July 21, 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.) Fiscal Officer Jennifer Hoover was also present.

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

As all trustees have already read the minutes of the July 7, 2020 meeting, the minutes were approved as written.

Approval of Bills:

Trustee Culp presented $7,219.71 in bills. Trustee Hudson moved to pay the bills presented. Trustee Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trustee Culp added that the township received $18,764.51 since the last meeting.

Committee/Department Reports:

**Road Report**:

* Trustee Jackson was aware that the recent torrential downpours caused some of the dirt roads to move and stated that he and Tommy worked on Graham Road on Sunday. He also acknowledged the flooding in several other areas in the township.

**Zoning Commission:**

* Trustee Culp advised the commission may begin meeting again in August

**Parks Commission:**

* Trustee Culp advised that the July meeting has been cancelled.

**Revitalization Committee:**

* Trustee Culp mentioned the next revitalization meeting is in September

Unfinished/Old Business

* Trustee Culp advised that the Township would be purchasing an audio/video system from the CARES Act funding received. as a Coronavirus relief program.
* Trustee Culp also stated that the township response rate to the Census was at 63%. She also received a letter from the Andover Library stating they would like to create a short video to promote Census responses. Trustee Culp advised she would respond to Maria Firklay at the library.
* Trustee Hudson stated that she would like to have a clean-up day as it is the only thing we have to offer to those who live on County and State roads in the township. Penn Ohio has availability October 2nd and 3rd. Trustee Hudson moved to host clean-up days on October 2nd and 3rd, seconded by Trustee Culp. All in favor of motion. Trustee Jackson reminded residents that they would be required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

New Business

* Trustee Culp advised that she received a letter from Commissioner JP Ducro regarding the UH Andover facility. The letter asked affected communities to sign in support of asking UH to reopen the facility or sell it to another party. Trustee Culp read the letter in full.
  + Trustee Jackson advised he would rather the township not sign the letter stating it was not the township’s position to tell or request a private company to reopen their business, especially if it was not financially feasible for them. Trustee Jackson requested that Pierpont township send their own letter, expressing the need for a facility and requesting that they sell to another party. Trustee Culp requested that Trustee Jackson write a letter and have it ready at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous:

* Trustee Culp advised that township would be receiving $527 back from OTARMA because they had invested their funds so well. She also advised that we would be receiving $500 for safety and that she would be speaking with the road employees tomorrow on how they could use those funds. She suggested purchasing a small chainsaw. Trustee Jackson suggested training for use of equipment and Trustee Culp advised OTARMA has videos available. All agreed that everyone could use a refresher course in safety and equipment use.
* Trustee Jackson brought up the issue of dust control. He advised that Tussel is still having issues with getting their equipment up and running. Trustee Culp advised that she did not have any new pricing since the last meeting and the trustees discussed their alternative options once again. Trustee Jackson suggested that the dust control liquid only be applied in front of residences.
  + Trustee Culp mentioned that Kingsville Twp. paid $32,000 for dust control on 2 miles of road.
  + FO Hoover added as a resident who lives on a dirt road that she would rather the township spend money on cleaning/creating ditches and crowns on the roads than spend that much on dust control.
  + Trustee Jackson would like to hear from those who live on dirt roads and asked that residents contact the trustees with their preferences.
* Trustee Culp reminded viewers that the farmers market is every Saturday from 7:00AM-Noon.
* Trustee Culp mentioned that the blood drive scheduled for August 20th is still on the schedule and advised COVID-19 screening would also be available at the drive for those that register online for such service.
* Trustee Jackson added that Schrambling Road was a “fill-in” project and reminded everyone of the townships limited resources with only one full time employee and one part time employee who have other tasks to complete daily.

Public Comment

Public comments were taken from the Facebook live video.

1. A viewer asked what was going to be done in regards to dust control early in the meeting.

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

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