

Elmer Township Meeting
November 19, 2018
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: 5

October 2018 minutes approved as written. Sue/Richard Treasurer's report approved.

Meeting opened with Mr. & Mrs. Barker who live on Hill Rd. Near their home are some trailers that people are living in without electric, sewer or running water. According to Barkers there are also people who come and go frequently at odd hours.

Per Marty's suggestion to them previously, they've tried to involve the Health Dept and the Building Inspector in the hope someone would look into it, to no avail. The Sheriff Dept is also aware.

Barkers said there is a minor child living there and the suggestion was brought up for them (Barkers) to contact Child Protective Services who would then investigate the living conditions.

Other discussion was held among the board regarding a 'blight ordinance', which would affect everyone in the township. Board was not in favor of doing something like that just because of this issue.

November 6th election went well although there were many new voters and those who had not voted in many years. Most new voters were attributed to the legalizing of marijuana – which did pass in the state. There were some issues with people not showing up in the computer as being registered to vote. These were resolved.

A letter from the Treasury Dept stated that state revenue will be withheld until the financial F-65 report is received. This report was being done by auditor, Jim Anderson. Follow up will be done with Jim to see if it has been sent in yet.

Trail Cams in the cemetery is thought to be a good idea by the board. Also discussed was possibly just posting a sign to say that the area is under surveillance, which might deter people from causing problems or stealing. Nothing decided at this point.

Snowplowing will again be done by Carl Shirk, although he did not show up to plow before a rental recently. Discussed having Margaret inform him a few days early of any rentals so he can be ready in case it snows.

Floor Polisher will be picked up from Fairview Hardware by Richard.

A sample resolution to waive penalties for non-filing of property transfer affidavits was presented. The board agreed to adopt the resolution. Roll call vote was taken: Richard-yes / Sue-yes/Jenni-yes/Marty-yes/Jeanie-yes.

A resolution from the road commission was also discussed, regarding the possible removal of weight exemptions for logging trucks in the spring. Currently, logging trucks are the only trucks allowed to maintain their full weight capacity in the spring, which contributes to the breakdown of several roads in Elmer township, costing the road commission and township more in repair and making driving more hazardous to those who travel the roads.

The board was in agreement that the exemptions be removed and the resolution will go to the road commission who will submit it to the state. Roll call vote was taken: Richard-yes / Sue-yes/Jenni-yes/Marty-yes/Jeanie-yes. Carried.

Jenni was given approval to order stamps and envelopes. Motion made to approve bills as presented. Richard/Jeanie Check #'s 1910 – 1935.

Meeting adjourned, 8:10 pm

Submitted by: Jeanie Smith, Clerk