March 16, 2021

Regular Meeting

\*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. Fiscal Officer Jennifer Hoover was also present.

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

As all trustees have already read the minutes of the March 2, 2021 regular meeting, the minutes were approved as presented.

Approval of Bills:

Trustee Hudson presented $35,129.06 in bills, which included a payment of $26,831.00 for the dump truck. Trustee Jackson moved to pay the bills presented. Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trustee Culp also listed the receipts since the last meeting, totaling $182,614.86.

Fiscal Officer’s Report/Correspondence since last meeting:

* Correspondence: the Trustees received a resignation letter from Cameron Wright from his position on the Revitalization Committee.

Committee/Department Reports:

**Road Report**:

* Trustee Jackson advised that they are going to start bringing in stone and that Pinney Dock will honor last year’s prices.

**Zoning Inspector**

**Zoning Commission:**

FO Hoover advised that the Zoning Commission public hearing is scheduled for March 25, 2021 at 6:00PM to review the proposed text amendments. She met with the Ashtabula County Planning Commission virtually on March 15th – they did have a few comments and recommendation for the commission re: fences, side setbacks and the addition of a chart explaining right of ways and setbacks.

**Parks Commission:**

**Revitalization Committee:**

Trustee Jackson attended the March 15th meeting where they discussed Tim Martin’s engineering and the delays they have seen (re: Downtown sewer system project). Trustee Jackson presented a resolution to contact the OEPA for an assessment of health and safety in the downtown Pierpont area. His goal is to get ahead of things but also added that the EPA employees are not in their offices so there may still be some delays.

Trustee Culp added that she had talked with Bill Zawiski of the OEPA regarding general information. The Trustees advised that the Engineer’s drawings may still be a month out.

Trustee Jackson moved to pass RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04 (A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST AN ASSESSMENT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR DOWNTOWN PIERPONT FROM THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROECTION AGENCY). Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Roll call was recited – Trustee Hudson – yea; Trustee Culp – yea; Trustee Jackson – yea. Resolution passed.

Unfinished/Old Business:

* Trustee Culp advised that they are now in possession of the dump truck and it even has township decals on it already.
* Trustee Culp advised that Pierpont Township Clean-up Days will be May 7, 2021 and May 8, 2021 (Friday Noon-4:00PM and Saturday 8:00AM-Noon). Dumpsters will be at the Pierpont Township “outpost” at 5541 State Route 167, Pierpont, Ohio, and not at the fire department this year. No freon, tires, batteries, paint, hazardous waste.
* Trustee Jackson advised he is moving forward with the Memorial Day parade. They need someone to oversee the floats – Trustee Jackson will arrange the veteran portion of the parade. All are welcome to participate – horses, dogs, antique tractors, etc. Resident Josh Woodard has also volunteered to help. Line up will be at 8:00AM, parade at 9:00AM on Memorial Day.

New Business:

* Trustee Culp advised that there is a County Health Advisory Board meeting and asked Trustee Hudson to attend virtually. Meeting is March 25, 2021 at 7:00PM.
* Trustee Culp advised that she received an email from resident Dave Hoover stating that the Forestry Group at First Energy has tree seedlings available and reached out to the Boy Scouts for their assistance in planting at Horner’s Forest.
* Trustee Culp also advised that FO Hoover had prepared a new zoning fee schedule for their review and asked Trustees Hudson and Jackson to take a look.

Miscellaneous:

* Trustee Jackson thanked Cameron Wright for his time on the Revitalization Committee.
* Trustee Culp informed viewers that we are a township consisting of three (3) different types of roads – State, County and Township. ODOT maintains state routes (7, 167 and 6), the County maintains county roads (Marcy, Creek, N. Richmond, Stanhope, Middle and the paved portion of Graham), and the township is responsible for the remaining dirt roads. If you have a complaint about a state or county road, the trustees can direct your call to the proper authority but cannot fix those roads.
* Trustee Culp mentioned a large fire on Schrambling Road and asked everyone to stay off the road and allow the fire departments to do their jobs.
* The next blood drive is on April 29, 2021.

* PVFD pizza and calzones will continue through March
* Trustee Culp added that there is an online purse raffle currently open
* The trustees touched on the COVID-19 pandemic and urged everyone to get their vaccines, social distance, wear masks, wash hands and stay safe.

Public Comment:

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

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Fiscal Officer