

Aetna Township Board
Minutes of Meeting Held
January 10, 2018

Board Members Present: Bruce Carey, Jan Eckert, Gary Dubridge, Dee Barringer & Barb Cornell

Public Present: Nicole Healy, Rick Outman(Senator Emmons)

Meeting called to order by Bruce at 7:00pm. Pledge to flag.

Public Comment:

Ray message- Bill Routley is the new chair for 2018. They now have 5 counties in the Morgue Authority.

Rick Outman- nothing to report, just trying to visit as many townships as he can for Senator Emmons.

Minutes: Correct the date for the fireman's picnic to January 20. Motion by Barb support by Jan to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: 12-31-17

General Account Chemical	\$134,235.34	Tax Account	\$ 9,424.50
Savings Acct. Chemical	6,353.21	Brady Lake	\$ 1,774.58
CD #13 Chemical (Roads)	41,530.67		
CD #14 Chemical Bank	26,978.97		
Money Market (Roads)	50,245.30		
CD #15 Chemical (Sign)	<u>5,007.15</u>		
Total Cash Available	\$ 264,350.64		

Revenue sharing check \$28,282 that makes us \$10,000 - \$11,000 above of last year.

Pay Bills: Motion by Gary to pay the bills as presented, supported by Barb. Motion carried.

Budget Adjustment: Motion by Dee to Increase Revenue Sharing by \$5,000.00, decrease Township Hall Updates by \$3,500.00, increase elections \$100.00, increase Cemetery-Heckman by \$1,400.00. Support by Bruce. Carried.

Assessor's Report: 6 new houses this year 3 1/2 complete. 2 property splits Gunn & Frisbee 13 disabled vets Equalization has outsourced the printing and folding of the tax bills at a cost of \$0.30 per parcel. We pay \$2.00, What is the remaining \$1.70 paying for?

Fire Department: Discussion of the proposed budget presented by the Morley Area Fire Department resulted in many questions.

1. MFR income should include an estimate that is higher than the basic allotment. In 2017 that additional amount increased income by \$5,100.00.
2. The DNR grant that is in the expenses should be in the income section of the budget. That was an income increase of \$2,000.00 + dollars.
3. The purchase of a new computer is a onetime increase to expenses.
4. The additional money for training in the rope classes was done prematurely. The DRAGON project is not a 100% thing at this time.

In preparation for this discussion Bruce took the time to total the past 3 years of expenses and arrived at an average income and expenses incurred. From those figures he arrived at the attached more realistic budget.

This budget does not take into consideration the purchase of new equipment and radios. Those items can be purchased from the savings accounts that represent understatement of projected income in past years.

Motion by Bruce to reject the budget as presented by the Morley Area Fire Department and suggests adoption of the newly prepared budget approved by Aetna Township. Support by Jan. Motion carried.

Roads:

Cemetery:

Township hall: Jan reported that installation of the new window would be about \$350.00. Russ will check with DeWitt Lumber for the replacement.

Sign: Dee asked if anyone had contacted Peacock about their new sign. Maybe township sign does not have to be so large.

Library:

New Business: Upcoming Township Assoc. potluck is here on January 29. Gary will purchase a ham for the township, he will also bring cheesy potatoes and Barb will bring baked beans.

Adjournment: Bruce declared meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next Meeting: February 14, 2018 at 7:00pm