

Elmer Township Meeting  
October 17, 2016  
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

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

Number of non-members present: 5

September 19, 2016 minutes approved as read. Treasurer and Clerk reports presented and accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Window shades** will be decided on by February before the next budget is finalized.

Current Dep. Treasurer, Jenni Layman is considering options for a deputy treasurer after the election. The new playground toy still needs wood chips around it in order to be complete.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Twp audit** was completed by Jim Anderson and went well. He's recommending that the clerk set up a bank account in Quickbooks to verify and balance with the Treasurer's tax deposits and disbursements, thus creating a 'check and balance' system.

**Larry Wilson** gave an update on the new courthouse and the possibility of an election in May for voters to approve some millage to raise funds for the building.

**Land Transfer:** Marty talked with Bill Kendall, county treasurer, about the land transfer back to the township. The owner of all the acreage around this small parcel would like to buy it for \$500. The board felt that to be fair, a for-sale sign should be posted giving anyone else a chance to make an offer also.

**Hall keys:** The hall has not had new locks since the 80's according to Marty. The board agreed that there could be many people still in possession of current keys. The consensus of the board is to have new knobs installed.

**Medical Marijuana:** Julie read the MTA article about the state's decision to leave it up to townships as to whether they want a medical marijuana store in their township. In order to *allow* these stores, the board would have to adopt a policy stating that they *want* this type of business. If no policy is drawn up and adopted then a medical marijuana store would not be able to set up business.

The board is in agreement that they have no plans to adopt such a policy. Motion by Julie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue, all in favor.

**Cemetery policy:** There was some discussion regarding changes to the current cemetery policy. Jeanie will do some research before next meeting.

**Basement/Outhouse cleaning:** Curt has been assigned the responsibility of keeping all rooms in the basement clean. Raquel will be responsible for checking and cleaning the outhouse when needed.

Motion to accept bills as presented – Sue / Jeanie, carried. Checks #1227 through # 1255

Meeting adjourned, 8:40 pm.

Submitted by,  
Jeanie Smith, Clerk