Assyria Township Board Minutes *DRAFT*

 September 8, 2020 18 Sep 2020

A regular meeting of the Assyria Township Board was held at the Assyria Township Hall on, September 8, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: M. Timmons, T. Ryder-Stephens, E. Waterbury, J. Miller and A. Terry

COUNTY COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

-The expansion of Middleville sewage system was approved.

-County employees were acknowledged for their service.

-Some essential workers will be compensated either with time off or a pay increase.

Previous minutes reviewed and approved as written.

The bills were reviewed.

Motion made by Mike Timmons, supported by E. Waterbury to pay the bills, with the exception of the check made payable to the Assessor’s assistant, until a detailed account of the properties inspected is received.

All members vote YES.

CLERK:

-The Clerk is still working with the CPA Lauri Tamez, some items did not transfer to the new account accurately, will be seeking advice on the best way to correct the issues.

-There are some short falls in the budget that need to be addressed and the Clerk will be seeking guidance from the CPA.

-The state has offered to help with the cost of Absentee ballot envelopes, the Clerk has ordered envelopes at the states expense.

TREASURER:

-Last day to pay taxes is Monday, September 14, 2020 the Treasurer will be at the hall from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Motion made by Terry Ryder Stephens, supported by A. Terry, to hire Barry County Information Technology as the Township’s IT support.

All vote YES

TRUSTEE: J. Miller

-Checked into the cost of supplies to insulate the old portion of the hall.

ASSESSOR:

-Absent

SUPERVISOR:

-It is Assyria Township’s turn to provide the fifth Fireboard Member, no one expressed interest at this time.

-In regard to the Fireboard they are recommending to refurbish vs buy new equipment.

-The Township has not received a response from Consumers Power regarding the revised contract.

-Discussion in regard to opting in to the Cannabis laws. There was opposition from the board and the public on such a move. The Board decided to maintain its “opted out” status.

-Discussion in regard to supporting legal fees to hire Fahey, Schultz assist in the legalities of the Consumers issue and the Cannabis issue. However, the board did express the interest in having legal representation available to the Township. The Supervisor will request a presentation from the law office.

Motion made by M. Timmons, supported by G. Waterbury to accept the policy manual as written.

All Members vote YES

Public Comment:

-A resident expressed concern over the lengthy amount of time it has taken in regard to the Consumers Power issue. Not having power has been a huge burden and expense on the local farmers. There has been an issue with power outages for too long.

New Business:  None

Old Business:  None

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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| 08/17/2020 |  | 10554 |  | Interanl Revnue Sevice |  | 38-1948168 |  | -1,016.88 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10555 |  | Annette Terry |  | Clerk Salary |  | -734.24 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10556 |  | Eugene T Waterbury |  | Trustee Salary |  | -111.59 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10557 |  | Heidi Bartha |  | Deputy Clerk |  | -257.51 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10558 |  | James D Miller |  | Trustee Salary |  | -106.45 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10559 |  | Mike P Timmons |  | Supervisor Salary |  | -574.84 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10560 |  | Riley L Smith |  | NOT APPROVED OR PAID |  | -3,662.38 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10561 |  | Roger L Smith |  | Assessor Salary |  | -1,063.36 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10562 |  | Terry Ryder-Stephens |  | Treasurer Salary |  | -847.82 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10563 |  | Jennifer Carl |  | August Elecetion |  | -66.50 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10564 |  | Edward Bartha |  | August Election |  | -280.00 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10565 |  | Heidi M. Bartha |  | Aug Elec & Website |  | -277.00 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10566 |  | Nora Peake |  | August Election |  | -248.50 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10567 |  | Susan Elkins |  | August Election |  | -248.50 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10568 |  | Marilyn Higgins |  | August Election |  | -241.50 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10569 |  | Sally Bivens |  | August Election |  | -240.00 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10570 |  | Rian Carl |  | August Clean |  | -40.00 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10571 |  | Barry County Telephone |  | Telephone & Internet |  | -97.60 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10572 |  | Consumers Energy |  | Electric 7-20 to 8-18-2020 |  | -52.58 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10573 |  | Kent Oil |  | Propane |  | -251.87 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10574 |  | Barry County Road Commission |  | Crushed Gravel |  | -5,000.00 |
| 08/31/2020 |  | 10575 |  | GDH & Sons LLC |  | Sexton Salary |  | -1,416.50 |
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