

TOWNSHIP OF STRONACHI
(Manistee County)
2471 Main St RR3
Manistee Michigan, 49660

Minutes

Board Meeting August 12, 2020

Meeting Called to order at 7pm by Mr. Vadeboncoeur. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll Call: present- Mr. Vadeboncoeur, Mr. Sell, Mr. Lindeman, Mr. Landis, Ms. Rishel. Absent none

Motion Mr. Lindeman to approve the agenda 2nd Mr. Landis. All in favor. **MC**

Review of consent agenda items

- 1) minutes- July 8, 2020
- 2) Treasurers report
- 3) bills for the month

Motion Mr. Lindeman to approve the consent agenda items 2nd Mr. Landis. All in favor. **MC**

Correspondences:

- 1) Revenue Sharing applications for next cycle are coming up. Check for the \$707.00 was returned to the grant board.
- 2) 85th District court letter of request to use the Stronach hall for the purpose of juror selection as needed for social distancing requirements. **Motion** Mr. Landis to extend the District court the same terms as the Circuit Court \$50 for each day and as long as the hall is not being used and they do a clean up. 2nd Mr. Lindeman. Roll Call vote: Mr. Landis-Yes, Mr. Lindeman-Yes, Mr. Sell-Yes, Ms. Rishel-Yes, Mr. Vadeboncoeur-Yes. **MC**.
- 3) Department of Treasury regarding the AMAR audit. Corrective actions filed and results are all in compliance.
- 4) 2 FOIA requests received from True The Vote organization. And a request for fees to be waived. Action: Clerk to consult with the Attorney and file for an extension and consensus of the Board is to not waive all fees as requested.

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Mr. Lindeman

- 1) # 115 is in the repair shop and should be back in service around the 16th of this month.
- 2) EMT class: All passed their practical's and are moving on to the next step.
- 3) the department is purchasing security cameras for the fire department and possibly the Skocelas location also.

Public Comment:

- 1) Mr. Sell noted for the record that as of August 1st he changed his Deputy Treasurer. For the purpose of changing the authorization signatures on the accounts at the financial institutions of the Filer Credit Union, West Shore Bank, the Lake Osceola Bank and the Shelby state bank. Sarah Schester is to be removed as an authorized signature on all the accounts for Stronach township as Deputy Treasurer and Barbara Sell added as the Deputy Treasurer. With the remainder of authorized signatures to remain the same. Robert Sell as Treasurer, Barbara Rishel as Clerk and Lacy Crummey as the Deputy Clerk.
- 2) Mike and Connie Watson commented on issues regarding their driveway due to the roadwork. Will be followed up by the MCRC.

Wayne Lindeman commented on traffic speed on the road, with open discussions on the possibility of paying for deputies to patrol the area, upcoming detours and ideas for handling the traffic that will be detoured and of possible trucker issues, traffic taking the side streets and other roads, streets with issues due to speed or added traffic.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Ad to run in the paper starting possibly the 15th of Aug. till the 2nd of September running on Sat, Mon, and Wed. at a cost of \$408. For bids for possible work on the hall building.
- 2) women's bathroom remodel will be slated for winter. Supervisor will work on the possible layout options.

Committee Reports:

- Planning: presented by Mr. Landis.
- 1) Hearing held on the 22nd of July for public input for a possible ordinance as a 2nd amendment sanctuary / resolution on supporting the 2nd amendment. Met with the attorney and are presenting a resolution of support for the Boards approval.
 - 2) Hearing to be held on August 26th at 6:30pm regarding ORV's at the Hall.
 - 3 continuing to work ideas regarding the Skocelas fire barn, master plan reviews as needed, and the river property/ project.

New Business

- 1) Snow plow issues discussed. No action taken.

- 2) Ordinance/resolution: Planning Chair Mr. Rishel clarified that after meeting with the Attorney the Planning Commission was presenting a resolution of declared support of the 2nd amendment and not an ordinance for the Board to act on.

Mr. Vadeboncoeur opened the meeting for public comment- Dan Beaty, Leland Reed, Robert Rishel, Larry Thompson, Wayne Lindeman, Carl Lacki commented in favor of support for the resolution. Sherriff Falk commented in his support of the oath he took to support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of Michigan and of the word sanctuary being removed and supports the second amendment. Mr. Vadeboncoeur read a letter from Janice Sapak who requested it be read and entered into the minutes(copy attached). Each Board member gave a comment. **Motion** Mr. Lindeman 2nd Mr. Sell to adopt the resolution to declare the support of the 2nd Amendment. **Roll call** vote: Mr. Lindeman-Yes, Mr. Sell-Yes, Mr. Landis-Yes, Ms. Rishel-Yes, Mr. Vadeboncoeur-No. **MC**

- 3) Mr. Terry Lindeman informed that where the public uses the property to enter and exit the river they have been leaving their garbage on the ground. Action taken: Mr. Landis might have a garbage can that he will donate. A sign with the fine notice will be placed at the site for littering.

Agenda for next meeting:

River property update.

Meeting adjourned: 8:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Barbara Rishel, Clerk

2749 Old Stronach Rd.
Manistee, MI 49660
August 5, 2020

Mr Phil Vadeboncour,


I am writing regarding the upcoming vote, which would designate Stronach Township as a
"Second Amendment Sanctuary".

First, let me say that I own a number of guns and I value the Second Amendment, which protects my right to do so. But I also value good government, and I believe that when partisan politics are put aside, our representatives make the best decisions for citizens. This is especially true in local politics, where we are all neighbors.

I am against voting in favor of this ordinance because I believe it is not necessary, and its only purpose is to push a political agenda. Let's face the facts. Are we really in danger of the government taking away our Second Amendment rights? Since 2008, we have been hearing this fear-mongering from gun rights lobbyists, and the only thing that has happened has been some relaxation of gun laws, an increase in the sales of guns and ammunition, and the pushing of a political agenda that tends to be divisive. In the highly unlikely event that Congress should even pass some restriction on the rights of gun owners, this issue will land before the Supreme Court. Do we honestly believe that an ordinance put in place by our Township Board members will stand against anything deemed legal by the federal government? This ordinance is just plain unnecessary and divisive in our township.

I recognize the fact that some Township residents and Planning Commission members, feel strongly about this issue. But let Bob Rishel, Ann Hooghart, and Carl Lacki put a sign in their front yard. Do not let them entice you into belittling the office of Township Supervisor by supporting bad government. Please continue to use your office to help improve the condition of our township, and leave divisive politics out of our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,


Janice Sapak

Enclosed is a letter with my thoughts about the Aug 12 vote regarding 2nd Amendment Sanctuary. I am unable to attend the meeting so I would like my letter read aloud so that it can be part of the official record.

Thanks - Jan Sapak