

TENTATIVE (pending approval November 4, 2021)

Riley Township

October 7, 2021

7:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Powell, support by Martins to approve the agenda with the addition of Stellar Broadband under new business. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Lawless to approve August 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer's report presented showing balances of:

Special Project Fund \$172612.40

General Fund Checking \$59226.66

Road and Bridge Fund \$39050.75

Cemetery \$3300.38

TOTAL \$274190.19

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Kevin Garvey would like input on the structure that would be constructed to protect the well as it is presently leaning due to pressure from snow being piled in the vicinity of the well head. Commissioner Pohl suggested a large rock to be placed in front of it to protect it. Kevin was granted authority by the board to secure and place the large field stone.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:**

Commissioner Pohl – they approved publication of a notice of intent to issue bonds for replacement of the road commission building. The county is looking at property in Dewitt for an additional county park, it was walked by participants of the Parks and Rec committee to evaluate the property for likely fit for the desired purpose. This is behind the Meijer store. The waste management services have good coverage across the county, over the years they have collected 12,500 ton of material. The health department states that Covid transmission in schools is still an issue. Capital City Airport reported that volume is back up to within 25% of 2019 levels. They reported that there are significant employment opportunities in the air travel industry.

DAESA – 39 total runs with 5 being in Riley Township. Volume is up overall from last year. There are a couple of small burns that are going to take place on Lehman Road. Some portable speed bumps were donated to the department for traffic control. Kevin expressed gratitude to the volunteers who give their time to many community events such as football games and the Ox Roast.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion by Powell, support by Martens to approve estimate provided by Lawless Vegetation Services for weed control of township properties.

Doug Riley spoke on behalf of the county planning and zoning office. He introduced two of the key staff members in the department. For zoning enforcement of the Cutler case, which has been through court. They have moved off the property. They had until October 18<sup>th</sup> to get the clean up done, which presently all remains with the exception of the 5<sup>th</sup> wheels in which they were living in. If they do not complete it by the deadline, there is a process the county will follow

to remediate the property should the case get to that point. The department operates on a compliant basis, not from surveillance approaches.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The county is in the process of reformatting of the zoning ordinance to make it a more user-friendly document. It will not be more consistent with neighboring jurisdictions and include links, tables, and graphics that will make it easier for people to find the information that is needed. They will also make sure that there are not any unaddressed law or administrative changes that would require an update in the current zoning ordinance.

Zoning is based on the county's comprehensive plan, which is reviewed and updated every five years and it is in the process of being reviewed in 2021. It contains a lot of demographic and census information as well as goals and objectives for the development and use of land in the county. This also includes a review of the future land use maps that are included in the comprehensive plan. The land use map was displayed for those in attendance to view. Over 90% of Clinton County is zoned agricultural. Riley township is averaging about 3 new home starts each year, and the census has remained very stable from 2010 to 2020. The township discussed the appropriateness of a mixed-use class in the Francis Road corridor where there are already some commercial and home-based businesses. These properties would still have to follow the current review process that is in place. The township will review and forward comment to the zoning office within 30 days.

Motion by Powell, support by Feldpausch to enter into a preventative maintenance agreement with Chasco Plumbing and Heating for the air conditioner and furnace.

Motion by Martens, support by Feldpausch to support land division application from Pung Properties, LLC.

Presentation from Stellar Broadband (previously Spartan Net) providing internet to East Lansing. We have recently expanded to rural broadband. Victor Township has pursued a partnership and applied for a large grant to improve broadband service in their rural community. Presently serve over 140 communities. He presented the full scope of work and a sample project plan. Grant Opportunities exist with Connected Nation Michigan, who would be happy to talk to township leaders about available funds to support internet service providers. There are also many USDA grants available.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Motion by Martens, support by Lawless to approve bills dated October 7, 2021. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Lawless, support by Martens to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully,  
Lisa Powell, Clerk