October 6, 2020

Regular Meeting

\*Pursuant to HB 197, the Township Building is closed to the public and this meeting was held via teleconference and broadcast for public attendance on Facebook Live on the “Pierpont, OH” Facebook page\*

Chairman Barbara Culp called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the trustees present in the township hall.

Roll call of Board attendance: Trustee Barb Culp, Trustee Pam Hudson, Trustee Bob Jackson.

(Trustees Culp and Hudson were present in the hall and practiced social distancing while Trustee Jackson attended via teleconference.)

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

As all trustees have already read the minutes of September 15, 2020, minutes were approved as written.

Approval of Bills:

Trustee Culp presented $14,868.01 in bills. Trustee Hudson moved to pay the bills presented. Trustee Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Receipts – included cemetery foundations and a cemetery grave sale, receipts from County Auditor – totaling $17,849.96

Fiscal Officer’s Report

Trustee Culp advised they received a letter from the Ashtabula County Health Department with Halloween guidelines. Suggested Trick-or-treating on October 31st from 4-6PM.

Committee/Department Reports:

**Road Report**:

* Trustee Jackson advised they would be moving over to Pennline Road in the next week.
* Trustee Culp addressed the unexpected purchase of 2 new tires for the tractor

**Zoning Commission:**

Trustee Culp advised the Zoning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for October 27th at 6:00PM via Facebook Live. Zoning Commission has been meeting since February 2019 to amend and update the zoning resolution. They have made a few changes and added definitions. Trustee Culp will put the amended text on the website. Residents can also call the office to obtain a copy of the amended text. Copies will also be in the mailbox outside the townhall.

**Parks Commission:**

Meeting on October 26th

**Revitalization Committee:**

Trustee Culp advised they met a week or two ago where they discussed broadband.

Unfinished/Old Business

* Trustee Culp advised they hosted clean-up day this past weekend – 6 dumpsters total– 4 full of trash and 2 full of metal. Thanked everyone for participating.
* Sewer system – Lois and Barb had an informational session with Doug Starkey, who is the new Director for the sanitation dept for the county. Talked about the timeline for the project. Brought Starkey up to speed. County Engineer will be working on plans for sewer system.
* Trustee Culp advised the others about the MatrixCivil system from County prosecutor’s office. Will be used to communicate with prosecutor’s office and will be able to see response. All correspondence will be in the system.
* Tower behind the building. Received call from J.P. Ducro – he is working with a company that wants to use our tower to shoot the internet up to Pierpont from Andover. Trustee Jackson advised the highest point would be the outpost property. Will need estimate cost for erecting tower. Township can pour concrete. May happen within the next few days or so.
  + Barb also received a letter from Jake Hudson, Operations Manager at Hudson Communications, asking for the trustees to send a letter of support to Jake Brand and Commissioners for resources to improve broadband in Ashtabula County.
* Trustee Jackson touched on the issue of black mold in the building. Building had high levels of black mold and was treated last Saturday by Rapid Mold Removal. The contractor advised that he would need to come back every few years to remove mold. He advised there is no moisture barrier in the meeting/office area and mold will continue to grow. Trustees Culp Jackson discussed renovating the house across the street to use as township offices and meeting area and secure area for records.

New Business

* Trustee Culp advised they need to create a Records Commission consisting of the Fiscal Office and the Chairman of the Board. Trustee Jackson moved to create the commission, seconded by Trustee Hudson. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous:

* Trustee Culp advised there is a tire recycling day coming up in Geneva
* Trustee Culp touched on Halloween. Pierpont Township will have a trunk or treat from 6-8PM. You can set up a car/tent to hand out candy. Fire Department and Aftershock Softball teams are sponsoring event. Fire Department will not be having the festival due to COVID.
* There is a food giveaway at TV Land in the coming weeks.

Public Comment

Several people commented that sound is breaking up. Trustee Culp advised the conferencing system has been ordered and is on its way.

Lois Wright Morton commented to remind trustees that there are 2 expired terms on the Revitalization Committee to be filled by November 1st by trustees. There will also be an opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals at the end of the year.

Trustee Hudson reminded viewers that the Farmers Market has ended for the year.

Trustee Jackson added a thank you to J.P. Ducro for his work on broadband. He also reminded everyone to be careful but to continue to wear a mask out of respect for others.

There being no further business, Trustee Hudson moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

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Fiscal Officer