

The Board of Perry Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Liberty Community Room. Roll Call: Ken Rosebrook, present, John (JD) Gibson, present, John Brose, present and Cindy Stalling, present. Also present was Renee Rosebrook, Jack Reser, Jessica Gibson, Sandy Wilcox, Bev Wolf, Leah Edwards, Larry We6llington, Jim Collins and Kegan, Dan Coats, Mark Slonecker, Stephen Langstaff, Chad Coutts and Steve Rinesmith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Ken Rosebrook and all said the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting was given to the Trustees along with the financial reports prior to the meeting and the financial reports stand approved by the Trustees. Ken made a correction to the minutes. The motor from Air Breathing that we purchased was a repaired motor for \$2,900.00 the \$29,000.00 was for a whole new machine. We purchased the repaired motor for \$2,900.00

Mr. Logan County Auditor, Mr. Jack Reser, was in attendance to verify a couple of levies to go on the November Ballot. Mr. Reser had the Resolutions needed to put the two levies on the November ballot.

Resolution #07-10-23A stated the necessity to Levy A (N) Renewal tax in excess of the ten-mill limitations for the purpose of fire protection, Mr. Brose moved the adoption of this Resolution seconded by Mr. Ken Rosebrook. Rosebrook, aye, Gibson, aye and Brose, aye This is a 4-mill levy.

Resolution #07-10-23A stated to proceed with the submission of the question of levying A(I) Renewal tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of Fire Protection. Mr. Brose moved the adoption of the following Resolution, seconded by Mr. Rosebrook. Rosebrook, aye, Gibson, aye, and Brose, aye.

Mr. Reser certified the Estimated Property Tax Revenue. This levy will calculate \$200,000.00 per year for the fire fund. It will cost \$71.00 for each \$100,000.00 of the county auditor's appraised value.

Resolution #07-10-23B stated the necessity to Levy A (A) Renewal tax in excess of the ten-mill limitations for the purpose of current expenses, Mr. Rosebrook moved the adoption of this Resolution seconded by Mr. Gibson. Rosebrook, aye, Gibson, aye and Brose, aye This is a 1 mill levy.

Resolution #07-10-23A stated to proceed with the submission of the question of levying A(A) Renewal tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of Current Expenses. Mr. Rosebrook moved the adoption of the following Resolution, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Rosebrook, aye, Gibson, aye, and Brose, aye.

Mr. Reser certified the Estimated Property Tax Revenue. This levy will calculate \$52,000.00 per year for the General fund. It will cost \$20.00 for each \$100,000.00 of the county auditor's appraised value.

John brought up to the Auditor about the demolition of properties. Does the owner need to report this to the Auditor? Jack said the property owner should report it. And if

they don't, Jack reported that they do a fly over every 6 years. It is to the property owners' advantage to report it.

JD brought up about remodeling of the kitchen in the Lodge Hall, are we going to get any more quotes? Kenny knows a couple guys to see about getting more quotes. John know a guy too about getting a quote also.

Ken reported that he talked to a Taylor Township Trustee about us chip and sealing our Cemetery drives. We told him that if we would do that, we would contract this through the County.

Ken brought up about HBI doing the work with lights, etc. at the Park. JD said that they should be done with the work probably today.

John brought up about a resident brought up to him about us getting U.S. flags and putting them on the poles here in town. After some discussion, it was decided to purchase around 20 flags. John made a motion for said purchase, seconded by JD. Ken, yes, JD, yes and John, yes.

John brought up about them thinking about whether we are going to black top any roads next year or not. Sandy wanted to know if we were going to grind anything off, if we do do any roads? She said the alley beside her property on S. Main Street, the alley is really big in height compared to when she bought the property.

John brought up that Gary Angle contacted him about the Church of Christ are sealing their parking lot again. One of our roads go through the parking lot. Would the Township pay for part of the sealing bill? They would like for us to pay \$932.00 of the bill. After some discussion, and we have done this in the past, John made a motion to pay the church they \$932.00, seconded by JD. Ken, yes, JD, yes and John, yes. Ken brought up about maybe we think about making this a non-maintained road, then we wouldn't have to continue doing this.

John brought up that the Mason's approached him and they would like to have air conditioning installed in the top of the lodge. They aren't going to shut down this summer and it is ridiculously hot up there for them to meet. They said that they would split the costs with us. They would pay 50/50. Ken wants to contact Brianne (from the Prosecutor's Office). The Trustees will get some quotes for this project.

John brought up about stripping our roads, the guy from Aero-Mark has been calling him about this. Matter was tabled for now.

John said that Brian Kavanaugh contacted him about the ditch on CR 8 and TR 132. He wanted to know if the Township can do something with that ditch? John thought that maybe if we would put 2 - 20' sections and dig it out and put in a 12" tile, and see if this would help. This would help to take the water to the creek. We would have to have property owners' permissions before doing any digging on their properties.

John brought up about the hedges in his Cemetery, Greenlawn. They are wild and out of control. He would like to have them removed. He feels that they are a safety hazard with cars pulling out on C.R. 142. We had a quote from Jeremy Burnside for \$5,600.00. John made a motion to hire Jeremy to remove the hedges, seconded by JD. Ken, yes, JD, yes and John, yes.

JD brought up that we got 2 new tires for E-41. JD has a phone call in for an alignment but hasn't heard anything back from the company.

