Regular Meeting

February 4, 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.

Trustee Hudson read the prior meeting’s minutes aloud. Trustee Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes and Trustee Culp seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Culp made a motion to approve the payment of $11,627.20 in bills. Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

**Zoning**- continuing to work on updated zoning. Trustees want Rich Rea to check the Twin’s Inn location and the property on Rt. 7 north of Graham Road.

**Revitalization**- next meeting March 16th.

**Parks Commission**- had a meeting on January 28th and updated the trustees with their plans for Horner’s forest including looking at drainage and stone, signage with the beautification committee, and marking to no hunting. Down the road, they want to look at getting rid of certain weeds in the forest. Trustee Jackson would like them to submit a request in writing to the trustees for the drainage and stone. Trustee Culp also requesting to have binder at the township with their minutes. Next meeting will be April 28, 2020 at 7pm.

**Fiscal Report-** we received $500 from the MORE grant from OTARMA for safety.

**Road Report**- working on filling in pot holes on the township roads.

Old Business

All trustees received a copy of the Driver’s Rules Policy. Trustee Hudson made a motion to adopt the policy as submitted and Trustee Culp seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Culp wanted to make sure that Lois Morton’s appointment to continue being the Revitalization Committee’s member was properly documented. Trustee Culp made a motion to have Lois Morton continue to be a member of the Revitalization Committee for another 3-year term and Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was had about the Zoning Inspector’s salary. Trustee Jackson made a motion to increase the Zoning Inspector’s pay by $50 per month to be $175 per month/$2100 per year starting February 2020 and Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Trustee Culp made a motion to appoint Jennifer Hoover to be the secretary for the Zoning Commission and Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

EPA has an application that needs filled out to be eligible to turn in up to 5,000 tires per group. Trustee Jackson made a motion to fill out the application to pursue this option and Trustee Culp seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A resignation letter was presented to the board for township Fiscal Officer, Andrea Leap, effective March 1, 2020. Trustee Culp made a motion to accept the resignation and Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Next, the trustees decided to appoint Jennifer Hoover to fill the unexpired term as Fiscal Officer and for the new term starting April 1, 2020. Trustee Culp made a motion to appoint Jennifer Hoover to Fiscal Officer of Pierpont Township starting March 1, 2020 and Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul asked that Jerry Redmon be appointed to the Park’s Commission to fill the vacant spot. Trustee Culp made a motion to appoint Jerry Redmon to the Park’s Commission and Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public comments

Alvin Williams asked about if Jennifer Hoover could stay on the Zoning Commission and Trustee Culp stated that she will have to be replaced on the Zoning Commission and the trustees have not decided who will replace her at this time. He also asked if the trustees had to sign a contract for the commissioners for sewer project. The trustees stated that it is not a contract but something to do with what the township will be responsible for concerning the $1.5 monies received from the state. Also Trustee Culp stated that the prosecutor said Alvin is allowed to record the meetings. Alvin also had a question if the money that was granted to Pierpont Township could be used for septic fixes and the trustees stated it cannot be used for that. Lois also spoke up and said it is because of HB 166.

Wanda questioned about the trustee’s about moving up alternates to the Zoning Commission and Trustee Culp stated that in the bylaws that the trustee’s do not have to move up alternates.

Paul Mechling commented about the property on Route 7, north of Graham Road.

Steve Gagat also commented on the Twin’s Inn property.

Bonnie Brain commented on Beckwith Road’s condition.

There being no further business, Trustee Hudson motioned to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Jackson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.

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