FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

 February 20, 2017

Supervisor, Gordon Evilsizor, called the meeting in the Florence Township Hall to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Other board members present were Allissa Bowers, Janice Jones, Don Schrock, and Ben Russell. Guests in attendance were Roger and Jay Suhonen.

The January 16 19, 2017, meeting minutes were read and approved with motions from Janice and Ben.

The treasurer’s report was approved with motions from Don and Ben showing a general account balance of $200,707.47; CD’s totaling $235,458.91; a tax account of $58,544.32; fire fund of $115,467.84; and income of $16,666.81.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

 January bills in the amount of $8,120.96 were unanimously approved for payment with motions from Don and Janice.

 COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Ben stated that they are still waiting for the county to review the next batch of ordinance changes. They had some good discussion at the last meeting.

 OLD BUSINESS

 Mike Kulpinski, the Tri-Township Fire Chief was given the floor to review the past year of service. He asked if anyone had questions, and Jay Suhonen asked a few.

NEW BUSINESS

 Kyle was unable to attend the meeting but did speak with Gordie, and he will be at the next meeting to review the findings from the AMAR audit.

 Janice stated the audit done by Foote and Lloyd was complete and was getting ready to be submitted to the state.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion by Don and a second by Ben to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.; the motion carried. Respectfully submitted, Allissa Bowers, Clerk

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

 February 20, 2017

Supervisor, Gordon Evilsizor, called the meeting in the Florence Township Hall to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Other board members present were Allissa Bowers, Janice Jones, Don Schrock, and Ben Russell. Guests in attendance were Roger Wittenberg, Denny Allen, Mike Hayden, Kyle Harris, Paul Osthoff, and Jay Suhonen.

The January 16, 2017, meeting minutes were read and approved with motions from Janice and Don.

 The treasurer’s report was approved with motions from Don and Ben showing a general account balance of 192,663.50; CD’s totaling $235,458.91; a tax account of $300,574.77; fire fund of $115,467.84; and income of $76.99.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

 January bills in the amount of $8,744.55 were unanimously approved for payment with motions from Don and Janice.

 COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Kyle stated he had drafted a letter to the state with the plan to remedy the AMAR. He also stated the board needed to adopt a poverty guideline, and the board passed a motion to adopt the federal guidelines with a motion from Janice and a second from Don; all voted aye.

Roger renewed the new ordinance. Ben made a motion with a second from Janice to accept the ordinance as outlined by Roger. All voted aye. Allissa is to contact Haas to have Ordinance 12017 published.

Paul Osthoff reviewed a letter to be sent for ordinance violations and was given the go ahead to send letters. He also stated the website was not working correctly and needed some work. Paul recommended putting the ordinances on the website. Allissa is to research making the website larger to facilitate adding the ordinances.

 OLD BUSINESS

 No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

 Denny Allen was given the floor to address what has been happening with the road commission and fixing Constantine Road. After much discussion, Denny will return to the County Commissioners and the road commission with the feelings of the township board.

 Gordie presented the new 4-year contract with Life Care and with a motion from Ben and a second from Don; motion carried.

 Mike Hayden was given the floor to present the Constantine Fire Department proposed budget for 2017-2018 operating year. There was a motion from Allissa and a second from Ben to accept the budget as presented; all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

 ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion by Don and a second by Ben to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.; the motion carried. Respectfully submitted, Allissa Bowers, Clerk `

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

 March 20, 2017

Supervisor, Gordon Evilsizor, called the meeting in the Florence Township Hall to order at 7:22 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Other board members present were Allissa Bowers, Janice Jones, Don Schrock, and Ben Russell. Guests in attendance were Roger Wittenberg, Paul Osthoff, and Jay Suhonen.

The February 20, 2017, meeting minutes were read and approved with motions from Janice and Don.

 The treasurer’s report was approved with motions from Don and Ben showing a general account balance of $250,943.67; CD’s totaling $235,458.91; a tax account of $100.00; fire fund of $115,467.84; and income of $67,024.72.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

 February bills in the amount of $14,380.03 were unanimously approved for payment with motions from Don and Janice.

 COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Roger was given the floor to review what the status is of the Planning Board. He stated that the board needed to appoint a hearing officer to go after dangerous structures within the township, and it wasn’t a straightforward task. Paul Osthoff stated that there was lots of blithe, and after some discussion, it was decided Paul would prioritize the cases of blithe. There is also a permit for a chicken barn going up on Roys and Sevison.

