

MARILLA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 9, 2018

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Dave Barrett, Debra Roberson, Phyllis Cholette, Jan Thomas, Bruce Bahr.

VISITORS: Walter Rewerts, Dep. Supv.; Vic Ellis, Zoning Adm.; Louis Hughes, Chr. Planning Comm.; Betty Buda-Joy, Sec'y PC; Bob Thomas, Pres. Marilla Hist. Society

TREASURER REPORT: The treasurer submitted her monthly report. July balance: General Fund-\$220,556.56; CD's \$13,953.10; Perpetual Care CD-\$2,432.72; Cemetery Fund\$1,669.14; Hall Improvement- \$2,838.56.

JUNE MINUTES: Minutes of the June meeting were presented. Motion by Phyllis to approve, second by Dave. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: We are waiting to hear from the insurance adjuster for the cost of repairing the block wall which was hit by a vehicle the day after the work was completed. It will include putting a cement bumper to protect the wall from further hits as well as cement posts.

Sonny (Walter) Rewerts is waiting to hear from TC Building and Repair when they will begin work on the ADA accessible door to make level the threshold and to equip it to open with a push button. Others things considered will be safety and aesthetics.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Chr. Louis Hughes has been seeking grant writers for the park. Three were submitted for consideration: Spicer Group, Fleis & VanDenbrink, and C2AE. After discussion and consideration it was agreed that C2AE would best suit our needs as they have included in their price a grant writer. Dave made a motion to move forward and accept C2AE, Jan Thomas second. Carried. Chr Louis Hughes will contact C2AE to begin the project.

CLERK REPORT: The primary election was held at the hall on Aug. 7th. 102 residents voted, 7 being absentee ballots. We had no problems with the new machines and our election workers did a tremendous job. This was Jessie Smith's first time being chairperson and she performed well as a team leader. Team Marilla was commended by the county clerk.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bruce made a motion to purchase two hose reels for watering. Dave second, carried.
2. Bruce will show Debra how to use her phone in addition to his phone that controls the thermostat at the Township Hall.
3. People are showing interest in a marijuana grow facility in the township. It claims to be regulated by state and federal laws. Debra will seek out a guest speaker for the September board meeting to inform us what that will mean to the community.
4. Phyllis stated we are striving to have open hours at the hall every Saturday from 10:00 to noon.

5. Room dividers are needed for the office area and are being looked into which will serve our purposes best.
6. Since no one can use the piano due to its age and lack of being able to be tuned, we are needing to have it removed for lack of valuable space.

MUSEUM REPORT: The barn has been tightened to keep out bats. Bats still continue to enter the hall, possibly through the bell tower. Squirrels have been trapped and re-located. Ten children came to the special Children's Day at the museum on Aug. 4th.

Bob Thomas had a list of several people who volunteered their time in repairs. Hopefully that list will appear in next month's minutes to acknowledge those who volunteered hours to make it possible.

ZONING: Zoning Adm. Vic Ellis reported he has received two permit applications. One for a house addition and the other for a 25x40 ft. rabbit cage.

1. It was determined there is no junk ordinance in place that applies to the property which there is a complaint against. The owner is working on tidying.

MEETING WAS AJOURNED AT 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Roberson, Clerk