March 2, 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.

(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 February 2, 2021 regular meeting, the minutes were approved as presented. (February 16, 2021 meeting was cancelled)

Approval of Bills:

Trustee Culp presented $25,343.89 in bills (for the entire month of February). Trustee Hudson moved to pay the bills presented. Trustee Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trustee Culp also listed the receipts since the last meeting, totaling $18,347.47

Fiscal Officer’s Report/Correspondence since last meeting:

* Fiscal Officer Hoover advised that she received an email from the County Prosecutor’s Office wanting to set up a time for Colleen O’Toole to meet with the trustees and introduce herself. FO Hoover responded with meeting dates and has not yet heard back.
* Trustee Culp advised they received a certificate from the US Census Bureau thanking the trustees for their efforts.

Committee/Department Reports:

**Road Report**:

* Trustee Jackson advised that they will be out, weather permitting and that they will begin work on Schrambling Road as soon as they can.
* Trustee Jackson also advised that he located a set of grapples for approx. $3,000 from Ed Kozlowski. He advised that the grapples would be used to pick up brush and would ease the strain on them. FO Hoover asked Trustee Jackson to get an exact price so that a PO could be prepared. Trustee Culp moved to purchase the grapples from Ed Kozlowski. Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Trustee Jackson also stated that they will post some pictures once they have the grapples and that he is looking forward to 2021.
* Trustee Culp read a comment from a viewer re: poor condition of Graham Road.
* Trustee Jackson also touched on the use of grit as ice control and stated that wasn’t done until 3 years ago.

**Zoning Inspector**

* Zoning Inspector Rich Rea provided the February report – no new fees or applications and he answered 2 resident questions.

**Zoning Commission:**

Zoning Commission public hearing is scheduled for March 25, 2021 at 6:00PM to review the proposed text amendments. Trustee Culp will put the proposed text on the website for anyone interested. People can also call the office and leave a message to request a printed copy.

**Parks Commission:**

**Revitalization Committee:**

Next meeting is March 15, 2021 at 6:00PM.

Unfinished/Old Business:

* Trustee Culp advised that they are still in the process of purchasing the dump truck. Waiting on the bank to finish loan documents.
* Trustee Culp added that she met with the Fire Department and they met with the County engineer re: right-of-way but it may be a moot point as of now.
* Trustee Jackson added that there will likely be additional COVID-19 funds available to municipalities and townships.

New Business:

* Trustee Culp suggested the rehire of Steve Koivisto and Rita and Dave Carr to work in the cemetery at a rate of $15/hour, effective March 3, 2021. Trustee Jackson moved to rehire. Seconded by Trustee Culp. Motion passed.
* Trustee Culp brought up clean-up day and advised that she would like to call Russ Nank at PennOhio for some available dates. Bob agreed and would like to bring some normalcy back to our township.
* Trustee Culp added that the governor intends to announce that parades, festivals and fairs are coming back in 2020. Trustee Jackson added there WILL be a Memorial Day parade in Pierpont. Trustee Culp suggested that Trustee Jackson call Jerry Redmond to discuss further.
* Trustee Culp advised they have received complaints about internet service and that Ohio now has a commission to address internet service issues. She will add the contact information to the website.

Miscellaneous:

* Trustee Culp made sure both Trustee Hudson and Jackson had the dates for the Ethics trainings coming up.
* The next blood drive is on April 29, 2021.

* Trustee Culp reminded everyone that the Pierpont Community Action League is putting together a business brochure to asked business owners and organizations to submit their information.
* PVFD pizza and calzones will continue through March and April

Public Comment:

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

\*Trustee Culp presented a vase of flowers to Trustee Hudson for her upcoming birthday\*

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Fiscal Officer