July 20, 2021

Regular Meeting

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:

Present: Trustee Barb Culp, Trustee Pam Hudson, Trustee Bob Jackson.

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

The minutes of the July 6, 2021 regular meeting, the minutes were approved as presented.

Approval of Bills:

Trustee Culp presented $17,314.35 in bills. Trustee Hudson moved to pay the bills presented. Trustee Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trustee Culp also read a list of receipts since the last meeting totaling $1,338.21

Fiscal Officer’s Report/Correspondence since last meeting:

* None

Committee/Department Reports:

**Road:**

* Trustee Jackson mentioned that the roads were drying out

**Zoning:**

* Trustee Culp touched on the zoning fee schedule. She suggested removing the fee for a porch/deck since a permit is not required under the new zoning resolution. Accessory building/structure will be $50.00. Fees shall be effective August 1st. Trustee Hudson moved to adopt the new zoning fee schedule. Trustee Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Zoning Commission**

**Parks Commission:**

* Next meeting July 27
* Trustee Hudson will have a letter ready for them this week.

**Revitalization Committee**

* Next meeting July 26 at 6:00PM at Ducro Community Room.

**Cemetery:**

* Trustee Culp advised that several trees have fallen in the cemetery and that a couple of stones have fallen over. Trustee Jackson questioned who is responsible if a tree falls over and breaks a stone.
* Trustee Culp advised there is a cemetery grant of $1,000 that would cover tree removal and that she would like to apply for a larger grant next year for the cemetery building.
* Trustee Culp presented an Architectural Services proposal from Sexton. The plan is to add on to the existing building, add dirt storage and a chapel and electric to the building. $3,630.00 for the preparation of the architectural drawings. Trustee Culp also advised that Tim Martin was extremely busy and could not assist.
* Trustee Jackson mentioned Smolen Engineering and Trustee Culp advised that they already had the plan details and did not provide the township with a quote or plans. Trustee Hudson questioned whether there was someone else the township could contact to provide an estimate. Trustee Jackson advised the quote needs to include the cost for permits and the cost for construction. Sexton previously provided a plan for the townhall renovation, which did not include the fees for the permits required. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Unfinished/Old Business:

* Trustee Culp emailed the commissioners today (7/20/2021) to set up a joint work session to discuss the sewer.
* Newsletter is on hold until information can be added about the sewer. Township will be accepting sponsors again.
* Trustee Culp is still trying to put together business brochure.

New Business:

* Trustee Culp mentioned the OTARMA More Grant for $500.00. Grant funds are reimbursed
* Trustee Hudson mentioned finishing the tree removal at the cemetery. Dave and Tom will be working on that this week.
* Trustee Culp thanked Trustee Hudson for taking care of the tree on Creek Road during the storm last Thursday. Trustee Hudson also added to call 911 if there is a line down on or near a road.

Miscellaneous:

* August 3rd Trustee meeting is cancelled.
* Pierpont Presbyterian Church is celebrating 100 years this weekend.
* Blood drive on August 19th
* Farmer’s Market every Saturday from 8-12.
* Amish benefit auction on Hilldom Road August 7th
* Amish benefit dinner on Hammond Corner Road on August 27th
* Pioneer Picnic is August 27-29. Meeting on July 25th
* Trustee Hudson mentioned a “48 states in 48 days” event that would be in Columbus on August 21st. The host demonstrates how to clean gravestones and teaches attendees how to do it. It is a free event that Trustee Hudson is planning to attend.

Public Comment:

* Resident Alvin Williams, who was in attendance, had a question regarding the dry hydrant located on the Horner’s property and advised that the Fire Department maintained the area last month. He asked that the trustee maintain the road and area around the dry hydrant so that they can easily access it if need be.
* Resident Eugene Carter commented via Facebook Live. He advised there is someone stealing gravel from Caine Road. Trustee Culp advised she investigated the complaint and found no proof that gravel was being stolen. She advised it appeared as if the resident owned a motorcycle and was shoveling gravel from the apron to avoid spinning.
* Resident Josh Woodard commented that County Neighbor would be providing lunches at the fire department through August 13th.
* Resident Randy Woodard asked if township employee Dave could brush hog around the pond/dry hydrant at Horner’s.

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

Fiscal Officer