Town of Washington

Town Board Meeting November 8, 2021

**Present**: Nanette Hilliard, Eldon Grossen, Chad Cassidy, Martha Ladwig, Janet Carley,

Shane Luchsinger, Cal Wasserstrass, Bill Heindrich

Meeting called to order by Nannette at 7:15PM.

Approval of hiring of Snow Plow Drivers Jim Gempler, Don Luchsinger, Glen Burgy and Darren Luchsinger for the 2021 – 2022 snow season. Eldon made a motion to approve and Chad 2nd motion. Motion carried.

Budget: Motion to approve the new budget for the Year 2022 was made by Eldon and Chad 2nd the motion. Motion carried, the 2022 budget was approved as written.

There are Special Assessments to be added to the tax statements this year: the POWTS, a special assessment to have the well properly abandoned on the Tax Parcel No. 23-030-0649.0000, Vivian Rufer, and ag conversion fee on Parcel #2303001993000. Eldon made a motion to approve and Chad second the motion. Motion carried.

Budget discussion on road work that has been done this year and the current invoice due to Green County Highway. We may have to take a short-term loan. It was decided to make a partial payment to Green County Highway at this time and we will see how the finances are at the December meeting and decide how to make further payments.

Chad reviewed the Ordinance for the ATV trails in the township. Some issues he addressed were: Fine amounts, times when the trails are open in our township and speed limits. The times that were suggested for closure of trails was 1am and 5am. A 35 miles per hour speed limit was suggested. The roads that cannot be used will be Hwys C, J & N and Hwy 69 (which can only be used to cross over from one side of road to the other side. All other township roads can be used as ATV trails. It should be stated in the ordinance that this ordinance will not go into effect until the road signage has been put in place by the ATV clubs. Chad will make these changes. Nannette made a motion to add these changes to the Ordinance and Eldon 2nd the motion. The Ordinance will again be reviewed and hopefully signed at the December meeting. The Ordinance will then have to be posted in 3 different areas before it will take effect also.

Green County zoning updates were reviewed. There is nothing that needs to be done, just an informational item.

Clerks Report: Minutes were approved by Chad and 2nd Eldon from the October meeting.

Treasurer reviewed the bills to be paid this month. Eldon made the motion to approve the paying of the bills for November and Chad 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

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Shane: Is about finished with the last mowing that needed to be done and will be putting up snow fences next week.

The letters went out to homeowners concerning the access to their properties by the Fire Department. They were to trim the trees along their driveways. One driveway has already been done and Shane went to look at it to insure it was done to fire dept satisfaction.

Shane stated there are road signs missing again around the township, that have been stolen. There is also fire signs being placed on properties and the township has not done this. We need to determine who is ordering these and placing them on the properties. This is to be a township task to insure proper placement.

Plows are ready to go for snowplowing.

Agenda items for the December meeting will be:

* ATV Ordinance approval and signatures
* Approval of the Election workers for 2022
* Insurance approval for Horton Insurance

A motion to adjourn by Eldon and Chad 2nd meeting the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting will be December 13, 2021

*Submitted by: Janet Carley, Clerk*