Cindy reported that we received a check from the Recycling for \$884.18. We haven't received this for the last couple of years.

We got a letter from the Street Lights telling us there will be a 4% increase next year.

Cindy reminded that the County Picnic is on July 21 at Belle Center Shelter House.

Cindy stated that the audit paperwork will be returned on Wednesday. She will meet with them to get it.

Ken brought up that we have 13 applications for the Fire Chief position. Today was the deadline to accept applications. Ken said they need to decide who they want to interview. Ken would like to have a retired fire chief or someone applicable to look over the applications and maybe set in on the interviews also.

Interim Fire Chief Larry Wellington reported that they had 13 total runs since our last meeting.

The E-42 rear dump valve has been repaired. Breathing air compressor-motor replaced and semi-annual maintenance performed. E-41 front tires have been replaced. The annual fire extinguisher inspection has been conducted.

The fire dept has a new member, Daniel Weikart, welcome aboard and also Jaden Hensel is now active from recovering from injuries. Anthony Baulder has resigned

M-41 the rear air dump is inoperative. M-41 the check engine light illuminating (emissions control issue). M-41 the repair part for the air system leak is in, apparatus will need to be taken to Krieger for install/replacement. They will take this on Wednesday. E-41 front end alignment requested to prevent uneven wear on the new tires.

Fire Catt hose testing postponed the 3-year contract until next year. They could not schedule us this year. Larry will continue to search for a company that can conduct this year or test hoses themselves.

The new vac-mats have been received, Jason Johns helmet has been received. Larry is requesting Trustee/FD discussion on exterior/ interior remodel of the firehouse.

August 26 there will be a Logan County Training, it is training on a 1st view tanker 1st view Engine. The charge will be divided between all the fire depts and our share will be \$300.00 to attend. Ken made a motion to pay for this training and sending at least 2 of our members, seconded by JD. Ken, yes, JD, yes and John, yes.

The tanker will be going to the Fairgrounds for the Demolition Derby, Ken made a motion to let the tanker go, seconded by JD. Ken, yes, JD, yes and John, yes.

Cindy had the Zoning Inspector's monthly report. He issued 1 permit to TRC for an additional building. He had 6 different phone calls pertaining to zoning that he handled.

Steve Langstaff was in attendance, he has applied for the Fire Chief position, he told us about himself. He lives in Springfield now, but would like to move north, around Bellefontaine. Would be willing to relocate if he would get the position.

Bev Wolf wanted to know if the Trustees could put some grass seed on Leland Predmore's grave in the Nort5h Greenfield Cemetery, they will do this.

Steve Rinesmith would like to have the name of the guy from the State to see what can be done on the tile on C.R. 2. John told him that he would give it to him.

Steve is wanting to purchase lots in the North Greenfield Cemetery. He will get with Kenny about this.

Steve brought up about the land across from him, he said that Nick passed away and now the duplex is for sale and 2 acres. Steve said that the land behind the duplex is not for sale, so there is no right of way to this land and no road frontage. You can't get an easement without any road frontage. Matter was tabled until the next meeting, so we can run this before our Zoning Inspector.

Steve wanted to know if the Township has a burn Ordinance? The Township does not. You can burn brush anytime.

Steve brought up that if someone puts up a new fence, where there isn't a fence, shouldn't that need to be approved by both Land owners? Steve thinks this should be in the Zoning laws. Trustee will check this out and see if we could put this in the zoning book. Trustee will see what they can do about this.

Dan Coats brought up about the advertisement that was posted for the Fire Chief position. He wanted to know who put the ad together, because with the wording on the level of training that it is asking for, make to impossible for anyone down at the department to qualify except for Larry. Ken said that Briann from the Prosecuting Office advised him on what to put in the ad. Dan said that you cut your own throats on your own Department, by the level of training that you required on your ad. Dan said there are Fire Chief's out there with 36-hour fire cards. Dan said you should have gotten your officers together and talked about this before you advertised anything. Dan said you didn't do any investigating and didn't talk to the Fire Dept about what they would like to have as a Chief. John said that the Trustees can ask for any training/qualifications that they would like to see on the application. Ken stated that we have been discussing the fire Chief for previous meetings and anyone could of come to any of the Trustees if they wanted to discuss this. Dan stated that he follows his chain of command and told Larry that he wanted to talk to you. Larry said that Ken and him met in the Lodge, Larry told Ken that Dan wanted to talk to him. Ken said he had his number. Dan never heard from Ken. Ken said that he did not recall this, and he apologized for this.

Dan also brought up about the ad being placed in the County Classifieds. It was voted to advertise on Social Media at the last meeting, so who pays for this ad that was not voted on? It will come out of the fire fund, Dan said that should have been approved at the last meeting. Ken said that he did mention the County Classifieds.

Dan said that the ad should have also stated that they were hiring for manpower too, while we were advertising for the fire chief position.

Dan said you need to follow the chain of command!!

John stated that Larry is doing a fantastic job as Interim Fire Chief.

Ken made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by John. Ken, yes, JD, yes, and John, yes.

TOTAL OF BILLS: \$68,446.33

INCOME FOR JUNE: \$23,162.48

Ken made a motion for adjournment, seconded by John. Ken, yes, JD, yes and John, yes.