

Village of Breckenridge / Wheeler Township Board
Joint Meeting
February 9, 2021

A joint meeting of the Breckenridge Village Council and the Wheeler Township Board was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by President Seeley and Supervisor Rohde at the Wheeler Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Village Roll Call was taken by Clerk McPherson

Councilpersons Present: Aldrich, Clapp, Sterling, Wenzel, Tanghe, Seeley

Absent: Matthews

Staff Present: Clerk McPherson

Township Roll Call was taken by Clerk Bushre

Members Present: Treasurer Cooper, Supervisor Rohde, Clerk Bushre, Trustee Jenkins, Trustee Goward

Absent: None.

Guest Present: Olan Humm, Fire-Rescue board member at large.

- A. Intergovernmental Fire/Rescue Agreements including Appendage A and Appendage B.**
 - a. Discussion on current Fire/Rescue Agreements. Dates will be updated. Motion CARRIED by both boards.
- B. Fire Rescue Preliminary Budget**
 - a. A preliminary 2021-2022 Fire/Rescue Department budget was presented. Discussion was had on stand-by fee charges and expenditures.
- C. State Personal Property Tax Reimbursement for Fire-Rescue Millage**
 - a. Discussions were had on the State Personal Property Tax Reimbursements for the Fire-Rescue millages. It was discussed that the revenues shall be distributed from Wheeler Township to the Fire-Rescue Department according to state statute.
- D. Tax Tribunal Case**
 - a. Supervisor Rohde discussed the ongoing Tax Tribunal case with DTE Energy in regards to the depreciation values of the wind turbines. No determination has been made for years on this issue. Wheeler Township was holding the PPT tax reimbursements from the Fire-Rescue department in case monies had to be paid back based on the tax tribunal ruling. It was recommended that the PPT monies disbursed to the Fire-Rescue Department be set aside within the department financials due to the uncertainty of this situation.
- E. Sewer Agreement Update**
 - a. Operations are running well. Manager Ostrander informed the Wheeler Township board that the pump at the lift station was in need of repair and the pump has been pulled and sent for repair.
- F. Assessing Update**
 - a. Supervisor Rohde discussed the 2021 tax roll and noted no major changes in values only the general cost of living increase.
- G. Legal Description on Village Property**
 - a. Supervisor Rohde presented the Village lift station #4 parcel that is in need of a new legal description due to the many exceptions for property sales around the property. The Village will have their engineering firm complete this legal description update this year.
- H. County Blight Ordinance**
 - a. Supervisor Rohde discussed the County wide Blight Ordinance process.

I. 7039 E. Monroe Road

- a. It was agreed that the old BP Gas Station would be submitted to the County wide Blight program. An official complaint form was provided to submit to Supervisor Rohde to begin the process at the county level.

J. Village to City Process

- a. President Seeley shared that the Village is still looking at the transition from Village to City. No additional updates on the process as there was no work on this project in 2020.

K. 228 E. Saginaw Street Redevelopment Project

- a. The Gemini Capital Management project at 228 E. Saginaw Street was discussed by both groups. The Brownfield plan for this project will be presented to each board in the upcoming weeks for concurrence.

L. McClelland Road Overhaul – 50% cost share

- a. Manager Ostrander presented an engineered drawing to completely redo McClelland Rd from the railroad tracks north to Olive Rd. It was agreed that this project was necessary and the drainage shall be address at the time of reconstruction. This is a shared road and a project the Village and Township will work together on and share the cost. Manager Ostrander will continue with the project and obtain bids to complete the work. Estimated total cost is \$132,000.00.

Announcements – Clerk Bushre state there is a special election in May 2021 for the MidMichigan College millage as well as a Merrill Schools bond proposal.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 pm