

August 12, 2019

Regular Meeting was called to order by Scott Markley with Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Fiscal Officer Cheryl Welch, Trustees Scott Markley, Jim Power, Kay Wright

Zoning Inspector: Steve Nemec Road Supervisor: Herb Wiles

Guest(s): Chris Galazka, Kenny Howell, John Taranowski, Chuck Reed, Walt Miller, Ross Oehling,  
Victor Dubina.

Minutes of 7/22/2019 meeting – Jim motioned to accept; Kay 2<sup>nd</sup>; Scott in agreement.

#### ROAD REPORT

- Ross Oehling 133 curve was mowed very well; Twp Rd 53 needs mowed; Herb responded that he mowed 53 and suggested Mr. Oehling drive it.
- Bid from Melway was opened and it is priced at the same price as last year.
- Large chuckhole between Eichel and Tanner on 251 needs attention.
- Kay asked why there is so much discourse in the community with Twp Rd 351. The curve will be repaired by Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### ZONING REPORT Steve Nemec

- Cheryl reported Amish “Lambs for sale” sign on the corner of 89 and CR 700; high up on the telephone pole still not taken down.
- Michael Herman from Verizon Wireless continues to call Steve regarding the enhancements to the existing cell tower on Twp Rd 604; Steve confirmed that no permits are needed.
- Kay questioned the structure that is being built on the property just north of old Maynard’s property on the left side of the road. Steve knew nothing about the construction; will follow-up after Kay verifies zoning.
- Walt Miller asked for clarification on the permitting process for rebuilding a garage that was initially granted a variance. The owner anticipates building a larger garage; Steve said that going 10% larger is acceptable.
- Appeals board meets Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT Trustee Scott Markley

- 8 fires, 24 squad calls, 1 mutual aid, 1 public service, \$0 loss to township.
- Polk and Sullivan Volunteer Fire Departments each receive \$1,000 from a grant written by Cheryl from the WalMart Foundation.
- Cheryl wrote a BWC grant for \$11,540 that was approved and awarded to the Sullivan Volunteer Fire Department in July for protection from hazardous environmental elements. Sullivan and Polk fire departments offer each other mutual aid.

#### CEMETERY Trustee Kay Wright

- Cheryl submitted a grant request for 1,000 to the Department of Commerce Division of Real Estate on July 30th for the drainage project. It is undetermined how long the review process will take.
- Letter has gone out to Carl and Margie Wolfe to address their overgrown pine trees. Kay plans on coordinating efforts with them on how to manage the growth.
- The new water pump is working quite well.
- Andy Wright let the township use his truck, while ours was down, to complete the most recent burial.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Cheryl requested an update on the purchase of guard rail for 1080. Jim said repair work not completed as yet.
- Cheryl requested an update on the purchase of "road work" signage. Jim said still contemplating.
- Cheryl locked in 1,000 gallons of propane at \$1.27/gallon for the July 2019 to March 2020 season.
- Kay requested that the township purchase a rototiller for tilling up soil at the gravesites for the planting of grass. Herb has been using his own rototiller. Jim suggested that the township secure pricing before moving forward.
- Jim asked Kay to call railroad management and inquire about rail repair across township roads..

### OLD BUSINESS

- Kay requested a road identification sign for Twp Rd 351. Herb said the county must put up that type of signage because the road empties out onto a county road.

### FINANCIAL REPORT Fiscal Officer Cheryl Welch

Receipts between 7/23//2019-8/12/2019 totaled \$61,157.98; Expenses totaled \$12,029.25;

Fund balances totaled \$153,361.02 \$9,000 of revenue for the general fund came from the sale of the 2004 GMC 1-ton truck. Jim made motion to accept the financial report; Kay 2<sup>nd</sup>; Scott in agreement.

### PARK Trustee Jim Power

- Cheryl suggested locking the dumpster at the park, since activity at the park has greatly subsided for the season, in an attempt to discourage illegal dumping. There are plenty of trash barrels that can be used by park patrons. Herb will empty weekly. Jim said that will be done right after Labor Day.
- Port-a-Pot will be removed after Labor Day.
- Kenny Howell commented on the tall grass around the ball field fences. Jim said that he was unsure of what to do with the weeds around the fence.
- Ross Oehling would like Cheryl to put efforts into applying for road grants. He also suggested that the board reach out to American Augers to see if they have any interest in helping with road maintenance.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

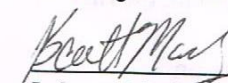
- Chuck Reed did not think that the township should be cleaning up the Maynard property; because he was under the assumption that it was costing the township time and money. Cheryl explained that the board took the initiative to get the property cleaned up with a grant that covers the cost 100%. Resident John Taranowski commented that this environmental cleanup effort is a fantastic thing for our community.
- Meeting minutes are posted to Twp website typically during the following week of approval.
- Discussion: Where to buy and even how to construct roadwork traffic control notices and barricades.

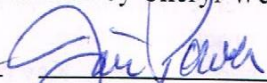
Jim made motion to go into executive session for a personnel matter: Kay 2<sup>nd</sup>, Scott in agreement.

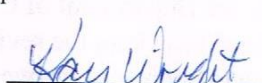
Jim made motion to come out of executive session; Kay 2<sup>nd</sup>, Scott in agreement.

Jim made motion to adjourn; Kay 2<sup>nd</sup>; Scott in agreement.

Meeting minutes submitted by Cheryl Welch

  
J. Scott Markley

  
Jim Power

  
Kay Wright