

AMBER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Amber Township Hall, Regular Session

August 24, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call: Present-J. Gallie, T. Alway, R. Alway, T. Rohde, C. Anderson

PLEDGE RECITED.

GUESTS-3 (Dan Quinn, Dan Rohde, Tom Hooper)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA- Motion to approve with right of chair to alter as necessary, add First Street project and County Designated assessor: R. Alway / Support-T. Alway, Ayes-5

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from July 27, 2020 as amended: removed "on the table" from old business, line 3, zoning: Motion to approve-R. Alway/Support-T. Alway, Ayes-5

SHERIFF REPORT-Submitted

MASON Co. Comm. REPORT-NONE

CORRESPONDENCE-

7/30/20 Attorney Tracy Thompson retiring from Township Law, need to submit/find new attorney.

8/18/20 Stop Work order for Jay Shillinger-Filed

8/22/20 Donation letter from Scottville Chief of Police for Child Safety.

Motion to approve \$500 donation to Child Safety of America, Inc.-J. Gallie/Support-T. Alway, Ayes-5

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING & ZONING-None: Defer to old Business

FIRE-NONE, next meeting is August 27, 2020.

DPW-Junk authority is not assessing, may save Amber Township \$1000

STREET LIGHTS- No problems reported

ROADS- Dennis Road project estimated at \$32,000-\$34,000, (Board voted on \$50,000 limit), will start gravel next week.

Two miles of First Street paving-MOTION-to take advantage of 2019 pricing, no financing and payment on August 31, 2021 to have Mason County road Commission pave the two miles of First Street from Brye Road to Stiles at an estimated cost of \$205,000, with full payment due on August 31, 2021;

MOVE-J. Gallie/Support-R. Alway, Ayes-5

ELECTIONS- Had new Chairperson, 7 veteran inspectors, 5 new inspectors, plus Deputy clerk, did well splitting shifts, rotating positions and tabulating 344 absentee ballots. One- way voting was a great success, in the front, out the back. 1985 registered voters, Absentee ballots: 414 sent out, 344 returned. 654 ballots tabulated, (33% of voters), 310 voters at the polls. November estimated Absentee is at 70% Starting to receive some of the PPE from the State of MI through the CARES ACT.

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 Election Commission Meeting, 10am

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 Public Test of Election equipment, 9am

Both at Amber Township Hall

HALL/GROUNDS-Light moved in front of new sign, need landscaping. New touch free soap dispensers installed, Jim working on pavers at garage & Rickey, fascia on garage needs repairing

CEMETERIES- MIA/POW flag at Rickey needs new rope & replace snap swivels also. Grave markers at Rickey, Jim will cement markers into cardboard tubes. Sign installed at Towns in the next week or two.

SUPERVISOR REPORT- NONE

TREASURER REPORT-

Motion to accept-J. Gallie, Support-T. Alway, Ayes-5

CLERK REPORT - NONE

PAYMENT OF EXPENSES- August total \$ 17,126.60. Motion to approve T. Alway/Support-R. Alway, Ayes-5

ASSESSOR REPORT-transitioned over PO Box and automatically forwarding e-mail/phone calls from Devon. Tom Alway suggested changing password or creating new account. New equalization director is a Level 4 Designated Assessor, need to sign agreement with Mason County and submit by September 30, 2020.

MOTION to accept the Mason County Interlocal Agreement for County Designated Assessor and have Jim Gallie sign certification as the supervisor for Amber Township: Move-J. Gallie/Support-C. Anderson, Ayes-5

OLD BUSINESS-

1. Zoning/planning update-Request for Township Attorney-Clerk, Theresa Rohde will send request to Carlos Alvarado, from Ludington. Jim will call Mr. Johnson, a city planner, from Grand Rapids to come and speak to the board on how to proceed. Tom Alway will get copies of several local Townships master plans for the Board to review.

NEW BUSINESS-

1. First Street Paving-covered under roads

ADJOURN: 8:18 P.M.

Submitted by,

Theresa Rohde, Amber Township Clerk