

Winfield Township Board Meeting Minutes
5/11/2023 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance and roll call of all members were present. Ryan VanSolkema, Julia Potratz, and Kenneth Bloom. Theresa Bennett Bennett-Stratton absent.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from 4/20/2023 by Julia, seconded by Ryan, all yea.

Motion to approve 5/11/2023 Agenda by Ryan, seconded by Ken, yea all.

Public comment, none.

Clerks Report – Our first election on May 2nd of 237 voters, 194 yes, 42 no. Bank accounts: General \$290,222.445, Building \$150,546.93, Fire 495,299.07, ARPA \$238,008.77, Tax \$19,106.95 for a total of \$793,184.17. Blaine meeting of backing out reconciliations to July of last year to try to get the ledge to reconcile. Got notified of an election in August for 193 voters in the Morley school district. We can regulate that over to Deerfield Township for them to handle it.

Zoning – Dave Kelsey

Treasurer Report - See report. Discussion about township website and cutting check for existing website. Need to cut a check for treasurer's Quickbooks bill. Motion to approve paying of winfieldtownship.org and Quickbooks bills immediately by Ryan, seconded by Julia, all Yeas.

PC Report- Julia Portatz – Planning Commission meeting on 5/15/23 Public meeting in June for solar and wind ordinances.

Treasurer position. One applicant, Brenda Arnold, see attached letter. Motion to accept Brenda as interim treasurer by Julia, seconded by Ryan. All yea. Brenda Arnold sworn in as treasurer and took seat at the table.

Need to update signature cards. Motion to remove Cathy Killinger and Charles Killinger from the bank signature cards and add Brenda Arnold by Julia, seconded by Ken. Roll call, Yea, Ryan, Julia, Ken. Brenda abstain.

OLD BUSINESS

Township credit card application has to be resubmitted with the removal of Cathy and adding Brenda. Motion to redo credit card application to remove Cathy and add Brenda by Ryan, seconded by Ken. All Yea.

Website is still in process. Preliminary site work Email has been taken over by Shumaker Group and Office Machine. Still have to take over existing website.

Clerks Audit is moving forward with Weiss & Associates. They requested more information.

Township Hall- Ken Bloom, Dennis Arnold, and Ryan Vansolkema met with Kevin LaFountain discussion about getting the existing Pour Michigan drawings changed for the new hall including extending the hall by 8 foot. Kevin felt that in two weeks he could have them changed.

Theresa Bennett-Stratton arrived and was briefed on board activity to this point. Ryan continued with new hall discussion.

When the plans get revised to put out for bids to build. Theresa recommended to have a covered picnic and to have people to purchase a brick for the patio.

Checks & Bills to pay (see attached). Motion to pay bills by, seconded by. All Yea. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Quote by Pitcher Perfect to add 220 yard of gravel to improve the driveway in Amble cemetery for \$6700. Motion to accept bid for Pitcher Perfect to do the gravel to the driveways by Ken, seconded by Theresa. All yea.

Discussion about other cleanup/fixups for the cemetery and park.

Discussion about a have a liaison to overlook the cemetery. General rules for cleaning up decorations and having an updated sign for cemeteries.

Motion to sell the piano for \$5 or best offer by Theresa, seconded by Julia. All yea.

June meeting will be budget and pay adjustments.

Discussion about the blight ordinance county wide. Discussion about possible township wide trash service.

Public Comments

Township cleanup in September.

Board Comments

Ryan welcomed Brenda to the board.

Brenda commented about hours possible.

Dennis brought up switching to Verizon for hall phone. Motion to switch from existing landline phone to Verizon be investigated by Ken by Ryan, seconded by Theresa. All yea.

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 by Julia, seconded by Ryan, all Yeas.

Kenneth Bloom, Clerk