April 20, 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.

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

As all trustees have already read the minutes of the April 6, 2021 regular meeting, the minutes were approved as presented.

Approval of Bills:

Trustee Culp presented $42,176.97 in bills. Trustee Jackson moved to pay the bills presented. Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Fiscal Officer’s Report/Correspondence since last meeting:

Committee/Department Reports:

**Road Report**:

* Trustee Jackson advised that they are still getting stone and working on the roads.

**Zoning Inspector**

**Zoning Commission**

* Passed the zoning resolution onto the Trustees

**Parks Commission:**

* Meeting April 27th at 7:00PM

**Revitalization Committee**

* Meeting in June

Unfinished/Old Business:

* Memorial Day parade on May 31st. the PV band will be in attendance. Trustee Culp moved that the township donate $200 to the band to appear in the parade. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.
* Trustee Jackson advised that the project across the street (1081 State Route 7) has been delayed.
* The newsletter was delivered today – a 10-page newsletter. There are several mistakes and past events listed in the newsletter. Should be in mailboxes on 4/22/2021. They will also be folding the newsletters at 10:00AM on 4/21/2021 – social distancing will be observed.

New Business:

* Trustee Culp moved to hire Kevin Varee as a cemetery employee to weed eat the cemetery at $15/hour. He owns a lawn care business. Trustee Culp met with him. Seconded by Trustee Hudson. All in favor.
* Trustee Culp presented a quote from the Bob Sumerel tire company – need 4 tires for road grader - $523.25/each. Mack truck needs front tires – there are chunks missing – 2 front tires for $347/each. Western Star also has front tire issues - $447/each. Along with fees and removal – total of $4,946.50. Trustee Jackson advised that he would take a look at them as well before making any decisions.
* ZONING HEARING:
  + The Zoning Commission has referred the amended zoning resolution to the trustees. Trustee Culp reviewed and listed the changes that were made. The following changes were made:

1. Created a table of contents
2. Renumber the sections and combined several related sections into subsections (now under supplemental regulations)
3. Moved “definitions” section to the beginning and removed any unconstitutional/outdated definitions. Added the following definitions:
   1. Accessory use or structure
   2. Amended “agriculture” definition to reflect Ohio Revised Code
   3. Building
   4. Building height
   5. Contractors storage yard (or operations)
   6. Home occupation
   7. Junk
   8. Junk motor vehicle
   9. Amended junkyard to reflect ORC
   10. Manufactured home
   11. Mobile home
   12. Motor home
   13. Motor vehicle salvage dealer
   14. Rooming house
   15. Tourist home
   16. Travel trailer
   17. Use
4. Removed Special Use District (never been used and not even listed on zoning map)
5. Updated home occupation language
6. Removed regulations of roadside stands (agricultural)
7. Removed regulations on agricultural uses
8. Added “Mobile food service operations, catering food service operations and seasonal food service operations” as allowable uses in all districts
9. Updated regulations on outdoor advertising and removed unconstitutional regulations of pollical signs.
10. Better defined the section regulating nonconforming uses.
11. Clearly explain the process for appeals and variances
12. Changed minimum lot area from 40,000 square feet to 2 acres.
13. Inserted language from the Ohio Attorney General regulating sexually oriented businesses
14. Clearly defined the duties of the zoning inspector, zoning commission, BZA and the trustees as it relates to zoning
15. Removed fee schedule from zoning code – trustees will set fees
16. Better defined when a zoning certificate is required and the contents and process of application
17. Added language that ORC 519.12 governs zoning amendments

Trustee Culp moved to accept the changes are presented by the Zoning Commission. Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. The trustees expressed their appreciation for the hard work put in by the commission. The amended text will take effect in 30 days (May 20).

• Trustee Culp presented and moved to accept Resolution No. 2021-06 (A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES MADE TO THE ZONING RESOLUTION BY THE PIERPONT ZONING COMMISSION). Trustee Hudson seconded. Roll call was recited – Trustee Hudson – yea; Trustee Culp – yea; Trustee Jackson – yea. Resolution passed.

Miscellaneous:

* There were technical difficulties during this meeting. If anyone would like to offer their technical services, the trustees would appreciate it.
* The next blood drive is on April 29, 2021.
* Farmers Market will begin in June. Trustee Culp has also heard rumors of a town-wide yard sale in June.
* FO Hoover read a comment that stated Pioneer Picnic is having a craft/flea market on May 23, 2021. 8AM-5PM. Call Virginia Forbes at 814-853-1992 for more information.
* Memorial Day parade will be Monday, March 31, 2021. Line up at 8:00AM at the old Pierpont Elementary, leaving at 9:00AM.

Public Comment:

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

Fiscal Officer