

TENTATIVE (pending approval September 5, 2021)

Riley Township

August 5, 2021

7:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Potts at 7:00 PM. Board members present Feldpausch, Martin and Powell. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Powell, support by Feldpausch to approve the agenda with the addition of the Forest Hill Airport under new business. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martens to approve July 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer's report presented showing balances of:

Special Project Fund \$172583.08

General Fund Checking \$54596.07

Road and Bridge Fund \$76248.79

TOTAL \$303427.94

Motion by Powell, support by Martens, to approve treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:**

Commissioner Pohl – The county did not extend the emergency declaration beyond July 31<sup>st</sup>. It will be revisited as needed. The north half of the county is less vaccinated than the southern half. The 911 upgrade is on schedule for the conversion to the new system by the end of the year. They are waiting to see if the electronic chip shortage impacts the timeline of the project. The Lansing Economic Alliance Program gave a presentation on potential ways to utilize the American Rescue Plan Act funds in the region. The Tri-County Office on Aging plan for 2022 has been approved. Parks and Greenspace requested some improvements at Clinton Lake at Motz Park. The county utilized the Ingham County office to offer Veterans Services, but to ease access a kiosk is going to be placed in the Clinton County Courthouse and Barry comes to Clinton County once a week.

DAESA – Last month there were 53 runs total, 8 of those were in Riley Township. The new truck purchase was finalized. Hose testing was conducted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Cemetery – the account has been set up and will be part of the treasurers report next month. We are actively selling lots.

Cutler Road Zoning Violation – a court date has been set for August 6<sup>th</sup> at 930 am. Supervisor Potts will attend to represent Riley Township. The property owners filed a foreclosure/eviction on the tenants and the tenants have begun to move the trailers and other material off the property. There are materials that remain that need to be remediated.

Smith and Merchant drain work will be occurring in the coming weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

American Rescue Plan Update – the township has applied to accept American Rescue Act funds. The township has until 2024 to spend the funds in a manner compliant with the act and any undisbursed funds will be returned.

Site Plan Approval for M. Warr – Quality Solar presented on the proposed solar plan for the property. Two separate parcels have been combined to make a corner lot. A variance is required because, due to the corner lot, there are set back requirements on two sides of the property. There are evergreens to screen the view of the proposed solar panels. Motion by Martens, support by Feldpausch to support approval of the proposed site plan.

Special Use Permit for S. Speerbrecker – the space is used for storage for a family-owned business. There is a desire to place an addition on the current storage building for more indoor storage. Motion by Powell, support by Martens to approve. Motion carried.

Variance Request for C Heyboer – this is a unique parcel that is separated by Lehman Road. By splitting this property, it would make it more in alignment with the remainder of the township as it is not common practice to have parcels divided by a roadway. This was created many years ago when Lehman Road was moved. Due to the unique nature of how this was created and the unusual circumstance that it has left for the parcel, the township recommends that this variance be approved as the best use of the land and to bring it into greater congruence with the rest of the community surrounding it. Motion by Powell, support by Martens. Motion carried.

Forest Hill Road Airport Special Use Permit – notice of violation: multiple complaints have been filed regarding the LLC not following their good faith guidelines that were established as part of the special use permit approval process. This violation was placed in writing as a warning.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Bill warrant presented. Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martens to approve bills dated August 5, 2021. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martens to adjourn, meeting closed at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully,  
Lisa Powell, Clerk