

February 8, 2021

Regular Meeting was called to order by Scott Markley.

Present were Fiscal Officer Cheryl Welch, Trustees Kay Wright, Scott Markley, Jim Power
Zoning Inspector: Rick Witucki Road Supervisor: Herb Wiles

Organizational meeting minutes approved - Kay motioned to accept; Jim 2nd; Scott in agreement.
Minutes of 1/11/2021 meeting approved – Kay motioned to accept; Jim 2nd; Scott in agreement.

ROAD REPORT (Herb Wiles)

- Tree Tender trimming of trees going well.
- BJ Betts told Scott she is satisfied with road conditions. Resident Brooks said he was pleased.
- Scott opened discussion for road chip & seal project by saying he would like to do 8-10 miles of road. Kay thought that was sensible.
- No one met with Ed Meixner to troubleshoot the problem on the corner of 620 and ²⁵¹175. Herb will evaluate berm and make certain that water from roads is draining properly before the county engineer comes out. Jim suggested that all this be put on hold until weather is more accommodating.

ZONING REPORT (Rick Witucki)

- 3 zoning meetings scheduled for February 18th. First is for conditional use for shoe, sewing and tack shop for Eli Yoder 308 CR 800. 2nd one for a shared/common driveway, 3rd is yearly organizational.
- Discussion took place on the definition of item 115 on page 6; as Rick asked for clarification.
- An update to the 2021 zoning fees was decided. Kay made motion to remove the fee requirement for in-ground pool since it is not covered in the resolution; Jim 2nd; Scott in agreement.
- An update to the 2021 zoning fees was decided. Kay made motion that fee for residential new construction, additions and accessory buildings will be \$550. Construction that begins prior to securing a conditional use or variance is \$1,000 plus the price of your permit. Jim 2nd; Scott in agreement.
- Aspire Energy out of Orrville is putting in a natural gas pipeline coming to the township. Proposal starts on St. Rt 89 & TR 902 intersection and will run west for 2625'. St Rd 89 & TR 700 running west for 2705'.
- Rick will call the prosecutor's office and convey that the trustees want to revisit a solution with the Burkholder property on Twp Rd 700.
- Jim made motion to adopt a bond agreement with any general contractor that is disturbing township roads. Kay 2nd; Scott in agreement.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Trustee Scott Markley

- 3 fires, 20 squad calls, \$0 dollar loss

CEMETERY Trustee Kay Wright

- One burial. Ashland Monument will be sending township a bill for removing stones to get to the burial site.

FINANCIAL REPORT Fiscal Officer Cheryl Welch

- Receipts between 1/11/2021 and 2/8/2021 totaled \$18,257.49
- Expenses totaled \$11,470.58. Fund balances totaled \$119,444.56
- Kay made motion to accept the financial report; Jim 2nd; Scott in agreement.
- Permanent appropriations general (\$22,492) and gas (\$7,472) budgets were reduced at the advice from Ashland County Auditor.
- Kay made a resolution to adopt a permanent appropriation budget for 2021 to provide for the current fiscal year, ending December 31, 2021, the estimated revenues be appropriated to cover expenditures during that year; Jim 2nd; Scott in agreement. Roll call vote: Jim (Yes), Kay (Yes), Scott (Yes). Board reviewed a report of estimated revenues and appropriations.

NEW BUSINESS

- Kay would like to revisit the wages of Herb Wiles since his last raise was in 2019 and that was overlooked the organizational meeting. She proposed a \$2 an hour raise using the reasoning that this represents Cost of Living. During discussion: Jim said that Herb has a good reputation with the community. Rick Witucki suggested that Herb call neighboring townships for help – like a mutual aid situation – when he is doing a 2-man job. That is not feasible since we can't reciprocate with having only a 1-man operation. If there is a need for assistance Herb does call Scott. Jim said any pay increase decision would be up to Kay and Scott since wages have already been covered and decided for the year at the organizational meeting. Scott asked that any decision be tabled to the next meeting as he wanted to study the impact this would have on the chip and seal project.
- At the end of the 3rd quarter; Jim would like to give consideration to investing our general fund money in the STAR account.
- Scott would like to have mowing bids hand delivered to the board on March 8th. Cheryl will put ad in the Times Gazette.

OLD BUSINESS: None

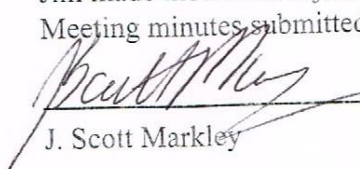
PARK Trustee Jim Power Nothing to report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

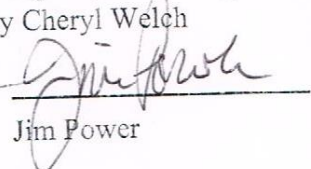
Kay made motion to go into executive session for a personnel matter; Jim 2nd; Scott in agreement.
Kay made motion to come out of executive session; Jim 2nd; Scott in agreement.

Jim made motion to adjourn, Kay 2nd; Scott in agreement.

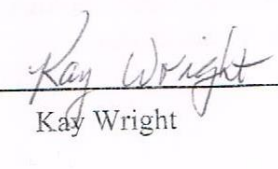
Meeting minutes submitted by Cheryl Welch



J. Scott Markley



Jim Power



Kay Wright