

SPRINGVILLE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
July 20th, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Supervisor, Clyde Kastl.

Board Present: Clyde Kastl, Jessica Boonstra, Wendy Floury, Beverly Walton, Scott Neuffer, and Deputy Supervisor Ben Townsend.

Public Present: Jim Peterson, Stacy Brewer, Joe Salter, Bruce Strang, and Alan Mohler

The Pledge of Allegiance was Recited.

Scott Neuffer motioned to accept the May 18th, 2020 Meeting minutes. Jessica Boonstra seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Al Mohler, former Fire Chief for Greenwood Fire Department, shared that his Department continues to be called by dispatch to every fire Springville Fire is called to attend. This assistance is very costly for his Department and if their service is no longer needed, they would appreciate not being called. Jessica Boonstra asked to suspend the rules to respond to Mr. Mohler. Supervisor Kastl okayed the suspension of the rules. Jessica Boonstra shared with Mr. Mohler that we have Fire Chief, as of July 9th and dispatch was contacted on July 10th, so Buckley and Greenwood should have only been contacted when Mutual Aid was needed. Jessica Boonstra thanked Mr. Mohler for their support during the time we were looking for a new Fire Chief and shared that she would contact Central Dispatch and get this situation resolved.

In New Business, Supervisor Kastl introduced our new Fire Chief, Bruce 'Charlie' Strang. Mr. Strang is doing an incredible job with the Fire Department.

Supervisor Kastl shared that we need an approval of Election Workers. Scott Neuffer motioned to accept Pam MacPherson, Cheryl Leatherman, Sharon Girard, and Mary DeKorne as our election workers for the August 4th, 2020 election. Beverly Walton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jessica Boonstra shared with the Board that the election workers have not received an increase in pay in many years. She shared that she has spoken to other Clerks and their election workers make a significant amount more than our workers. These Election Workers have to take a class to qualify to work elections. They have to have training and an understanding of elections, ballots, and proposals. Supervisor Kastl motioned to increase the pay from \$10 for the regular workers and \$11 for the chairperson to \$13 for regular workers and \$14 for chairperson. Beverly Walton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Kastl-Yes, Jessica Boonstra-Yes, Wendy Floury-Yes, Beverly Walton-Yes, Scott Neuffer-Yes. Vote was passed 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Supervisor Kastl shared that we received a new bid for the Garage Doors at the fire barn. This bid was lower than the bid approved at our Special July 9th meeting, but for the exact same work. Scott Neuffer motioned to accept the new bid for the Garage Door. Supervisor Kastl

seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Kastl-Yes, Jessica Boonstra-Yes, Wendy Floury-Yes, Beverly Walton-Yes, Scott Neuffer-Yes. Vote was passed 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Supervisor Kastl shared the Bid received from Northwest Lock for the entrance to the Fire barn. Scott Neuffer explained that with this new lock, each Fire Department volunteer will have their own code to open the door. When people leave the department, their code will be removed. Scott Neuffer motioned to accept the bid for the locks. Beverly Walton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Supervisor Kastl-Yes, Jessica Boonstra-Yes, Wendy Floury-Yes, Beverly Walton-Yes, Scott Neuffer-Yes. Vote was passed 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Jessica Boonstra shared that the Fire Department has a Post Office Box and wondered if it could be closed so all incoming mail goes straight to the Township PO Box. Fire Chief Strang said that would be fine with him. Supervisor Kastl motioned to close the box. Wendy Floury seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jessica Boonstra explained the issue with the Rescue Squad ballot proposal for the August 4th, 2020 election. In 2018, Mesick Rescue had a proposal on the ballot to increase their .75mil by 2.25mil making the total 3mil. The ballot stated that this would be for 2018 and 2019. When the proposal was written for the August 4th, 2020 ballot, it was written to continue this millage for the years, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. The year 2020 was missed. As soon as the Springville Township Board learned of this error, we had a special business meeting to approve a 3mil proposal for the Rescue Squad for 2020 only. This proposal, if passed by the board, would appear on the November 3rd, 2020 ballot and would cover 2020 for the Rescue Squad millage. The Board unanimously approved the proposal on July 9th, 2020, and the minutes were passed at our July 20th, 2020, Board meeting. There will be a 3mil proposal on the November 3rd, 2020, ballot for Mesick Rescue for 2020 only. There will be a 3mil proposal on the August 4th, 2020, ballot for Mesick Rescue for 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Beverly Walton motioned to pay the July invoices. Jessica Boonstra seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Chief, Bruce Strang gave a brief update for the Fire Department. He stated that things are going well and he is working on getting organized.

In other business, Supervisor Kastl shared about three blight complaints he has been working on with the zoning administrator. One is on Hodenpyle Dam Road and the other two are in Yuma.

Deputy Supervisor, Ben Townsend suggested to the Board that we discuss reimbursing those Fire Departments who assisted our Fire Department while we were looking for a new Chief. This will be put on a future agenda.

There was no further Public Comment.

Jessica Boonstra motioned to adjourn the meeting. Scott Neuffer seconded the motion.

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:34PM.

Jessica Boonstra

Springville Township Clerk