August 4, 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 21, 2020 meeting, the minutes were approved as written.

Approval of Bills:

Trustee Culp presented $16,031.93 in bills. Trustee Hudson moved to pay the bills presented. Trustee Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee/Department Reports:

**Road Report**:

* Trustee Jackson reported that the washout on Graham was repaired and they are continuing to work on Schrambling Road.

**Parks Commission:**

* Trustee Culp advised that meeting scheduled for July was cancelled.

**Revitalization Committee:**

* Trustee Culp mentioned the next revitalization meeting is on September 16th and also that they had an informational session on August 3rd with neomin (Northeast Ohio Management Information Network) regarding broadband. She encouraged anyone with experience in this area to contact Lois or Jake.

**Zoning Commission:**

* Trustee Culp mentioned the ZC will meet once the County Planning Commission resumes meeting. Fiscal Officer Hoover will send an email.

Unfinished/Old Business

* Trustee Culp advised that she heard from 2 people in response to the last meeting. They both gave the opinion that ditches are more important than dust control. Trustee Jackson advised that they will continue to work on both issues.
* Trustee Culp asked Trustee Jackson if he had the chance to revise the letter to UH concerning the Andover facility. Trustee Jackson advised he had not; Trustee Culp advised she would work on it for the next meeting.
* Trustee Culp advised she has tried to contact OUPS about the lines on Schrambling but she has not received a response from them in two (2) weeks. She also advised that she left two messages for Bill Strubbe at ODOT regarding litter signs and had not yet received a response from him. She advised she would attempt to contact him again tomorrow.
* Trustee Culp also mentioned that the “Children at Play” signs have been installed on Hall Road.

New Business

* Trustee Culp presented Resolution 2020-12 (RESOLUTION APPROVING DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR PIERPONT TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES) which would allow the Fiscal Officer to set up direct deposit for township employees, trustees and the Fiscal Officer. Trustee Jackson moved to pass the resolution, seconded by Trustee Hudson. Roll call was recited – Trustee Culp – yea; Trustee Hudson – yea; Trustee Jackson – yea. Resolution passed.
* Trustee Hudson suggested they purchase a dehumidifier for the township hall. She advised there was mildew on the chairs and the papers and documents in the office were damp. Trustee Culp moved to purchase a dehumidifier, seconded by Trustee Hudson. Motion passed.
* Trustee Culp suggested they purchase a scanner for the office which would allow them to scan in documents and convert them to searchable PDF documents. Fiscal Officer Hoover would get quotes for such a scanner and software for the next meeting.
* Trustee Hudson advised there was another report of fish being dumped on Pennline near the new culvert. She had a call into ODNR to see if there was anything they could do. Trustee Jackson advised the same thing had happened on Schrambling Road and the trustees requested whoever was dumping the fish to stop.
* Trustee Culp advised there was a County Commissioner Work Session on July 28th regarding the sewer project. The Commissioners advised they would not consider the project until they have a survey and estimate. County Prosecutor Cooper advised that the money received by the township could not be used by the County in the fund its currently in. The trustees added that the money is where the State Auditor advised the prior Fiscal Officer to put it and money can easily be moved. Trustee Culp suggested contacting their attorney and their own engineer and added that the work being done by the County Engineer would be done at no cost to the County Engineer. Trustee Jackson advised that he would like to respond to the article printed in the Star Beacon after the work session. It was his opinion that the wording was that of the Commissioners and not of the trustees. The trustees also discussed the fact that they had not yet received a decision in writing as to whether Commissioner Ducro was excused from voting on sewer-related issues. They added that Prosecutor Cooper had advised them that she could not respond to them as Commissioner Ducro is her client and does not represent the township in this matter.
  + Trustee Jackson suggested that the trustees contact their attorney and the Ohio Ethics Commission for an opinion. Trustee Jackson added that it is not the decision of the trustees to hold off on the sewer project until 2021.

Miscellaneous:

* Trustee Culp reminded viewers that the farmers market is every Saturday from 7:00AM-Noon and informed them that there is a Hazardous Waste Disposal at ATECH on September 19th from 9:00AM-1:00PM.
* 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.
* Finally, Trustee Culp reminded viewers of the township clean-up days scheduled for October 2nd and 3rd.

Public Comment

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

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Fiscal Officer Chairman of the Board

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