

September 14, 2020

Regular Meeting was called to order by Jim Power with Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Fiscal Officer Cheryl Welch, Trustees Jim Power, Kay Wright  
Scott Markley (not present).

Zoning Inspector: Rick Witucki. Road Supervisor: not present.

Minutes of 8/10/2020 meeting – Kay motioned to accept; Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>.

ROAD REPORT Herb Wiles (Not Present)

- Stop sign on 101 and 530 has been lowered.
- Kay reported that Herb asked for approval to buy more loads of hot mix at a cost of \$2,000. Kay and Jim both agreed to not move forward (voting no) on this request as we have no money in R&B, gas fund needs to carry a balance of \$6,500 to cover road payroll and we need a safety net for equipment breaks, cinders and possibly salt for winter.
- Resident Howell asked for an update on the needed repairs to the township house; Jim reiterated that those planned improvements are on hold for lack of funding.
- Chip & Seal project this year: Completed from Twp Rd 251 – up 902 to the township line. Twp Rd 251 from 530 to 620. Twp Rd 101 from CR 500 to CR 530. Twp Rd 133 from CR 175 to Twp Rd 900.
- Herb continues to mow. Jim would like to see him get more done than what is being accomplished in a day.

ZONING REPORT Rick Witucki

- 276 St Rt 42 zoning certificate application for garage and house.
- Found 2 locations where construction is taking place without permits.
- 175 South of 42 complaint of a boat yard.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Trustee Scott Markley Not present.

CEMETERY Trustee Kay Wright

- Kay reported cemetery looked really nice for Labor Day.
- Driveway drainage project discussion: Kay and Jim talked over some ideas; one of which is renting a skid steer and shaving down the drive then top dressing with some of our stone. If project is not completed by year-end Township will need to return the unused grant money.

OLD BUSINESS

- Kay attended the Prosecutor's meeting where he presented the new electronic procedure for requesting opinions. Going forward opinion requests made by phone will not be honored.
- Resident Taranowski asked for an update on the proposed motor vehicle \$5 license plate tax that would go into effect if the board were successful in getting the Amish to participate with a buggy tax. Jim reported no progress has been made.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

FINANCIAL REPORT Fiscal Officer Cheryl Welch

- Receipts between 8/11/2020 and 9/14/2020 totaled \$40,368.42 (\$25,177.58 of the receipts came from BUSTR as part of the grant work for the Maynard project.)
- Expenses totaled \$87,196.54. Fund balances totaled \$81,904.24 Jim made motion to accept the financial report; Kay 2nd.
- Cheryl reviewed County Auditor revenue predictions: General \$57,059, Road & Bridge \$67,023, Local Government \$14,000 (Cheryl predicted \$10,000), Motor Vehicle \$8,000 and Gas \$110,000 (Cheryl predicted \$95,000).
- Kay made resolution 2020-4 to accept the estimated resources for the 2020 fiscal year as revised by the budget commission of Ashland County which will govern township appropriations made throughout the year. Jim 2nd; Roll call vote Jim (Yes) and Kay (Yes).

PARK Trustee Jim Power Nothing to report.

GUEST

- Amy Hoffman Energy Consultant from Palmer Energy gave overview of county electrical aggregate program. Trustees had decided to leave the county buying program in 2018 and signed a 3-year contract with Trebel for the management of Jackson Township electricity. Residents are now paying a higher price for their electricity (.0492 vs .0488) and the township lost approximately \$1600 in energy incentives. The township will have the opportunity to return to the county buying program in May of 2022.
- \$100 donation from John and Cheryl Taranowski

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cheryl Welch speaking as the financial officer for the township and as a resident encouraged the board to return to the county buying program, as it is a win-win financially for both residents and the township budget.

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

Meeting minutes submitted by Cheryl Welch

Not Present  
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J. Scott Markley

  
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Jim Power

  
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Kay Wright