

THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting, Monday, November 11, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bremer at 7:02 p.m. at the Township Hall, followed by the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by those present.
2. Present: Mike Bremer, Deb Buckowing, Curt Campbell, Ross DeMaagd, Jake Jelsema, Sandy Rairigh, and Cindy Willshire. Also present: Amy Brown, Chief Eaton, Commissioner Parker, Eric Schaefer, and Luke Froncheck.
3. **MOTION** by Jelsema, support by Buckowing to approve the Printed Agenda. **MOTION APPROVED** with 7 yes voice votes.
4. **MOTION** by Campbell, support by Jelsema to approve the Consent Agenda. **MOTION APPROVED** with 7 yes voice votes.

First Public Comment

5. None.

County Report

6. Commissioner Parker discussed the Veteran's Day assembly held at the high school. He also talked about the upcoming vote on the jail's remodel or rebuild or relocation and the need for public input. Jelsema expressed the importance of addressing needed jail updates in order to avert any future liability issues that could arise. Commissioner Parker also mentioned the upcoming vote on the Commission on Aging.

Reserved Time

7. None.

Clerk's Report

8. Willshire stated the Elections were well attended and went smoothly on Tuesday, November 5. Buckowing requested results on voter turn-out however, the results will be given at a later time.

Treasurer's Report

9. None.

Emergency Services Report

10. Chief Eaton requested the purchase of 8 new sets of turn-out gear. He stated they'd ideally like two sets per person. A previously awarded grant provided 26 sets that would all expire at the same time. He's now in the process of establishing a more regular renewal schedule for equipment replacement. Also, he requested the purchase of a set of CPR training mannequins. He reviewed the parts of the kit that would be included and the estimated cost. Buckowing asked about the possibility of donating or disposing of old equipment and the Chief will look into the possibility of it. Chief Eaton reviewed both the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser and the TK Football Game Fundraiser commented they were grateful for the community support and great turn out. Jelsema asked about

the status of the grant application for the 800 MHz (dual band) frequency radios. Chief Eaton responded they were not awarded the grant. Radios currently being used don't have a phase out deadline and have better signal strength inside various buildings than the new radios. However, the new radios would operate on the same channel as police and other departments.

11. **MOTION** by Willshire, support by Buckowing to approve the purchase of up to eight new sets of turn-out gear at a cost not to exceed \$25,000. Roll call vote: Bremer, yes; Buckowing, yes; Jelsema, yes; DeMaagd, yes; Campbell, yes; Rairigh, yes; Willshire, yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**
12. **MOTION** by Willshire, support by Campbell to approve the purchase of CPR Training Mannequins at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. Roll call vote: Bremer, yes; Buckowing, yes; Jelsema, yes; DeMaagd, yes; Campbell, yes; Rairigh, yes; Willshire, yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Planning and Zoning Report

13. None.

Unfinished Business

14. None.

New Business

15. Willshire requested a wage increase for the Office Administrator and Deputy Treasurer. The requested increase would not exceed that previously budgeted. Buckowing commented this would be a merit increase as well as a measure to be more competitive with wages offered in other locations for similar positions. DeMaagd suggested that a further increase would be in order considering the savings of not providing health insurance and the desire to retain qualified personnel. Jelsema inquired as to the impact on TTES moral at the wage increases being given at this time. Willshire commented that raises had recently been given to TTES workers.
16. **MOTION** by DeMaagd, support by Buckowing to increase the Office Administrator's wages to \$15.00 per hour and the Deputy Treasurer's wages to \$18.00 per hour at the next soonest pay period. Roll call vote: Bremer, yes; Buckowing, yes; Jelsema, yes; DeMaagd, yes; Campbell, yes; Rairigh, yes; Willshire, yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Committee Reports

17. Administration: None.
18. Cemetery: None.
19. Elections: None.
20. Emergency Services: None.
21. Finance: Next meeting is scheduled for November 20.
22. Parks and Recreation Representative: Selective baseball is starting in December. Otherwise activities have wound down for the season. Also, 3 collections bins are located in the area to collect gently used sports equipment that will be used in a TAPR Resale Fundraiser scheduled for March.
23. Personnel – Compensation: None.
24. Property, Public Utilities: Mike commented that new front doors have be working well but wondering about painting as weather permits. He asked is Campbell had contacted the painter yet,

if not, would like contact information for the Office Administrator. She would like to ask for a quote regarding painting the board room as well.

25. Roads and Highways: Campbell stated there were no current issues needing to be addressed. Mike commented that the road commission would be able to inform us as items came up.

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

26. Commissioner Parker commented that it was good to see further broadband internet providers were moving into the area.

POLL OF MEMBERS:

Jake Jelsema, Trustee: None.

Sandra Rairigh, Trustee: None.

Ross DeMaagd, Trustee: None.

Curt Campbell, Trustee: None.

Deb Buckowing, Treasurer: None.

Cindy Willshire, Clerk: None.

Mike Bremer, Supervisor: Bremer discussed the invitations received from Vriesman & Korhorn's for their annual Christmas Luncheon.

MOTION by Jelsema, **SUPPORT** by Campbell to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION APPROVED** with 7 yes voice votes.

Adjournment of meeting by Supervisor Bremer at 8:06 p.m.

Amy Brown, Recording Secretary

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