

Speaker Township Board Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2021

Meeting called to order **Nielsen** @ 7:00 p.m., via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions, Five(5) Board members present.

Approval of February 2, 2021 meeting minutes: **Motion to approve February 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes made by Murray, second by Stanley. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Murray, Stanley, Nielsen, Cubitt & Sheldon. Motion carried.**

Approval of February 2021 Treasurer's report: **Motion to approve February 2021 Treasurer's Report made by Stanley, second by Murray . ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Murray, Stanley, Nielsen, Cubitt & Sheldon. Motion carried.**

Sheldon(Treasurer) advised that a second sheet was in this month's report showing the tax revenue for Speaker Township and the total of delinquent taxes.

Approval to pay February 2021 bills: **Motion to approve February 2021 (Township bills \$41,694.23 Nielsen/Murray, Fire Dept. bills \$4,512.82 Stanley/Nielsen, Township payroll \$10, 631.55 Sheldon/Murray & Fire Payroll \$9,555.00) by Nielsen, second by Murray. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Murray, Stanley, Nielsen, Cubitt & Sheldon. Motion carried.**

Guest: N/A

Public Comment: (Present via Zoom: Amanda Pado, Bonnie Sproul, Ben Steinhoff & Jan Priess)

N/A

Commissioner Report: N/A

Fire Report: **Stone**(Fire Chief) absent (a text message received later advised Stone(Fire Chief)) was unable to log into the zoom meeting.)

Stanley(Trustee) & **Murray**(Trustee) believed there were 6 runs for the month.

Planning Report:

Steinhoff(Planning Commission) advised just received Medical Marijuana moratorium from **Attorney Garner** and it was forwarded to **Sproul**(Zoning Administrator) as well. There a few options available to the township in regards to limiting the power at the residence with an Affidavit of Assurance. The next scheduled for April 13, 2021 and this matter will be discussed. Brockway Township did this type of ordinance. The idea is that the courts will issue and order for a search warrant to view if the moratorium is being violated.

Discussion held on appointing a member to the Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals. **Motion to appoint Bernie Davies to the Planning Commission made by Nielsen, second by Murray. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Murray, Stanley, Nielsen, Cubitt & Sheldon. Motion carried.**

Motion to appoint Debbie Kesteloot to the Board of Appeals made by Murray, second by Stanley ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Murray, Stanley, Nielsen, Cubitt & Sheldon. Motion carried.

Steinhoff(Planning Chairman) requested that the fee for a Special Land Use permit be increased. It is currently \$400.00. There is a lot of work involved to set up the meeting for the Board of Appeals. **Nielsen**(Supervisor) stated he would be looking at the fee structures before the annual meeting on March 23, 2021.

Bonnie Sproul(Zoning Administrator) inquired as to the Board of Appeals because of **Mr. Hughes** needing a meeting for a special land use permit for his campground . Discussion held on appointing members. **Motion to appoint BERNIE DAVIES, JOSH PADO, JOHN JODIS, CHARLES STANLEY & BEN STEINHOFF to the Zoning Board of Appeals made by Nielsen, second by Murray. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Murray, Stanley, Nielsen, Cubitt & Sheldon. Motion carried.**

Zoning Report: Sproul(Zoning Administrator) (SEE ATTACHED REPORT)

Old Business:

New Business:

Approval of Resolution 2021-4 Allowance of Local Residents to Protest BOR in Writing:

Nielsen(Supervisor) read Resolution 2021-4 per the Tax Assessor to allow local residents to protest Board of Review in writing. **Motion to approve Speaker Township Resolution 2021-4 to Allow Local Residents to Protest BOR in Writing made by Nielsen, second by Murray. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Murray, Stanley, Nielsen, Cubitt & Sheldon. Motion carried.**

Approval of Resolution 2021-5 Set Alternate Date for March Board of Review:

Nielsen(Supervisor) read Resolution 2021-5 per the Tax Assessor to set an alternate date for the March Board of Review. **Motion to approve Speaker Township Resolution 2021-5 to set an alternate date for the March Board of Review made by Nielsen, second by Sheldon. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Murray, Stanley, Nielsen, Cubitt & Sheldon. Motion carried.**

Approval of Resolution 2021-6 Adoption of Poverty Exemption Application/Policy/Guidelines:

Nielsen(Supervisor) read Resolution 2021-6 per the Tax Assessor to adopt the Poverty Exemption Application, Policy & Guidelines for 2021. **Motion made to Adopt the 2021 Poverty Exemption Application, Policy & Guidelines made by Stanley, second by Nielsen. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Murray, Stanley, Nielsen, Cubitt & Sheldon. Motion carried.**

Burnham & Flower Annual Insurance Renewal (\$13,014.00):

Nielsen(Supervisor) reviewed the annual insurance renewal documents with the Board. **Motion to approve and pay Burnham & Flower Annual Insurance Renewal in the amount of \$13, 014.00 made by Stanley, second by Murray. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Murray, Stanley, Nielsen, Cubitt & Sheldon. Motion carried**

Discussion on allowing the church back in to use the hall on Sundays due to the Governor loosening the restrictions after March 5th to April 19th. AA, also, needs to be contacted of the same. **Cubitt**(Clerk) stated both groups need to remain less than 25 people and need to clean the tables, etc. when they are done.

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 7:53 p.m. made by Stanley, second by Murray. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Murray, Stanley, Nielsen, Cubitt & Sheldon. Motion carried.

Dawn M. Cubitt

Speaker Township Clerk