

Elmer Township Meeting

July 17, 2017

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Members Present: Marty Galbraith, Supervisor; Jeanie Smith, Clerk; Jenni Layman, Treasurer; Sue Stenson, Trustee; Richard Ellis, Trustee

Number of non-members present: 8

June 19, 2017 Minutes approved as read. Treasurer's report approved as presented.

Golf Carts: Cassie Morse Bills, prosecuting attorney was here to discuss golf carts on the road and present guidelines which she drew up. They include people getting ORV stickers for their golf cart since they travel on roads that have speed limits of over 30 miles per hr.

Roll call vote taken to adopt the golf cart resolution:

Sue, Yes / Jennie, Yes / Jeanie, Yes / Richard, Yes / Marty, Yes - Passed.

Old Business

Marty touched on some old business items:

~The new fire truck is at the Fire Dept. and ready to go.

~The board agreed to have a grill for the cook shack built to fit the space rather than buying something.

Marty will check with Amish.

~Regarding roads to be considered for the limestone: last meeting Gerber Rd was suggested but this time

Marty also mentioned Helmer Lake Rd. Ann Esch, deputy treasurer, says that road is extremely bad in the spring and after heavy rains.

Cemetery Markers: Jeanie presented a flyer from Lashley's funeral home, for cemetery markers. These would be used to mark all new burials until a headstone is set there. There are many unmarked graves that may never have a headstone set and these markers would be useful in identifying and helping family members to locate the graves. Board agreed these would be helpful - Jeanie will order some.

Jenni was given approval to buy new receipt books. She said too that Lorrie from First Bank had followed up regarding the possibility of Elmer twp switching to their bank. At this time Jenni is not sure but will think about it more.

Ann Esch was introduced and welcomed as Jenni's new deputy treasurer.

Office use: Jennie also mentioned that she felt the offices were being used too casually by twp employees. She felt they should not be in the offices at all except for briefly picking up or dropping off paperwork or money.

Some issues are food wrappers being left in trash (encouraging mice) and leaving doors unlocked. Marty asked attending employee's to limit their use of the offices.

Mower: Raquel commented that although many things have been fixed or replaced on it, the red mower still doesn't run well and may soon need to be replaced.

Employees: With all employee's present, Marty addressed some conflict issues in regards to the upkeep of the hall grounds. Hall groundskeeper, Derek Whitacre, has not shown an ability to keep all areas mowed and trimmed on a consistent basis. Because of this, Raquel and Curt were told some months ago to do whatever they see needs to be done. This has caused some contention, but in order to ensure that the grounds are kept in good shape throughout the summer months, it was decided that Raquel and Curt should continue picking

up the slack when needed. Derek was instructed to keep a better eye out for things that need to be done and do them promptly.

Motion made to accept bills as presented. Bills approved checks 1459-1491

Meeting adjourned 8:10

Submitted by,
Jeanie Smith, Clerk