Don reported on the monthly fire runs from Constantine and that Blake Piper was voted Fire Fighter of the year.

OLD BUSINESS

 No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

 Allissa reviewed the bids for lawn care from Behrends and Associates and from Great Lakes Lawnscaping. After some discussion Janice made a motion with a second from Don to accept the bid from Behrends and Associates for the 2017 year. Vote was taken all voted aye with Allissa abstaining.

The first reading of the 2017/2018 budget was completed with a few amendments. Allissa to complete a revenue budget for the April meeting.

Allissa stated her computer had died as well as the copier in the township hall and both needed to be replaced. Ben made a motion with a second from Janice for Allissa to buy a new computer and copier. All voted aye.

Gordie proposed that Tim Carls, Roger Wittenberg, and Mike Stears be appointed to the Board of Review as of January 1, 2017, for the first Board of Review. Such appointments will be reviewed at a later time for the next BOF.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

 ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion by Allissa and a second by Ben to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.; the motion carried. Respectfully submitted, Allissa Bowers, Clerk

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

 April 17, 2017

Supervisor, Gordon Evilsizor, called the meeting in the Florence Township Hall to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Other board members present were Allissa Bowers, Janice Jones, Don Schrock, and Ben Russell. Guests in attendance were Roger Wittenberg, and Jay Suhonen.

The March 20, 2017, meeting minutes were read and approved with motions from Janice and Don.

 The treasurer’s report was approved with motions from Don and Ben showing a general account balance of $236,737.64; CD’s totaling $234,458.91; a tax account of $109.22; fire fund of $115,467.84; and income of $174.00.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

 March bills in the amount of $18,493.39 were unanimously approved for payment with motions from Don and Janice.

 COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Don gave an update of all the runs from the past month. There were 4 runs.

Gordie stated the supervisor meeting was cancelled, and the ambulance meeting is next week.

Ben was not able to attend the last planning meeting. Roger was given the floor to update what happened at the last meeting. They are working on condensing the planning book. The main discussion at the meeting was about the blithe and notices. What needs to be done and how far do we go? Gordie to follow up with Paul Osthoff.

OLD BUSINESS

 Second reading of the budget and making active as of April 1, 2017. Both proposed budgets for 2017/2018 were approved with a motion from Ben and a second from Janice. A roll call vote was taken; all voted aye, motion carried.

 Allissa stated that she spoke with the attorney at MTA, and it is the responsibility of the planning board to keep the Ordinance book up to date. Allissa, Roger and Paul are to get together to update the Ordinance book.

NEW BUSINESS

Gordie stated that Graber’s Excavating that was used to put out the fire on Klinger Lk. Rd, has not been paid. What do we need to do to compensate Graber’s for helping on the fire.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

 ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion by Ben and a second by Don to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.; the motion carried. Respectfully submitted, Allissa Bowers, Clerk

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

 May 15, 2017

Supervisor, Gordon Evilsizor, called the meeting in the Florence Township Hall to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Other board members present were Allissa Bowers, Janice Jones, Don Schrock, and Ben Russell. Guests in attendance were Paul Osthoff, Dennis and Vicky Allen, Roger Wittenberg, and Jay Suhonen.

The April 17, 2017, meeting minutes were read and approved with corrections with motions from Janice and Don.

 The treasurer’s report was approved with motions from Don and Ben showing a general account balance of $239,095.30; CD’s totaling $235,458.91; a tax account of $109.22; fire fund of $115,467.84; and income of $20,851.05.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

 May bills in the amount of $9,869.04 were unanimously approved for payment with motions from Don and Janice.

 COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Don went to the Parks and Recreation meeting and they had more request than money, so they had to cut back to what was given out last year. Don reported that he handed out the fire meeting report.

Gordon stated that they renewed the ambulance contract and everything is still running smoothly.

Ben stated that they are working on condensing the planning book so that is says what the goals are for the township going forward. The result of the discussion was that the document that is used will go to the attorney for review. They also discussed the discovery of the ordinances and to see that there are ordinances that pertain to things other than zoning. Need clarification on what the ordinances state about blithe.

Paul Osthoff given the floor to discuss code enforcement, and update on blithe. Ben asked, what is this boards responsibility with code enforcement.

