

TENTATIVE (pending approval January 3, 2018)

Riley Township

December 6, 2018

7:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Potts at 7:00 PM. Board members present Feldpausch, Powell, Lawless, and Martens. Pledge of Allegiance recited. A moment of silence was observed in honor of former President George HW Bush.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Martens to approve with the amendment of addition of discussion on a zoning violation, support by Feldpausch to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Martin, support by Lawless to approve November meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer's report presented showing balances of:

Special Project Fund \$100134.61

General Fund Checking \$91244.90

Road and Bridge Fund \$15955.30

TOTAL \$207334.81

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

NONE

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:**

Dave Pohl, County Commissioner –

The county acquired space on the first floor of the courthouse where the city of St. Johns vacated and is moving in the Waste Management department and possible overflow from the health department offices. The county is looking to participate with another entity in our countywide communication system. They are looking at solutions, partnering with other counties, to cover the northwest corner of Clinton County where there are still coverage issues. Waste management has set up their 2019 recycling collections. The first one will be April 27<sup>th</sup> at the road commission. There is a study occurring on replacing some of the mechanical systems in the courthouse.

Pete Preston, Township Assessor –

December Board of Review will meet next week to process one poverty exemption and address any omitted principal residence exemptions.

Roy Thelen, DAESA –

Total runs for November was 41, 4 of which were Riley. As of Thanksgiving, the department has surpassed the number of total runs from 2017. The new truck that was ordered should be coming after the first of the year.

Randy Whitney, Planning Commission –  
Nothing to report at this time

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The drain commission will be working in the area to remove the sediment in 2 local drains.

Sheriff Jerue shared information on the recreational marijuana bill that was recently passed. This can be regulated at the township level. Jurisdictions have the right to opt out and not allow dispensaries in their jurisdiction. If you do not have an ordinance that prohibits a dispensary, they will be able to run that type of business within your jurisdiction. If you opt out and pass an ordinance and decide that you would like to remove the restriction, the ordinance can be rescinded. The sheriff strongly recommends that you look at the research on what has occurred in other states that are ahead of this on this journey as well as review possible ordinance and templates.

The proposed ordinance will be presented to the board at the January meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Renewal of an existing mining site plan for the Pratt Road Gravel Pit (ownership transferred to Bernie Simon and known as Pratt Road Farms, LLC). All of the permitting and bonding has been addressed. The drain commission has expressed no concerns. The Simon's will continue to honor the access to the fire department if ever needed in the event of a fire. Motion by Powell, support by Martens to support with no restrictions.

The proposed road projects for 2019 need to be assessed. Don and Brian will work with the road commission to develop recommendations and present them back to the board.

The Simon's have offered to use their excavator to shake out the existing stumps at the rate of \$500. Topsoil and sand will be hauled in at a rate not to exceed \$1000. Motion by Martens, support by Feldpausch to approve. Motion carried.

Both cemeteries now have individual street addresses. Don will arrange for signs to be posted displaying the address.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Bill warrant presented. Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martens to approve bills dated December 6, 2018. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Powell to adjourn, meeting closed 7:46 PM.

Respectfully,

Lisa Powell, Clerk