Assyria Township Board Minutes March 1, 2021

A regular meeting of the Assyria Township Board was held at the Assyria Township Hall on, March 1, 2021. The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: T. Wing, T. Ryder-Stephens, Z. Haralson, J. Miller and A. Terry

Motion made by T. Wing, supported by T. Ryder-Stephens to approve the Agenda. All members vote yes.

Public comment:

Rob Taylor expressed concern in regard to the truck traffic on Lacey road.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

Many appointments were made to numerous committees.

Thornapple Manor is expanding.

Bellevue Fire Chief Mark Jordan, presented information regarding a self-funded ambulance service with one full time person being added to the Bellevue Fire and Rescue. He also explained the possible impact having a fire barn in Assyria could have on the township. Not only reducing response time, but more than likely would reduce residences insurance rates. Currently Assyria has an insurance rating of 10, which is the worse rating possible. If Assyria would put in a fire barn the rating would go down to a 5 rating.

CLERK:

With the help of the Bellevue Fire Department we gave out 45 boxes of food to Assyria Township and nearby residences. The Fire Department will be helping again on March 6, 2021. Food boxes should arrive at the Township Hall around 10:30 a.m. Anyone that has a need or knows of someone in need is welcome to come and pick up food.

The CPA has made more recommendations in regard to chart of accounts that should be used and funded, also some more adjustments to the budget.

Motion made by A. Terry, supported by T. Ryder-Stephens to make the changes recommended to the budget.

All members vote yes.

Motion made by A. Terry, supported by T. Wing to approve the minutes. All members vote yes.

TREASURER:

Presented the Treasurer's report.

Today was the last day to pay taxes.

The Township received \$28,791.00 from Revenue Sharing.

The minimum balance required in the general fund is \$10,000.00.

There is a home on Lacey road that has been abandon.

Discussion in regard to upgrading the internet speed.

Motion made by T. Ryder-Stephens, supported by T. Wing to upgrade the internet speed with MEI.

All members vote yes.

Motion made by T. Ryder-Stephens, supported by J. Miller to pay the bills. All members vote yes.

SEXTON: Absent

ASSESSOR: Absent

TRUSTEE: Z. Haralson

Presented the Fire Board report.

TRUSTEE: J. Miller

Purchased and installed a blind for the office window.

Purchased an electric mouse track for the hall.

SUPERVISOR:

Discussion in regard to truck traffic and other concerns on roads.

Discussion in regard to the Ambulance Proposal.

Discussion in regard to 911 and Johnstown EMS budgets.

Motion made by T. Wing, supported by A. Terry, to reduce the budget from \$20,000.00 to \$15,000.00 for EMS from Johnstown.

All members vote yes.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment 9:50 p.m.

02/28/2021	10687	Annette Terry	Salary	-735.23
02/28/2021	10688	James D Miller	Salary	-106.45
02/28/2021	10689	Roger L Smith	Salary	-1,065.35
02/28/2021	10690	Terry Ryder-Stephens	Salary	-849.83
02/28/2021	10691	Thomas J Wing	Salary	-574.86
02/28/2021	10692	Zachary Haralson	Salary	-106.45
02/28/2021	10693	Kent Oil	Propane	-751.08
02/28/2021	10694	Laurie Tamez CPA PLC	CPA	-540.00
02/28/2021	10695	Apex Software	Assessor's software 312415	-235.00
02/28/2021	10696	Consumers Energy	Electric	-79.04
02/28/2021	10697	Barry County Telephone	Telephone/Internet	-98.91
02/28/2021	10698	GDH & Sons LLC	Sexton Salary	-1,416.50
02/28/2021	10699	Heidi M. Bartha	Posting to Township Website	-25.00
02/28/2021	10700	void	VOID	0.00
02/28/2021	10701	void	void	0.00
02/28/2021	10702	void	void	0.00
02/28/2021	10703	Roger Smith	Mileage	-293.44