Paul and Gordie had a phone conversation about when Paul was hired on what the expectations were in regard to the blithe situation. Paul is submitting a proposal for compensation that will help the budget and bottom line. Paul would like to reconfirm that we will be updating the ordinance book. Board reviewed his proposal and Ben made a motion and Don seconded that motion to accept Paul’s proposal for compensation. Vote was taken, all voted aye, motion carried.

Gordie stated that the trailer on Mintdale Road has been addressed with the tax status changing and the resident has been spoken to about the cars.

OLD BUSINESS

 Kyle Harris has presented a proposal to update the parcel book. After discussion by the board, more information is needed before a decision can be made.

 Ben questioned the letters from the auditor.

NEW BUSINESS

Allissa stated that we need to do a major cleaning and maybe paint job inside the hall and the roof also needs to be painted. Allissa to put a notice in the paper for bids.

Gordie gave the floor to Dennis Allan. Thank you to Gordie and Don for attending the Road Commission meeting. The county is contributing $50,000 to fix Constantine Road. The county commission has also reinstated the Township borrowing fund. The road commission will pay a 50-50 match. The road commission has set aside $260,000 to fix Constantine Road. White Pigeon Twp. will put up $25,000 and Constantine Twp. will put $50,000 towards fixing the road. After much discussion, Janice made a motions that we in good faith commit $50, 000 to fix the 2 miles from Dickinson Road to Mintdale Road. Roll call vote was taken Allissa and Ben voted No and Janice and Gordie voted yes, Don voted yes with reservation. The motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

 ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion by Ben and a second by Don to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.; the motion carried. Respectfully submitted, Allissa Bowers, Clerk

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

 June19, 2017

Supervisor, Gordon Evilsizor, called the meeting in the Florence Township Hall to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Other board members present were Allissa Bowers, Janice Jones, Don Schrock, and Ben Russell. Guests in attendance were Paul Osthoff, Roger Wittenberg, and Jay Suhonen.

The May 15, 2017, meeting minutes were read and approved with motions from Janice and Don.

 The treasurer’s report was approved with motions from Don and Ben showing a general account balance of $229,999.37; CD’s totaling $235,458.91; a tax account of $109.22; fire fund of $115,467.84; and income of $773.11.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

 May bills in the amount of $10,564.22 were unanimously approved for payment with motions from Don and Janice.

 COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Don reported that for May we had one call and a total of 8 runs ytd. He also handed out the fire meeting report.

Ben stated that he was unable to attend the Planning Commission meeting.

Paul emailed Gordie about ticket books for code enforcement. The books are books of 25 tickets for $43 a book. He is requesting 5 books.

OLD BUSINESS

 Kyle Harris is sick.

 Ben asked for an update on Constantine Road. They are going to go as far as they can. Ben has concerns with the future and what is going to happen with the rest of Constantine Road.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

 ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion by Ben and a second by Don to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Allissa Bowers, Clerk

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

 June19, 2017

Supervisor, Gordon Evilsizor, called the meeting in the Florence Township Hall to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Other board members present were Allissa Bowers, Janice Jones, Don Schrock, and Ben Russell. Guests in attendance were Kyle Harris, Aaron Miller, Mr. Rusk, and Jay Suhonen.

The June 19, 2017, meeting minutes were read and approved with motions from Ben and Don.

 The treasurer’s report was approved with motions from Don and Ben showing a general account balance of $239,539.75; CD’s totaling $235,458.91; a tax account of $60,782.08; fire fund of $115,467.84; and income of $20,098.60.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

 May bills in the amount of $13,363.91 were unanimously approved for payment with motions from Don and Janice.

 COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Kyle Harris stated the July BOR is tomorrow. Kyle answered questions about the contract for the parcel review. Kyle will draw up a new contract to bring to the next meeting for approval.

Don Schrock reviewed the fire department runs.

Gordan stated the ambulance meeting is Thursday night

Ben stated that there was no Planning meeting.

Aaron Miller was given the floor to give an update on what is happening in Lansing. The State budget was passed.

 OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Seventh Day Adventist are coming to do door to door.

Paul sent Gordan an update on a few properties and would like to send out some tickets.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

 ADJOURNMENT There was a motion by Ben and a second by Janice to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Allissa Bowers, Clerk

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

 Aug. 21, 2017

Supervisor, Gordon Evilsizor, called the meeting in the Florence Township Hall to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Other board members present were Allissa Bowers, Janice Jones, Don Schrock, and Ben Russell. Guests in attendance were Tim Carls, Roger Wittenberg, and Jay Suhonen.

The July 17, 2017, meeting’s minutes were read and approved with one correction with motions from Ben and Janice.

 The treasurer’s report was approved with motions from Don and Ben showing a general account balance of $227,100.42; CD’s totaling $235,458.91; a tax account of $34,952.18; fire fund of $115,467.84; and income of $930.58.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

 August bills in the amount of $17,640.40 were unanimously approved for payment with motions from Don and Ben. The bill for the St Joseph County Road Commission was questioned and the breakdown of the bill needs more clarification; the bill will be tabled till next month.

 COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Don Schrock reviewed the fire department runs.

Gordon stated the ambulance meeting went well. Runs are still doing well.

The supervisor’s meeting went well also; roads were discussed.

Ben stated that there was a Planning meeting. Mr. Lovejoy expressed his concerns about the required setbacks for Ag buildings and requested those be reviewed. He wondered if existing buildings could be used as a setback guideline. The Planning Commission is to take this matter under consideration for the future.

Mr. Tim Carls stated some concern about the ordinances needed to address things that may come up in the future.

Changed Timm Park from Ag to Public and changed the Mintdale Club House from Public to Ag.

The board discussed what is happening in Mendon with the solar farm and it will be discussing this in the future to be able to address this happening in Florence Township. Tim Carls was given the floor and he stated that land being used for solar farm is not eligible for PA116. This will be discussed in the future.

Roger Wittenberg was given the floor to clarify why the changes were made for Timm Park.

 OLD BUSINESS

Gordan found a lawyer, Robert Ditka, on the county level, that will deal with the property on Mintdale Road in which the owner is deceased.

Gordan worked for two weeks to get an official ruling on whose responsibility it is to fix the roads. After several phone calls, the word was that the preservation of an existing road is the responsibility of the County Road Commission. New construction of a new road is a matching responsibility for the townships. Ben stated that we need to be aware of what is going to happen going forward with Constantine Road. Tim Carls would like to advise the board to find out how much money the County Road Commission has in their accounts before the township hands over more money to fix roads. If the township is putting up money to fix the roads, who is liable if something happens?

Kyle dropped the new contract off for approval. Allissa made a motion to accept the contract with Appraisals Plus Group evaluation with a second from Don. A roll call vote was taken, all voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

MTA is offering a class on zoning and will be discussing solar, marijuana, and short term rental options, to name a few topics. Steve Jones is willing to go. Ben made a motion with a second from Don to pay Steve’s way including meals, mileage, fees and a per diem.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Charles Woodiwiss on Constantine and Featherstone applied for a building permit and did not build anything but received a letter for a non-compliance. Gordan to resolve with Paul Osthoff.

 ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion by Ben and a second by Don to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Allissa Bowers, Clerk

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

 September 18, 2017

Supervisor, Gordon Evilsizor, called the meeting in the Florence Township Hall to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Other board members present were Allissa Bowers, Janice Jones, Don Schrock, and Ben Russell. Guests in attendance were Chris Minger, Rod Chupp, Aaron Miller, Dennis Allen, James Parker, and Tim Carls.

The August 21, 2017, meeting’s minutes were read and approved with motions from Ben and Don.

 The treasurer’s report was approved with motions from Don and Allissa showing a general account balance of $228,075.04; CD’s totaling $235,458.91; a tax account of $175,927.05; fire fund of $123,467.84; and income of $930.58.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

 After much discussion with Chris Minger, Rod Chupp, Aaron Miller, Dennis Allen, Janice Jones, Ben Russell, Allissa Bowers, Gordy Evilsizor, Don Schrock, and Tim Carls concerning Constantine Road, the September bills in the amount of $55,158.40 were unanimously approved for payment with motions from Don and Janice.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Don Schrock reviewed the fire department runs.

Gordon stated that Life Care is merging with another company, and Tri-Township would like to lengthen the contract from one year to three years for the next contractual time frame.

Ben stated that there was no meeting, and Mr. Haas is not interested in helping with the Master Plan, so the planning board is looking into getting help from the MSU Extension Office.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul has received his ticket books and would like to know how the board would like him to proceed. Allissa stated she would like to see Paul bring pictures to the board of the places he would like to ticket and then let the board decide how to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

James Parker was given the floor to present his business plan for a Medical Marijuana Production Plant. Ben and Allissa voiced concern over having such a business in the township, and James is willing to have his lawyer do the leg work to make the board comfortable with the ordinances so there wouldn’t be headaches.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

 No public participation.

