

Allen Township Trustees

October 3, 2023

The Allen Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Allen Township Center with all members present.

The minutes of September 3, 2023 were read and approved.

Heather Pendleton from the prosecutor's office was in attendance to introduce herself. She is covering for Cindy Land while she is on medical leave.

Jeff Hunker was in attendance to advise that he is running for county commissioner.

A Notice of Filing Of Petition For Annexation dated 9/8/23 was discovered 9/22/23 on the Fiscal Officer's front porch. A 77.8 acre parcel owned by Stella Buchanan has been petitioned for annexation into the City of Findlay for the Sheetz development on township road 99 just east of Lowes Distribution Center. A hearing will be held on 11/16/23 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Conference Room.

Doug Cade Hancock County Engineer was in attendance to discuss the Sheetz project and how it relates to TR99. He presented a Resolution prepared by the prosecutor's office authorizing Doug Cade, Hancock County Engineer, to assist Allen Township with the design and contracting for the improvement of a portion of Township Road 99. Allen Township will have no financial responsibilities for the TR99 improvements necessitated by the Sheetz project. The costs will be borne by the City of Findlay and the State of Ohio. Stacy moved to adopt the resolution with Smith seconding the motion. Roll call – all yes.

Jeff Hunker brought up the topic of JEDs and annexations. A lengthy discussion ensued with no action being taken.

The Fiscal Officer presented a list of warrants and electronic payments totaling \$34,358.37. Stacy moved to pay these bills. The motion was seconded by Smith. Roll call - all yes.

A letter from Matt Stacy dated 9/22/2023 was presented by the Fiscal Officer. Matt is offering to farm Allen Township's 14 acres north of the Allen Township Center for \$1,500 per year for 2024 and 2025. Flanagan moved to accept the offer. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call Flanagan-yes, Smith-yes, Stacy abstained.

Schimmoeller and Humphrey advised that several requests have been made by non-residents to purchase cemetery lots through a resident to obtain the lower price. Stacy moved to limit the sale of Cemetery lots to one lot (4 graves) per township resident without prior Trustee approval. The motion was seconded by Smith. Roll call - all yes.

Stacy moved that the County Engineer be the issuer of utility/excavation and oversize load permits for 2024 on behalf of Allen Township. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call – all yes.

The recommended 2024 Sign Program for Allen Township was received from the County Engineer. The "Required" sign maintenance estimate is \$3,300. The "Optional" sign maintenance estimate is \$1,300. Smith moved to authorize the County Engineer to perform both maintenance recommendations for 2024. Flanagan seconded the motion. Roll call – all yes.

A request from the Hancock County Engineer's Office for potential 2024 paving/chip and seal projects was discussed. The Trustees will survey the roads and discuss at the next meeting.

Tony Humphrey provided an update on the road maintenance and the cemetery activities.

Fire Chief Hickman gave an update on the fire department operations.

The Trustees each reported on their individual activities since the last meeting.

The next regular meeting will be November 7, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Approved,

Mark J. Schimmoeller, Fiscal Officer
(Proper notice given by publishing & posting)

Kevin Flanagan, Chairman