

Allen Township Trustees

December 5, 2023

The Allen Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Allen Township Center with all members present. Cindy Land from the Hancock County Prosecutor's Office and 2024 Trustee elect Roger Clark was also in attendance.

The minutes of November 7, 2023 were read and approved.

Approximately 40+ residents and non-residents were in attendance to discuss the potential construction of additional wind turbines in southern Allen Township.

Chris & Nikki Goodwin (TR230) spoke about concerns of One Energy receiving a big investment from another energy company and a semi-truck charging station coming into the area. The construction of micro grids being powered by additional wind turbines is very concerning to them and the lack of regulations on them.

Denise Timmerman and Bridget Tuccillo stated various concerns about additional wind turbines being installed near their residential properties and what steps might be taken to address these concerns.

Barbara Lemon (TR215) advised that she has received repeated offers from Jeremy Kent (One Energy) to purchase their land for \$20k per acre. Her understanding is the Wolf farm has already been sold and that the Huffman, Bishop and Walters properties are currently under option to purchase agreements with One Energy.

Flanagan advised the attendees that the township has little, if any, power to address these concerns with no zoning in Allen Township. At that point the question of getting Allen Township zoned was brought up. Cindy Land described the steps required to have Allen Township zoning to be placed on ballot for voter approval. She estimated Jan 2025 would be the earliest that zoning could be in place. After more discussion, the Trustees agreed to have Cindy draw up the necessary resolution to form a zoning committee. Niki & Chris Goodwin, Denise Timmerman, Zoie Zirger, Deborah Frederick and Dan Pritt all volunteered to serve on a zoning committee. At this point there was a 10 minute recess before the meeting resumed.

The Fiscal Officer presented a list of warrants and electronic payments totaling \$96,761.15. Stacy moved to pay these bills. The motion was seconded by Smith. Roll call - all yes.

The Fiscal Officer presented a Resolution (#11-07-2023) to Authorize Expenditure from the ARPA Funds. The resolution identifies a project not to exceed \$50,000 to "Improve Road Maintenance Equipment". Stacy moved for the adoption of the resolution with Smith seconding the motion. Roll call - all yes.

Fire Chief Hickman presented the Fire Runs Report for 12/2022 -11/2023. The Allen Township Volunteer Fire Department made 290 runs for the period resulting in 2,042 firemen responses (an average of 7 fireman per run) which at \$16 equates to \$32,672.00 "Fire-Run" payments.

Hickman presented an estimate from Inmar Marine Group for an inflatable rescue boat for the Allen Township Fire Department at a cost of \$3,935.90. Smith moved to accept the estimate and utilize ARP funds to pay for it. Flanagan seconded the motion. Roll call - all yes.

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

The Trustees gave their monthly activity reports.

The Sportsplex lease expiration was discussed. The Trustees will be contacting VBCSA members to attempt to get a new lease in place before the current one expires on 1/1/2024.

Flanagan presented a request from Brian Fulcher to utilize the Township Center for Cub Scout meetings in 2024 and waive the security deposit and rental fees. Stacy moved to grant the request with Smith seconding the motion. Roll call - all yes.

The Trustees performed the annual review of the Cemetery Policy for potential adjustments. Smith moved that all rules, regulations and rates remain unchanged for 2024. Stacy seconded the motion. Roll call – all yes.

Smith moved that for 2024 the Trustees prepare a Payroll Certification Form to facilitate the ability to allocate their salaries between the Gas Tax Fund and the General Fund in accordance with Auditor of State Bulletin 2011-007. Stacy seconded the motion. Roll call – all yes.

The Trustees set January 2, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. for the Allen Township Trustee's 2024 Organizational Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Approved,