 ADJOURNMENT

 There was a motion by Ben and a second by Don to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Allissa Bowers, Clerk

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

 October 16, 2017

Supervisor, Gordon Evilsizor, called the meeting in the Florence Township Hall to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Other board members present were Allissa Bowers, Janice Jones, and Don Schrock. Guests in attendance were Jay Suhonen, Kevin and Mary Reingardt, Roger Wittenburg, and Steve Jones.

The September 18, 2017, meeting’s minutes were read and approved with motions from Janice and Don.

 The treasurer’s report was approved with motions from Don and Allissa showing a general account balance of $172,995.51; CD’s totaling $237,799.56; a tax account of $8,631.63; fire fund of $123,467.84; and income of $78.47.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

 October bills in the amount of $5,318.50 were unanimously approved for payment with motions from Don and Janice.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Don reviewed the Constantine Fire Department runs and will ask about mutual aid runs.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul has pictures of the blithe and would like to know how the board would like him to proceed. After reviewing the pictures and properties. Paul is to ticket two properties and to call the health department and the electrical inspector on two other properties.

The property on Mintdale Road is being worked on, but there is a problem finding the death record for the owner.

NEW BUSINESS

Janice has a treasurer’s meeting tomorrow and will have some training.

Roger was given the floor to update the board on the planning board’s progress. Allissa made a motion to opt out of the proposal from James Parker after discussion, the board will send a resolution to Mr. Haas to review.

Allissa made a motion to have Graber Excavating remove the dirt pile from Calhoun Cemetery, Janice seconded that motion. A vote was taken, all voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kevin and Mary Reingardt had questions about their neighbors and what the ordinances say about fences and planting trees on property lines.

 ADJOURNMENT

 There was a motion by Allissa and a second by Janice to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.; the motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Allissa Bowers, Clerk

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

 November 20, 2017

Supervisor, Gordon Evilsizor, called the meeting in the Florence Township Hall to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Other board members present were Allissa Bowers, Janice Jones, Don Schrock, and Ben Russell. Guests in attendance were Jay Suhonen, Roger Wittenburg, and Paul Osthoff.

The October16, 2017, meeting’s minutes were read and approved with motions from Janice and Don.

 The treasurer’s report was approved with motions from Don and Ben showing a general account balance of $186,151.77; CD’s totaling $237,799.56; a tax account of $15,268.36; fire fund of $123,467.84; and income of $18,474.76.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

 November bills in the amount of $12,464.07 were unanimously approved for payment with motions from Don and Janice.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Don reviewed the Constantine Fire Department runs and fire meeting minutes.

Gordie stated that the supervisor’s meeting was this past week, and the County Road Commission was there; they stated that they were setting aside $500,000 next year for matching.

Ben stated that at the meeting on the 6th of November, they discussed meeting with MSU extension and also getting the new planning book in digital form. There was also discussion of minimum footage in HDR and making things more clear. Ben turned the floor over to Roger Wittenberg. There is also a discrepancy with setbacks for accessory buildings. They have been referred to a 3rd person from MSU extension, and he is in Kalamazoo; so when time permits, Roger Wittenberg will meet with him and get his recommendations.

Paul Osthoff stated that he and Gordie did a tour of Roystown and a few other properties. November 3rd, Paul toured again for progress. He has pictures and would like to discuss a few of the properties. The electrical inspector has been called, and a zoning application has been submitted. The other property he would like to discuss is the one owned by Kristy White who is in attendance tonight. Paul requested she send any paper work she has to authorize the trailer being placed on said property. Kristy had State Building Permits for her trailer dated before the new ordinances took effect; therefore, she is grandfathered in, and the Zoning Permits for the township have been misplaced.

Ben has questions about the property on Mintdale, Joe Haas sent a letter requesting proof of being the beneficiary to the property. What needs to be done with this property as far as the blithe? A ticket needs to be issued.

The property with the solar panels is in violation of setback requirements for structures. He submitted a zoning application, and Paul will follow through with the application.

