an election on November 5, 2019 and there are 26 voters that are eligible to vote at this election which for this year only will be allowed to vote at Pickford. We will have staff here on Saturday before the election and on election day. This is the first election where a person can register and vote at the same time (day).

F. Rodgers discussed the mileage signage along M129 is in needs review for accuracy.

Public Comments – limit 3 minutes

The question of who is going to record the new burials at the Donaldson Cemetery was discussed. More information and discussion will be needed

Adjournment Motion by Pins supported by Rodgers to adjourn, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM