November 17, 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.

Trustee Jackson first questioned how the meeting was being broadcast and asked Trustee Culp to give instructions on how to view the meetings prior to the start of each meeting.

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.) Fiscal Officer Jennifer Hoover was also present and practiced social distancing.

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

As all trustees have already read the minutes of the November 3, 2020 regular meeting, the minutes were approved as written.

Approval of Bills:

Trustee Culp presented $15,935.44 in bills. Trustee Jackson moved to pay the bills presented. Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trustee Culp then listed each receipt received since the last meeting. She added that the Township had received a $1,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Western PA and Eastern Ohio to pay Sexton and Associates Architects for work on the Coker house.

Trustee Culp also added that the township paid PennOhio $3,138.72 for clean up day. They indicated the township would receive approx. $700 in return but have not received payment yet. Trustee Culp advised she would follow-up.

Fiscal Officer’s Report

Fiscal Officer Hoover advised they received a letter from the Ohio Department of Taxation approving tax exemption for a parcel obtained in 2019. She further advised that the entire sum of CARES Act funds had been encumbered.

Correspondence since last meeting:

Trustee Culp advised they received a message from the website from someone who purchased land in Pierpont and was inquiring about permits and zoning. He was directed to contact the Zoning Inspector and the County Building Dept.

Committee/Department Reports:

**Road Report**:

* Trustee Jackson advised they have been active between the inclement weather. There was some storm damage from the past weekend and the trustees thanked anyone who helped with down trees.
* Trustee Jackson also advised that they would like to begin piling firewood at the outpost on 167 for any resident to use. This would be first come, first serve and would come from any trees that had fallen or been removed from township property.

**Zoning Inspector**

**Zoning Commission:**

Fiscal Officer Hoover advised she would like to hold the December 8th Zoning Commission meeting. Trustee Culp added that they intend to appoint new members to the Commission at the next trustee meeting.

**Parks Commission:**

The Parks Commission met on November 9, 2020 and created by-laws and terms of service which they will present to the Trustees. Their next meeting is January 26, 2021.

**Revitalization Committee:**

Next meeting is December 21, 2020

Unfinished/Old Business

* Trustee Culp brought up the use of CARES Act funding and advised the township had purchased additional PPE and would use the remaining funds to make upgrades to the Coker house for use as a township hall. Trustees were proud to announce they were using all local contractors. The contractors and amounts were listed as follows:
* JR Lumber $19,573.53 materials
* Harmon Electric $ 3,275.00 electrical upgrades
* Twins Remodeling $ 7,060.00 interior construction
* Weaver Landscaping $14,500.00 backhoe work

**TOTAL $44,408.53**

* Trustee Jackson advised that the total amount was approx. $100 over the funds the township received and could be covered by the general fund, if necessary. Trustee Jackson added that those townships that did not spend their entire amount were required to the return the excess to the county and the total would be redistributed to entities that did encumber the entire amount. A comment was taken from the live video from resident Eugene Carter who was excited to be working with the township in his capacity with JR Lumber.

Trustee Jackson moved to accept the contractors quotes and pay the additional $106 from the general fund if necessary. Trustee Culp seconded the motion. All in agreement. Motion passed.

* Trustee Jackson also advised that they ordered a part for the grader and the part they received was incorrect. The part was returned to Southeastern equipment and they charged a $500.00 restocking fee. Trustee Jackson contacted the manager who advised he would get back to Jackson. The 2nd order was received and was the correct part.
* Trustee Culp added that they rented a piece of equipment to dig cemetery footers and they may need to raise fees for footers so the township isn’t losing money.

New Business

* Trustee Jackson reiterated the firewood at the outpost would be available for residents.
* Trustee Culp advised that winter is here and added that the township has grit and 57 for ice control and for ice on hills. Trustee Jackson touched on 2021 plans for dust control and stone. Trustee Culp added that she would like to discuss Ford Road and the western portion of Caine after the 1st of the year. Trustee Jackson briefly mentioned the use of MC70 and limestone.
* (Discussed after Misc.) Trustee Jackson brought up the issue of Anderson Road and advised Pierpont has been grading the portion of Anderson Road in Denmark Township but that Denmark was not adding any additional material to the road. Trustee Jackson has received complaints from Denmark residents for the portion that is not in Pierpont. Trustee Jackson added that he would like to discontinue any maintenance of Anderson Road in Denmark Township and that there was no written agreement between the townships. The trustees also discussing putting up signs to indicate entering and leaving Pierpont Township.

Trustee Culp advised she spoke with a Denmark Twp. trustee a few weeks ago and he agreed that they needed more stone and also advised that they do not have a road crew. Trustee Culp moved to send Denmark Township a letter to discontinue maintenance of their portion of Anderson Road but Pierpont Township would continue to plow the entire length of Anderson Road in the winter. Trustee Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Trustee Jackson added that he would like to copy the prosecutor on the letter.

Trustee Culp added that Beckwith Road would need to be discussed at a later date.

Miscellaneous:

* Trustee Culp reminded viewers of the blood drive scheduled for December 3, 2020 and the next township trustee meeting is December 1, 2020.
* Trustee Culp added that PV schools would be closing and going to remote learning, likely for the remainder of the year. She asked that viewers contact the trustees should they need anything at all and they would do their best to help or get people in touch with someone to help.
* Trustee Culp added that the “no littering” signs have been installed.

Public Comment

Comments had been read throughout the meeting.

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

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Fiscal Officer