December 3, 2020

Regular Meeting (Rescheduled from December 1, 2020 due to weather)

\*Pursuant to HB 197/HB 404, 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 the November 17, 2020 regular meeting, the minutes were approved as presented.

Approval of Bills:

Trustee Culp presented $11,738.48 in bills. Trustee Hudson moved to pay the bills presented. Trustee Culp seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trustee Culp then listed each receipt received since the last meeting, for a total of $26,094.86.

Fiscal Officer’s Report

n/a

Correspondence since last meeting:

Trustee Culp advised she spoke with Russ Nank of PennOhio and also received the check from them on the date of the meeting $516.70 for scrap prices from clean-up day.

Trustee Culp also advised that they received an email re: a flooding ditch on Anderson Road. Trustee Jackson also received a call re: a ditch on Anderson. The trustees asked people to make sure their ditches are clear of leaves and personal items.

Committee/Department Reports:

**Road Report**:

* Trustee Jackson advised ditches are not maintained this time of year unless it is an emergency.

**Zoning Inspector**

* Trustee Culp advised he has been working with a property owner re: dividing some lots and there are some new buildings going up around town.

**Zoning Commission:**

Next meeting is December 8th at 6:00PM. Trustee Culp moved to appoint Logan Fogus to the Zoning Commission. He has been on the BZA for 3 years and Trustee Culp would like to move him to a more active commission. Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Parks Commission:**

Next meeting is January 26, 2021.

**Revitalization Committee:**

Next meeting is December 14, 2020 at 6:00PM at the Ducro Community Room in order to practice social distancing. Trustee Culp moved to appoint Jeff Scribben to the Committee. He is a business owner in the community. Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Unfinished/Old Business:

* Trustee Culp advised we received an additional $6,188.01 in CARES Act funding, and the money is being used to renovate the house across the street to create a bigger meeting space. The additional funds will help with the cost of HVAC improvements. She also advised that the State legislature extended the use of teleconference meetings to July 1, 2021.
* Trustee Jackson advised the HVAC quote is $14,500.00 and suggested the township agree to cover the additional costs. Trustee Jackson moved to cover the remaining HVAC costs (approx. $8,500.00). Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed. All trustees were in agreeance with the expenditure.
  + Trustee Jackson added that approx. $50,000 they received in CARES funds has been put into the new building. Any money not spent, gets returned to the County/federal government and they would prefer not to do that.

New Business:

* Trustee Culp presented Resolution No. 2020-17 to approve supplemental appropriations (A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS LISTED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A). Trustee Jackson moved to approve the resolution. Trustee Culp seconded the motion. Roll call was recited – Trustee Hudson – yea; Trustee Culp – yea; Trustee Jackson – yea. Resolution passed.
* Trustee Culp presented Resolution No. 2020-18 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PIERPONT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ASHTABULA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.). Trustee Culp moved to approve the resolution. Seconded by Trustee Hudson. Roll call was recited – Trustee Hudson – yea; Trustee Culp – yea; Trustee Jackson – yea. Resolution passed.
* Trustee Culp has received phone calls about the internet provider in our township. The Revitalization Committee has been working diligently and we all know Windstream will not be improving their service in our area. Trustee Culp suggested calling the Ohio Attorney General. Trustee Jackson has previously talked to John Patterson re: funding for internet service.
* Trustee Culp advised a family ordered a headstone for the cemetery and the company delivered the stone, but there is no foundation. All headstones need to have a foundation dug by the township. Unsure of which company delivered the stone so Trustee Culp will contact the family.
* Trustee Jackson addressed the $500.00 restocking fee charged by Southeastern and they are working on removing that charge. We are going to pay for the pump we received, and nothing more.

Miscellaneous:

* Trustee Culp added there is another snow storm brewing but we are ready with the ice control material.
* The Trustees discussed the COVID-19 pandemic and advised that 8 counties are now in the “purple” category. The Trustees reminded everyone to be careful and to properly wear your mask – over your nose and over your chin.
* Trustee Culp added that Christmas is in 3 weeks and if anyone needs help or knows anyone who needs help, please contact the trustees and they will get you in touch with someone who can help. Even if you just need a phone call, let them know.

Public Comment:

No public comments

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

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Fiscal Officer