

**CENTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
CENTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
April 19, 2022**

LOCATION: Porter County Commissioner's Chambers

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jesse Harper, Trustee
Deb Fray, Board Member
Stephen Buck, Board Member - Absent
Todd Etzler, Board Member

Trustee Harper called the meeting to order.

Trustee's Report

Building Search/Purchase, 202 Roosevelt and 1101 Calumet

Trustee Harper discussed the purchase of a building for the Trustee's office. The Office has been paying rent for 40 years. The office should be more professional looking. With the current location on Roosevelt, they are not allowed to go over the price of the appraisals. The owner is not willing to go that low on a purchase price. The building at 1101 Calumet is available for \$449,000. A contingent offer could be made based on appraisals. The upstairs is rentable. The building has a public meeting area, receptionist area and offices for interviews and the Trustee.

Motion: Todd Etzler moved to make an offer subject to inspection and survey. Deb Fray seconded the motion and so approved with a 2-0 voice vote.

Property Abutting Township Cemetery

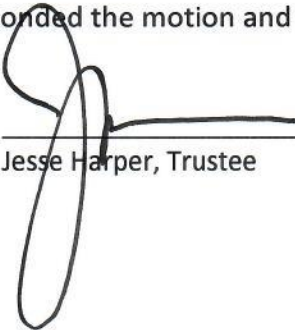
Trustee Harper reminded the Board an appraisal was received on this piece of property for \$4,000. This is an appraisal based on assuming it could be built on, but it cannot. The neighbors want to purchase the property and have offered \$1,500. A Legal Notice has been posted advising the property is for sale.

Motion: Todd Etzler moved to accept \$1,500 for the property abutting the Township cemetery. Deb Fray seconded the motion and so approved with a 2-0 voice vote.

Social Worker

Trustee Harper advised he has hired Kelly Richards as a Social Worker for the office. She will be working 10 hours per week. Kelly will be approaching the non-profit groups and schools to build a relationship with them.

Deb Fray moved to adjourn. Todd Etzler seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse Harper', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large loop at the top and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jesse Harper, Trustee

Todd Etzler, Secretary