

## Allen Township Trustees

**August 2, 2011**

The Allen Township Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Allen Township Center with all members present. The minutes of July 5, 2011 were read and approved as read.

The Fiscal Officer presented a list of bills (warrants 3957 – 3983) totaling \$20,893.00. Recker moved to pay these bills. The motion was seconded by Huffman. Roll call - all yes.

The Trustees presented and discussed their respective monthly road inspections. The documented observations were reviewed with action plans being developed where appropriate and noted on the inspection forms.

Kandy Smith was in attendance to get a progress report on the TR-108 drainage outlet replacement project. Boes Brothers Excavating will be performing the work in 2 – 3 weeks.

Resident Cindy Bryan was in attendance to discuss drainage issues around her home on TR114. On significant rainfall in a short period time she is experiencing water in her basement/crawl space. The Trustees are of the opinion that there must be some field tiles which were cut off when her home was built. She was advised to have a contractor investigate this theory at her expense. She was also advised that if she wanted to perform any work in the township right-of-way she would need the Trustees written permission to do so.

The Fiscal Officer advised that Allen Township's hearing with the Hancock County Budget Commission will be 8/26/11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lower Floor Jury Deliberation Room #1 at the Hancock County Court House.

Cindy Land from the Hancock County Prosecutor's office was in attendance to discuss the renewal of the Sportsplex Lease which expires 9/30/2011. The Trustees advised Cindy of some additional issues that they would like addressed in the new lease (i.e. 5 year term, pre-approval to erect structures, utility reimbursement, day light only operations, annual financial statements, etc.). Cindy will prepare a new lease for the Trustees review.

Cindy Land also discussed the Opt-Out Government Aggregation Program with Palmer Energy. No action was taken and a copy of the proposal from Palmer Energy will be forwarded to Cindy for her review.

Hancock County Auditor Charity Rauschenberg was in attendance to discuss a proposed Amendment to the Alternative Formula For Distribution of Local Government Funds Effective For Calendar Year 2012. Due to the recent cuts to Local Government Funds at the State Level, the current distribution formula no longer fairly distributes the county's funds available to townships and villages. Basically the new calculation shares the reduction evenly amongst the townships by reducing the fixed portion of the calculation. The variable part of the calculation remains the same. After this detailed explanation of the proposed changes, Cindy Land provided a Resolution to approve the County's alternative method for apportionment of undivided local government funds. The Amended is entitled "Amended Alternative Formula For Distribution of Local Government Funds Effective For Calendar Year 2012". Recker moved to adopt the resolution with Huffman seconding the motion. Roll call - all yes.

Flanagan received a letter from the Village of Van Buren dated 7/19/11 regarding an Expedited Annexation request for Tim Hunsaker (11.092 acres). Also in the letter was a proposed Annexation Agreement between Allen Township and the Village of Van Buren. Cindy Land advised that she had reviewed both the annexation request and the proposed annexation agreement. She discovered that this property was previously annexed into the Village of Van Buren a number of years ago and was never recorded. With respect to the proposed Annexation Agreement, it has no provisions that would benefit Allen Township. In fact, it would be giving away future revenue that the current annexation law entitles the township to receive. Therefore, she would not recommend that the township enter into such an agreement. The Trustees took no action on either issue.

Fire Chief Hickman presented the benefits of a web based program called IMResponding.com. This system is an equipment and resource coordination tool for emergency responders. The Trustees showed interest in the program but no action was taken.

This week a traffic mirror was put up on TR-108 (west side of railroad tracks) to assist residents near the railroad entering TR-108 from their driveways.

The next regular meeting will be September 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved,

Mark J. Schimmoeller, Fiscal Officer  
(Proper notice given by publishing & posting)

Kevin P. Flanagan, Chairman