May 18, 2021

Regular Meeting

\*Pursuant to HB 197/HB 440, the Township Building is closed to the public and this meeting was 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 May 4, 2021 regular meeting, the minutes were approved as presented.

Approval of Bills:

Trustee Culp presented $41,726.68 (includes the Kobelco payment). Trustee Jackson moved to pay the bills presented. Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trustee Culp also read a list of receipts since the last meeting totaling $7,645.08.

Fiscal Officer’s Report/Correspondence since last meeting:

The Trustees received the following correspondence:

* A letter from Ray Saporito thanking them for their kind words on his retirement
* A thank you card from Brenda at the post office
* A letter from NOPEC reminding them of the NOPEC Energized Community grant
* An email from Sandra O’Brien regarding a 1 year pilot program with ODOT and asphalt grindings.
* A phone call with no identity

Committee/Department Reports:

**Road Report**:

* Trustee Jackson advised that Suit Co is delayed and they are expecting dust control in June. He did speak with Carl Tussell and has not heard back from him. He also added that people are driving faster on the dirt roads since they are in such good shape.

**Zoning Inspector**

**Zoning Commission**

* New Zoning resolution takes effect May 20, 2021.

**Parks Commission:**

**Revitalization Committee**

Unfinished/Old Business:

* Memorial Day parade on May 31st. Line up at 8:00AM, parade will start at 9:00AM. Trustee Jackson added that Pastor Larry Carr is unavailable and they are looking for someone to say a prayer at the parade. Call Trustee Jackson if interested.
* Trustee Culp advised that clean up days on May 7th and 8th went very well and that traffic flowed very well at the township outpost property. She also touched on the County’s Tire Amnesty Day and added that it was very well attended.
* Regarding the stumps at 1080 State Route 7, Trustee Hudson will give Dave Hoover the ok to grind them. FO Hoover asked that he provide an invoice when completed.
* Trustee Culp added that she responded to resident Walter Bilinsky on Anderson Road.
* Trustee Culp advised that they still needed to put flags in Gould Cemetery. She and resident Robin Heston have found soldiers from the War of 1812, Civil War and the Revolutionary War.
* Trustee Culp advised the business directory will be completed after Memorial Day.

New Business:

* Trustee Culp advised she received a call from cemetery employees Rita and Dave Carr advising someone drove down the driveway into Gould Cemetery. The driveway is in poor condition. Trustee Hudson added that the “No Maintenance” sign at the Middle Road entrance to Marcy Ext. is no longer there.
* Trustee Culp added that she would like to discuss the zoning fee schedule at the next meeting.
* Trustee Culp advised she spoke with Al Slater from Richmond Township who asked if the trustees would send a letter to ODOT concerning the number of wrecks at the intersection of Route 6 and 7. Trustee Culp has a call into Sgt. Thayne at OSP for the number of wrecks and fatalities at that intersection and then she will send a letter. The trustees also noted that letters have been sent to ODOT in the past 3 or 4 years concerning the same.
* Trustee Culp advised she received a letter from NOPEC regarding the 2021 Energized Community Grant. The profile submission deadline is June 30th. The grant is to be used through a nonprofit and Trustee Culp suggested the Pierpont Community Action League to cover the costs of printing the business brochure. Trustee Culp moved to submit a profile for the grant, Trustee Jackson seconded the motion. Trustee Culp also asked FO Hoover to do so.
* Trustee Culp advised they received an email regarding the status of the sewer system, to which she responded that the engineering is still with the County Engineer. Trustee Culp also advised that she drafted an MOU with the Commissioners and sent it to the fellow trustees for review. upon their approval, she will send to Commissioner Kozlowski.
* Trustee Jackson touched on an incident that occurred between a member of the Pierpont Fire Department and a township resident and taxpayer. He added that their actions are reflected on the township since we choose to contract with them. The members of the fire department should be held to a higher standard and should not threaten or bully township residents. Trustee Jackson suggested sending a letter to the head of the fire department to make them aware of this member’s actions. He further added that this should not be the conduct of someone provided safety to the township.
  + Trustee Culp added that she sent the police report to the County Prosecutor and had not yet heard back from them. They added that the Fire Department is a private business, and not a township-run department.
  + The trustees touched on a missed comment from the last meeting regarding whether the fire department will become a township-owned department, and added that is not something any of them have any knowledge about doing.
* Trustee Jackson also advised that township residents called the County Building Department concerning the home at 1080 State Route 7 as the township was working on the home. These residents were concerned that the home had suffered a fire at some point. The County Building Department responded to the property and concluded that there was never a fire at the home. In addition to inspecting the house, the inspector noticed the property to the south and has since deemed the building an unsafe building and sent notice to the property owner.
  + Trustee Culp added that she spoke to former residents of the home who also advised there had never been a fire.
* Trustee Culp added that Trustee Hudson is continuously being asked about the lifting of the governor’s orders and opening the meetings back to public in-person attendance. Trustee Culp advised that the state of emergency had not been lifted so the meetings are still not open to in-person attendance for the safety of everyone.

Miscellaneous:

* Trustee Culp reminded residents of the Craft/Flea Market at Pioneer Picnic this Saturday from 8:00AM-5:00PM.
* June 3rd is the next Pierpont Community Action League meeting. 7:00PM at Ducro Community Room.
* Next Trustee meeting is June 1st.
* The Trustees further reminded everyone that there is a program at the cemetery on Memorial Day following the parade.

Public Comment:

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

Fiscal Officer