

Brady Township Board of Trustees
Monthly Meeting Minute
September 1, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Called to Order

Supervisor, Kienitz called to order the regular meeting of the Brady Township Board of Trustees at 7:00pm at the Brady Township Hall.

Roll Call

Clerk, Wenzlick conducted roll call. The following persons were present: Supervisor; Kienitz, Clerk; Wenzlick, Treasurer; Goodrich, Trustees: Reeves and Somers. Kehoe, McAllister
20 residents

Approval of Minutes and Reports

Clerk, Wenzlick presented Minutes from the last monthly meeting.

Motion by Somers support by Goodrich to: Approve minutes as presented.

Motion Passed 5-0

Treasurer, Goodrich presented Treasurer report from last month.

Motion by Wenzlick support by Reeves to: Accept report as presented.

Motion Passed 5-0

Committee Reports

a) Cemetery--Ridge Road Cemetery, lot 432 plot 3 & 4 sold to Langdon. Vandalize signs cleaned up at Oak Grove Cemetery, brush cut along driveway, ready to spray.

b) Hall—Giesken looked at roof, after summer rains, seen wet, maybe condensation, but no leak visible in roof. Will keep eye on ceiling for further signs of leakage. McAllister gave quote for north side of hall driveway work. Motion by Somers support by Reeves to: Accept driveway bid from McAllister for \$14,982.30. This will complete north side of driveway from existing cement work by kitchen to the east corner where cement work was done last year.

Motion Passed 5-0

Work will be done this fall.

d) Fire – New used 1994 fire truck up and running. Sold ladder truck for \$6000, other still for sale. Loan from State Bank to refinance fire building loan, rejected due to additional funding and bond for closing, not know at time of loan.

c) Planning--Board did not receive all information to work on ordinance violation process. Work will continue on the process.

d) Roads—3rd Brine done, need to replace 2 more culverts on Gary Rd. near Hemlock Rd. This cost will be split with Brant Twp.

Old Business

a) Several residents came to address Board on the issue of Solar farms in Brady Twp.

Kienitz, stated he received a call this spring from someone saying he represented Consumers Power about Solar Farms, but has not heard from him since. No one has come to the Board to formally address the issue, even though word has been spreading around the township. Kienitz continued by stating in 2018 a Solar Ordinance was created by the Planning Commission and adopted by the Board, when a company came to Board to discuss possible Solar Farm in Township near Chapin substation. Nothing ever developed at that time. Copies of Ordinance were at meeting. Callard (resident) King (non-resident) were first to address the Board. After some discussion, Kienitz limited floor time to each person at 5 minutes and 2 minute rebuttal. Both asked the Board not to allow Solar Farms in Brady. Concerns were; damages to land, water, wild life (that may not be reversible) property value, health issues, what happens when solar farms are no longer being used (clean-up and damage left to land). Kneiper (non-resident) from Hazelton Township wanted the Board to consider what is being done along M-13 where solar farms are being constructed. He stated they had no Planning Commission at that time and County allowed the process. Now trying to make changes. Said nothing the company had promised for follow up is happening, also company has sold twice already. He warns don't let what happened in his township, happen anywhere else. Some resident farmers said they have been contacted on possible solar farms on their property. Resident farmers and non-farmers, at meeting were concerns with the placement of solar farms. We don't want to have them near our homes, was the main agreement by the residents that come to meeting to discuss Solar Farms. Kienitz state that in the 2018 Ordinance, any request for Solar Farms require a Special Use Permit. If and when there are any request, there is a Public Hearing for this process. Questions were asked about Zoning changes and permit fees. These are topics that will need to be addressed. This will be a continuing topic. Kienitz thanked all for coming to the meeting and expressing their concerns.

b) Motion by Somers support by Reeves to: Accept new contract for Assessor- November 1, 2021 thru October 31, 2023, monthly fee \$1,375 with same basic wording as prior contract.

Motion Passed 5-0

New Business

a) MMRM insurance renewal for 2021-2022 done, \$60 increase for year.

Public Comment

- a) Complaints on blight ordinance. 4 residential families come to discuss complaints.
- 1) Yucker--felt they are being harassed—Board explained that the case went to Court. The finding was cleanup to court order. The township has right to go on site and inspect. They have done a good job on clean up, but the inspections are so they do not return to previous conditions.
 - 2) Neitling--Received note from Kehoe concerning cleanup. Have cleaned up front yard, but need more time. Says he is doing salvage work on old vehicles. Told not Zoned for business, he asked process to get Zoned Commercial. Board said process starts with Planning Commission, but now must follow ordinance for number of unlicensed vehicles on residential property.
 - 3) Bingham/Galloway—Bingham has complaint over Galloway's blight. The problem involves a dispute over their property line, possible court case pending. Kienitz said township is now aware of the property dispute. The letter they received was the same that all residents received with tax bill, no ordinance violation has started on them. The township has no authority on property line disputes and that would have to be solved before we could continue.

Pay Bills

a) Motion by Somers support by Reeves to pay the following bills:

August checks	#14204-14205	\$ 3,108.89
September checks	#14206-14234	<u>53,754.01</u>
	Total	\$56,862.90

Motion Passed 5-0

Adjournment

Motion by Reeves support by Goodrich to adjourn.
Supervisor, Kienitz, adjourned the meeting at 9pm

Motion Passed 5-0

Minutes submitted by: Beverly Wenzlick, Brady Clerk

Minutes approved : Date _____
