



GALIENT TOWNSHIP

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Galien Township Board Regular Meeting October 17, 2018 7:30pm @ Galien Township Office Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm

Roll Call: Present- J. Mast, K. Truhn, J. Richter, B. Williams, M. Kinne. Absent- None

J. Mast led the Pledge of Allegiance

Visitors Comments: **Mike Olmstead** said that he wants the damaged Olmstead monument repaired not replaced. Mike also said that Clare Olmstead would like to have the damaged stone if it cannot be repaired.

Ruth Olmstead stated that she would also like to see the damaged monument repaired.

Gary Mullins said that Amy Springers fence is falling apart and feels that she should have to repair it. He also said that the smell coming from her house is so bad he can smell it on his front steps. Mrs. Springer is not willing to work with Char and Gary and won't clean up her mess.

Approval of Consent Agenda: J. Mast made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the party correction on the Election Commission meeting minutes. K. Truhn supported. Motion carried. No nays.

Approval of Bills:

K. Truhn made a motion to approve the General Fund bills in the amount of \$14528.34. M. Kinne supported. Motion carried. No nays.

J. Richter made a motion to approve the Fire Fund bills in the amount of \$1159.55. K. Truhn supported. Motion carried. No nays.

K. Truhn made a motion to approve the Permit Fund bills in the amount of \$858.90. J. Mast supported. Motion carried. No nays.

J. Richter made a motion to approve the Road Fund bills in the amount of \$5675.49. K. Truhn supported. Motion carried. No nays.

Reports:

Police: See attached report

Code Enforcer/Zoning Officer: A new ordinance limiting the number of pets was discussed to address the issue at 2316 Second Street. Attorney Senica will have the ordinance for review before the



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November meeting. The board decided on 3 dogs and 5 cats to start but no vote was cast. J. Richter will check with neighboring townships to see what they allow. We are waiting for Mrs. Payne to enter her plea with the court so we can get a court date for her property.

Fire: There have been 5 calls since our last meeting. The firemen participated in training in Baroda. Chief Chase is looking at the options for the Firemen's Association account; getting their own EIN is expensive. The firemen will be participating in Trick or Treat on October 27, 2018.

Roads: The Road Committee has sent a list of construction issues to the BCRD. Someone from the BCRD was supposed to attend the October Road Committee meeting but did not show up. There are still issues with the driveway drop offs where construction was done this summer.

Drains: The Critchet drain issue is still going on. J. Mast is going to email the Drain Commissioner directly to schedule a meeting to discuss.

Cemetery: The fall clean-up is October 27, 2018 at 9am. M. Kinne will provide a golf cart. J. Richter gave an update on the damaged monuments. The monuments have been ordered from the quarry and we have not received the check from the insurance company yet. M. Kinne made a motion to pay J. Richter \$200 for a grave opening that was done in error. J. Mast supported. Motion carried. No nays.

Clerk: The public accuracy test for the November election will be October 27, 2018 at 1pm. J. Richter will publish the notice next week. J. Mast made a motion to purchase Adobe Pro for not more than \$160 and Microsoft office 365 for not more than \$100. M. Kinne supported. Motion carried. No nays. M. Kinne made a motion to adopt the NSF Checks Policy. J. Mast supported. Roll Call: Ayes- J. Mast, K. Truhn, J. Richter, B. Williams, M. Kinne. Nays- None. Policy adopted 10-17-2018.

Treasurer: County Commissioner Ezra Scott got K. Truhn a new computer from the county and we should have it next week. M. Kinne made a motion to purchase Windows 10, 4GB Memory and a hard drive for not more than \$300 for the computer. J. Richter supported. Motion carried. No nays.

Unfinished Business:

International Fire Code: This item was tabled and will be discussed in November.

New Business:

Resolution 2018-07: This item was tabled and will be discussed in November.

Visitors Comments: David Blum spoke to everyone about why he is running for County Commissioner. His main focus is roads, drains, waste water and rural internet access.

Ruth Olmstead said that her driveway still is not fixed after the road construction this summer. She also mentioned that Mount Zion Road needs to be mowed along the shoulder. She also said that she thinks the new monuments at the cemetery won't look good.

Gary Mullins asked who was responsible for maintaining the fence that is on his property line.

Savannah Devries asked the board to be clear in the new ordinance what is considered a pet.

Mike Olmstead stated again that he wants the Olmstead monument reset not replaced.



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Steve Ratcliff said that his group is on the agenda with LARA on October 18, 2018.

Our next regular meeting is November 21, 2018 at 7:30pm

M. Kinne mad a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Mast supported. Motion carried. No nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm