Meeting of Pierpont Township trustees held Oct. 2, 2018

The Pierpont Township trustees met in regular session at the Pierpont Townhall with Gaylord Millard, Barbara Culp and Robert Jackson present.. Also present were roadman Randy Williams, Zoning Inspector Rich Rea and several township residents. Chairman Robert Jackson called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Robert Jackson opened the meeting by asking township residents if they had any concerns or comments before getting into old business. The following comments were:

1. Lois Morton reported that the Pierpont Revitalization Committee recently held a meeting and that they are looking at acquiring broadband and fiber service providers and that a development plan will be needed for both broadband and sewer designs.
2. Rich Rea, the township zoning inspector commented that an AT & T cell tower will be going up farther north of town and also presented trustees with a colored map of the township’s different zoning areas. Lois will try and take a picture of it so that we may include it on our website. It was noted that this has a copy date of 1985.
3. Pam Hudson mentioned that she is glad to see that we have our recycling bins.

Under Old Business, Robert Jackson reported the following:

1. that he met with Dan Castellucci, the Forester who will be developing and managing our timber harvest at Horner’s Woods and comes very well recommended. Dan will handle everything and once we hire him he will be paid from the proceeds on a commission basis. A question was asked whether the tree tops will be left and was told that the logger owns the trees and will be up to them whether they leave them behind or take them. If they should leave them trustees thought it would be a good idea to issue a limited number of permits for the firewood. After discussing the particulars, a motion was made by Gaylord Millard to hire Dan Castellucci to develop a plan and manage the harvest of timber at Horner’s Woods, Barb Culp seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion passed and the contract was signed by all three trustees and will be sent back to Dan so that he may proceed.
2. that the approach onto Pennline Rd. off of Creek Rd. needs to be re-engineered for safety reasons. The land on the corner is currently owned by the County Commissioners and we will need to negotiate with them for this project. We then will need to ask the County Engineer’s office to draw up a plan so that the elevations will allow enough room to enter both roads safely and also will need to put in a culvert at the first crossing which would most likely be a 42” concrete pipe, noting that we will have to purchase the pipe from the County and that they would install it, own it and be responsible for inspecting it. He estimates the pipe to cost around $4-5,000. And would be a spring project. He mentioned that the adjoining landowner to the east would get the dirt.
3. that the recent meeting scheduled at the ODOT garage on Seven Hills was cancelled as no one showed up except for he and trustee Barb Culp. They learned that all projects are on hold until after the upcoming election. Bill Strubbe from ODOT informed trustees that the State can only take down brush on the right-of-ways and cannot go any further onto private land. He also offered to intercede about the issue of the speed limit reduction question on Rt. 167 approaching Rt. 7.
4. that they ran a test with the asphalt grindings we have using a screen owned by Hofka’s. It will screen the grindings down to 2”. Hofka’s will charge us $130./hr. to use which works out if we screen 150T it will cost .85/T or $12.75 a truckload. Barb Culp made the motion to hire the screening machine from Hofka’s at $130./hr. with Robert Jackson seconding the motion, all voted in favor. It was mentioned that Plymouth plans on grinding their driveway and we plan on getting some of that when they do.
5. that John Bower of Bortnick Farms, who have been harvesting their corn on Caine Rd., has offered to get the mud off of the road and will give us some stone to put down.

Under New Business, Robert Jackson informed everyone that there currently is a bill in the Ohio Statehouse, House Bill 602, known as the “Clean Water Fair Pricing Act” that would allow townships to obtain their water from an adjoining municipality and not have to be annexed plus not be overcharged. The Ohio Township Association is encouraging all townships to pass a resolution in support of this bill and write letters to our legislators asking them to support this reform. That being said, Robert Jackson made the motion to adopt a resolution in support of House Bill 602, Barb Culp seconded the motion, all voted as follows: Gaylord Millard-yes; Barb Culp-yes; Robert Jackson-yes; resolution passed unanimously. The fiscal officer will send letters to our state senator, state representative, the Ohio House Speaker Ryan Smith and Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof.

Barb Culp reported the following:

1. That the 3 persons currently taking care of the cemetery have expressed the desire to continue doing this next year. Therefore, Barb Culp made the motion to hire Dave & Rita Carr and Steve Koivisto as cemetery caretakers for next year, Robert Jackson seconded the motion, all voted in favor.
2. That the trees are coming down at the cemetery.
3. That the recycling bins have been delivered
4. That Anderson Rd. will be closed for a bridge replacement until Oct 12th
5. That she, Rich Rea and Al Williams went to meet with the County Prosecutor’s office regarding our zoning regulations and were told that our current regulations are unenforceable and that the text needs to be amended. Robert Jackson made the motion to have the Zoning Commission meet to review and amend the zoning text as deemed necessary, specifically focusing on junk vehicles and adult establishments, Barb Culp seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion passed. The fiscal officer will take care of sending all Zoning Commission members a letter informing them of the decision to meet and review the zoning rules.

Robert Jackson then mentioned that Pierpont Township is celebrating its’ 200th year as a township and suggested that maybe we could hold some sort of gathering to celebrate, possibly at the Fire Dept.

The following bills were presented for payment and approved as follows:

Marcy Equipment $310. D.Waldron $609

R.Williams 966. Home Depot 385.03

Home Depot 8.94 Dave & Rita Carr 487.50

D.Waldron 808.50 R.Williams 887.25

Med. Mutual 370.30 S.Koivisto 258.

B.Brent 1299.75 B.Culp 827.

R.Jackson 827. G.Millard 827.

R.Rea 125. CEI 368.53

JR Lumber 380.16 Illum. Co. 171.85

Sunburst Env. 45.75 Home Depot 72.85

Orwell Oil 2,822.85 Kinder Morgan 4,125.86

JR Lumber 373.80

 TOTAL $17,357.92

There being no further business, Barb Culp made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Gaylord Millard seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

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