OLD BUSINESS

 Chris Minger was here last month asking for a match for the grant to fix the one mile of Constantine Rd. A motion was made to approve the match for the grant for one mile of Constantine Rd. It is this board’s understanding that our portion of the match will be $13, 473.50 [half of $26, 947.00] of which the other $13,473.50 is to be paid by the County Road Commission. Motion made by Don, seconded by Janice, all voted aye.

Janice made a motion that Ben supported to adopt resolution 2017-2 to opt out of Medical Marijuana.

NEW BUSINESS

With a motion from Janice and a second from Don, the motion was made to amend the budget for zoning/ code enforcement to $8000, to amend the road commission budget to an additional $50,000, and to amend the Constantine Fire Department Budget by an additional $80,000. A roll call vote was taken; all voted aye.

Paul Osthoff made a proposal for business cards. There was a motion from Janice and a second from Don to purchase business cards. A vote was taken, all voted aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

 ADJOURNMENT

 There was a motion by Ben and a second by Don to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Allissa Bowers, Clerk

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

 December 18, 2017

Supervisor, Gordon Evilsizor, called the meeting in the Florence Township Hall to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Other board members present were Allissa Bowers, Janice Jones, Don Schrock, and Ben Russell. Guests in attendance were Jay Suhonen, Roger Wittenburg, Brendan Mahaffa, Tim Carls, and Paul Osthoff.

The November 20, 2017, meeting’s minutes were read and approved with motions from Janice and Ben.

 The treasurer’s report was approved with motions from Don and Ben showing a general account balance of $173,870.78; CDs totaling $237,799.56; a tax account of $167,752.95; fire fund of $123,467.84; and income of $183.08.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

 December bills in the amount of $12,569.01 were unanimously approved as amended for payment with motions from Don and Janice.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Don reviewed the Constantine Fire Department runs and fire meeting minutes.

Gordie stated that the supervisor’s meeting was this past week, and the County Road Commission was there. They stated that they were setting aside $500,000 next year for matching.

Ben stated they had a meeting on the 4th of December and turned the floor over to Roger. Roger stated that they met with Lee from the MSU Extention, and he was very helpful. In 2008, the state came up with a list of requirements for the Master Plan. The Planning Commission needs to discuss if they want to continue trying to do the plan themselves or have the MSU Extention do it for us. It cost approximately $5000. The extension office would also update the Ordinance Book. We also need to put something in place that would address solar panels. Paul has denied the application for the solar panels in Roystown due to the fact that they are permanent and are not placed according to zoning regulations.

The other thing they are working on and have the attorney working on is the property on Klinger Lake Rd. and Featherstone Rd. There is a contradiction in the Land Division Act, so we are waiting on Joe Haas to let us know what we can do.

OLD BUSINESS

 Lee Zimmerman from the County Health Department is involved in the property on Lutz and Decker; a second letter to clean up the area has been sent. We will wait another month and see what happens with the second letter.

 Attorney Duka is being forwarded all the information from Joe Haas for the property on Mintdale Road. The death certificate has been found, and the heirs are found. The people living there now are squatting and have no claim on the property.

 The contract for fixing the mile of Constantine Road has been sent to the County Road Commission.

Mark Brown called Gordie about the letter sent to the Attorney General’s Office and made some calls to contacts he had in the AG office. Since the holidays are upon us, it may be a few more weeks until we have an answer. Ben would like to know how much the state gives the County Road Commission for road repairs each year.

NEW BUSINESS

 Jerry Jones has properties that have been split off in the past, and he would like to put them back into the main property. It is this board’s opinion that this is a great idea. Kyle Harris is to inform the Land Resource Office that this move has been approved.

Donnie Reed has asked about cutting the trees down around the township hall. Gordie spoke with Midwest about taking the one down by the lines and is waiting to hear back from them.

Allissa and Janice moved to amend the bills to add $250 to Larry Brueck and $250 to Nottawa Township.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

 Brendan Mahaffa is interested in purchasing the property on Engle across from Timm Park and would like to know if there are any restrictions to the property. Rogers Wittenberg stated that there are really no restrictions except that there is only one principal residence permitted, and that is really all.

 Jay Suhoen questioned new business last month. There was an amendment to the road commission and Constantine Fire Dept. budgets, and he wanted to know what those were for. Gordie stated it was for the road we did last summer and the fire truck we paid for last summer.

 ADJOURNMENT

 There was a motion by Ben and a second by Don to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Allissa Bowers, Clerk