Regular Meeting

January 7, 2020

Chairman Barbara Culp called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Roll call of board attendance: Trustee Bob Jackson, Trustee Barb Culp, Trustee Pam Hudson and Fiscal Officer Andrea Leap. Also in attendance were several township residents.

Fiscal Officer Leap administered the Oath of Office to newly elected, Pamela Hudson. Pam was officially sworn in and is now a Pierpont Township Trustee.

Trustee Hudson read the prior meeting’s minutes aloud, along with the special meeting minutes for December 26, 2019. Trustee Jackson motioned to approve the minutes and Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Culp motioned to approve the payment of $10,323.82 in bills. Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Schrambling Road project to continue to move forward which was previously voted on by the board. The project will include ditching and adding material to the roadway. Trustee Jackson motioned to use township money to move forward with this project and Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

With CDBG grant that was previously awarded to Pierpont Township for Winship Avenue was rescinded due to lack of an easement agreement with the Pierpont Volunteer Fire Department and Pierpont Township. The easement needs to be in place prior to applying for the CDBG grant. Resident Al Williams asked about the plan of where the pipes will go for the drainage project.

Trustee Jackson brought up the issue of ice control. The plan is to buy concrete barriers to use in a bay over in the Winship Ave garage to put sand in to be used for the roads for ice control. The road grader will be moved outside for the winter to make room for the sand. The concrete barriers can be purchases from French’s Concrete and the sand can be purchased from Simak Trucking. Need purchase orders for French’s and Simak for $500 each.

Trustee Culp mentioned purchasing a shelving unit for the back closet of the Township Hall to get the cleaning materials off the floor. Also we are in the need of new first aid kits for garage and cemetery building and inventory the current first aid kits.

Trustee Jackson will continue to be the Fire Prevention Officer.

The last policy for review is the Motor Vehicle Policy and Trustee Culp tabled the discussion until the February meetings. This policy discusses the driving rules and regulations and is a policy that OTARMA would like the township to have in place.

Zoning Inspector responsibilities is tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

The OTA Annual Winter Conference is coming in February and all three trustees would like to attend. Trustee Culp motioned for the township to reimburse for travel and meeting expenses and Trustee Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Culp motioned to appoint Jennifer Hoover to be a member of the Zoning Commission and Trustee Jackson seconded the motion. The term will be for 2020-2025. Motion passed unanimously.

For the Revitalization Committee, Lois Wright Morton will continue to be a member for another term of five years. For the Zoning Appeals, David Hoover will continue to be a member for another term of five years. For the Parks Commission, there is still a vacancy due to Pam Hudson becoming a Trustee.

Trustee Jackson motioned to the board of trustees for Trustee Culp to become the new Chairman of the board. Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Trustee Culp then motioned for Trustee Jackson to be the Vice Chairman of the board and Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Culp and Trustee Hudson will be in charge of the cemetery for this year and Trustee Jackson will be handling the roads.

A notice will be coming for the County Health Board meeting.

The township tested out a different size stone to help fill pot holes. The stone is 411 and it seems to work better than the 304 that was previously used. Trustee Jackson would like to continue to use 411 throughout the winter and would like an $8,000 purchase order put on for Nelson’s to purchase the 411. Trustee Jackson motioned to create the purchase order and Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Culp wants to caution residents to slow down on the roads to help keep the material in the pot holes.

Committee Reports:

Zoning-next meeting January 23rd.

Revitalization- next meeting March 16th.

Parks Commission-next meeting sometime in January. Will announce at next meeting.

Public comments

Alvin Williams reported that the streetlight on Marcy Road was repaired and is now working. He said that Bob Richcreek reported it and CEI fixed the issue.

Maria Ferkley from the Andover Public Library was there to inform the township about the 2020 Census. They are helping facilitate the best count for each township. They are offering one of their members to come help the last two weeks of March to help set up laptops and use hotspots for the Census. The push is for residents to fill it out online. She is looking for suggestions on how to get the word out to the township. Trustee Culp suggested flyers on Pizza boxes from the Fire Department. Census starts April 1, 2020.

Steve Gagat asked if the township received a letter from the prosecutor’s office about the sewer project. The township did not receive a letter from the prosecutor’s office about not representing Pierpont Township.

There being no further business, Trustee Hudson motioned to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Jackson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.

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