
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Wall, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Steve Thomas, Treasurer
Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee
Janet Matsura, Trustee
Mark Monohon, Trustee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marie Hauswirth, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Scott Underwood
Jeff Polkowski

Agenda included:

1. Short Term Rentals, Township Ordinance, and Master Plan
2. Opportunity for Trustees to Discuss Topics of Concern
3. Public Comments Limited To Three (3) Minutes Per Speaker

Supervisor Wall opened the meeting by sharing an email from Trustee Monohon informing the Trustees there are properties in the Township being rented as short-term rentals that are causing problems among their neighboring residents. Some may rent their backyard pool for a pool party or drinking party, or lake house owners may rent their home for a weekend, and there have been numerous complaints of loud music, intoxicated individuals fighting, and cars illegally parked. Chief Underwood said the Police Department will enforce anything that can be proved that is illegal. If there is loud music playing or cars illegally parked they can issue tickets or tow the vehicles. The difficult part is proving they are breaking the law. A resident was complaining that individuals attending the party were carrying guns, and as it was investigated the individuals had permits to carry the guns therefore nothing illegal had occurred regarding carrying the guns.

Trustee Monohon mentioned that Bloomfield Township has an ordinance that states there cannot be any rentals less than 30 days for a rental agreement, therefore no short-term rentals are allowed. Mr. Polkowski, Planning Superintendent does not think we can limit the rental period.

Mr. Polkowski, Planning Superintendent, said he would propose revised language to our rental ordinance to help with controlling short-term rentals so they have to be maintained to code and meet our ordinances or the Code Enforcement / Police Department could issue citations to them.

Supervisor Wall informed us that the RCOC is responsible to install "No Parking" signs when required. He also wants the ordinance updated so we can enforce all rentals and short-term rentals to comply with our housing requirements for safety and accessibility.

Clerk Markee informed us there are numerous ballot proposals on the upcoming November 8, ballot that will bring many voters to the polls. Oakland County Elections said to prepare for the same or similar turnout as in 2020. One proposal includes early voting for nine days before the Election.

Mr. Polkosksi said the Master Plan will be sent to the Trustees in the next few days for us to review before we give the go-ahead to continue writing the Plan, to Houseal and Lavigne.

Supervisor Wall said we need to think about the upcoming budget and decide what our priorities are. He said we could use more code enforcement employees. Trustee Bartolotta asked Clerk Markee why she feels like she is working in the 1980s, and she responded because of the documents not being scanned, paper checks still being written, fragmented IT systems for each department, and no online payment capabilities for some departments. This causes inefficiencies throughout the Township. Should we consider BS&A?

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.