



ACME TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
ACME TOWNSHIP HALL
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690
Wednesday, October 15, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AT 6:00 p.m.

Members present: J. Aukerman, C. Dye, G. LaPointe, J. Zollinger
Members excused: A. Jenema, P. Scott (working), D. White
Staff present: N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

A. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

B. Kelley: Expressed his concerns about the ongoing issues at the Acme Creek. He visit last night. He does not believe the issues have been addressed. He said if you drive down Lautner Road right now you will see a hose going into the ditch from the Meijer loading bays. That hose is pumping cloudy, clay muddy water into the ditch which then goes into Acme Creek. Kelley stated that it looks like the State and County will be issuing fines and asked if the Township would be doing in regards to the Stormwater Ordinance posted on the website.

T. Phillips: He wanted to commend, Trustee, LaPointe, for all his work on the Special Assessment Districts. He is very appreciative of his personal time and efforts.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by LaPointe, seconded by Aukerman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

C. INQUIRY AS TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None

D. CORRESPONDANCE: Zollinger read into record

- 1. Email dated 10/14/14 from Trustee, Scott**
- 2. Email dated 20/24/24 from Acme resident, Virginia Tegel**

Zollinger stated that this process of creating a Special Assessment District is very time consuming. It must follow very set practices and procedures. It is unfortunate that we needed to have another meeting tonight. Zollinger was not present at the 10/7/14 Board meeting. Some of the data that we needed tonight was not available last week. It is important that we clarify one or two issues tonight and move on.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Resolution to support approval of \$100,000.00 from Metro act (101 Funds) and Township Improvement Funds SAD (Fund 246) to support the Holiday Hills area Acme Township SAD district. This will be done should the Board approve the creation of the SAD after a public hearing is held.**

LaPointe wanted to briefly respond to Trustee, Scott's email. He said he understood people not liking these last minute notice of special meetings. We have one Board meeting a month and a lot of business comes into the Township that must be dealt with. To say to a citizen we will not be having a Board meeting for 3-4 weeks to resolve something is not acceptable. Secondly we have received advice from our Counsel who is very conservative in terms of open meetings violations because as Board members we can not have discussions on any pending resolutions or motions. This meeting tonight is a result of a email I received on Monday, October 13, saying something that we had planned in the process of this SAD had to have a Board resolution and to wait until the November meeting would have been a delay in the process.

LaPointe stated the Township has in excess of \$76,000.00 in restricted PA48 road improvement funds. At the 2014 Budget meetings another \$50,000.00 was committed for Township SAD road improvements. Tonight we have a resolution to make this official and will not be able to back out of it. This is now a commitment. If the SAD is created the Township will commit \$100,000.00 toward the Holiday Hills SAD project.

Motion by LaPointe, seconded by Dye to approve Resolution R-2014-37 for the commitment of funds totaling \$100,000.00 to Holiday Hills SAD.

Aukerman asked for clarification of the monies. B. Kelley asked if after this there would still be \$25,000.00 for another special assessment. Kelley also commented that what if another group of residents asked for our help in pursuing a SAD. Zollinger said we put a policy in place in January with Resolution 2014-5, stating first come first serve. Many neighborhoods have asked about the process but no one would step up to start.

P. Runhaugh, 3733 Bunker Hill Rd, asked if the money was only for the SAD or road improvements Zollinger said right of way money and could use for either. Runhaugh stated that there are far more worst roads in the Township traveled by a lot more people. This is a subdivision road. He also expressed his displeasure with having special meetings.

K. Nelson, 4624 Paper Birch, one of the reason we want to move forward is because the County has money available in 2015. If we don't move forward we will not be able to tap into that money.

Motion carried by a roll call vote of 4 (Aukerman, Dye, LaPointe, Zollinger) in favor, 0 opposing and 3 absence (Jenema, Scott, White)

2. Discussion on assessments on parcel's in support of a possible SAD district by being the same for all parcels regardless of lot size/road frontage.

LaPointe said this second item on the agenda is no longer required after discussion with our attorney.

A.Runhaugh, also expressed her displeasure with special meetings.

J. Morris, 4275 Paper Birch, Thanked the Board very much for addressing this issue for the last 18 months. For anyone living in Holiday Hills know how sad our roads are. It is absolutely vital to the use of the roads and maintaining our property values. I have lived in my home for two years and have seen the decline in the roads and knows it will not get better. You have my support.

Adjourned at 6:40 pm

On Tue, Oct 14, 2014 at 3:32 AM, Paul <pscott875@hotmail.com> wrote:

I believe it is inappropriate to have a special meeting and public hearing without even talking about the possibility of this happening at our last regular meeting giving the public notice that this was going to take place. I also believe that this could be handled at a regular meeting and the need for another special meeting is uncalled for, and getting beyond out of hand, giving the appearance of, lets just have a special meeting we can make sure the public that supports our view is here, not giving the general public what I fell is proper notice of what the board is trying to do.

I will try to be there, if for nothing more than to voice these concerns and try to have this delayed until our next regular scheduled meeting

Paul

From: NEdwardson@acmetownship.org

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Paul Scott, work's Double Tours.

Cathy Dye

From: Virginia Tegel <virginiategel@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 11:04 AM
To: Jay Zollinger; JEAN AUKERMAN; Amy Jerema; Gordie Lapointe; Cathy Dye; Paul Scott
Cc: doug white
Subject: updates on run off situation

Dear Acme Township Board Members,

I looked at the agenda for special boarding meeting on 10/15 - tomorrow. There is a glaring absence of agenda item to update the public on the GTTC soil erosion issue. There are no meeting minutes yet from the special meeting on 10/2 however I recall one action item was to keep the public informed. There is also no additional information on the website.

Also, I have not heard back on a number of questions regarding the soil erosion/storm water issue which I have now submitted twice. I will resubmit in subsequent email.

I look forward to your response.

Please include this letter as correspondence.

Virginia Tegel



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ROLL CALL

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Public Comment periods are provided at the beginning and end of each meeting agenda. Members of the public may address the Board regarding any subject of community interest during these periods. Comment during other portions of the agenda may or may not be entertained at the moderator's discretion.

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PUBLIC COMMENT & OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

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