July 6, 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 June 15, 2021 regular meeting, the minutes were approved as presented.

Approval of Bills:

Trustee Culp presented $51,026.79 in bills. 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 $17,478.46.

Fiscal Officer’s Report/Correspondence since last meeting:

* FO Hoover advised they received a records request and she responded.
* Trustee Culp advised she received a letter from OPWC re: election of representatives. Trustee Culp advised she would return the form.

Committee/Department Reports:

**Zoning:**

* Trustee Culp advised she would like to finalize the new zoning fees at the next meeting to take effect August 1st.

**Zoning Commission**

**Parks Commission:**

* Next meeting July 27
* Trustee Culp raised the issue of erecting a sign at Horner’s woods. Why put up a sign if it’s not ready for public use? Trustee Hudson suggested a 3-5 year plan for the property. Trustee Culp advised she would submit a letter to the Parks Commission requesting a plan of action.

**Revitalization Committee**

* Next meeting July 26 at 6:00PM. David Thomas and Casey Kozlowski will be present

**Cemetery:**

* Trustee Culp advised that she hired Scott Heston to weed eat the cemeteries and moved to do so at a rate of $15/hour. Trustee Hudson seconded the motion. Trustee Jackson suggested having written guidelines on what is expected from him.
* Trustee Culp advised that she and Trustee Hudson will be attending the Ohio Cemetery Association conference on August 3rd and 4th. $145/each plus accommodations. Trustee meeting on August 3rd is cancelled. Trustee Culp moved to attend the OCA conference. Seconded by Trustee Hudson.
* Trustee Culp also advised that she met with an architect re: cemetery building plans. Trustee Jackson suggested also contacting Tim Martin re: building plans and to provide a cost from Sexton.

**Road Report**:

* Trustee Jackson advised that he received some positive comments on the “chip/seal” and wants to see how it holds up by the fall. Those interested may be able to purchase additional coverage next time.
* Trustee Culp advised she had a few comments from residents who did not care for the product and do not want it in the future. She received an email from Jim Bunce stating he has never seen dust like this but agreed the dust control was working where it was applied. Letters were also received from Walter Bilinsky and Kathy Barnard and several others as well.
* Trustee Culp advised that the autism sign on Caine Road that had been stolen has been replaced.

Unfinished/Old Business:

* Trustee Culp advised that she picked up the preliminary sewer drawings last Friday – total estimated cost of $2,474,599. There was a question on Facebook Live from Steve Gagat as to what was included in that total cost.
* Trustee Culp advised she would like to have the newsletter done by July 10th.
* Trustee Culp also advised that the township was approved for 2 NOPEC grants, one of which goes directly to PCAL for the business brochure. The other was for $5,342.00 for lighting projects in the new town hall.

New Business:

Miscellaneous:

* Farmer’s Market every Saturday from 8-12.
* County is having a hazardous waste disposal on August 28th.
* Pioneer Picnic is August 27-29. Work days on July 17th and 18th at 9:00AM. Meeting on July 8th at 2:00PM.
* Ducro is hosting a Celebrate Pierpont event on August 21st.

Public Comment:

* Resident Alvin Williams, who was in attendance, first thanked the Fiscal Officer for sending him the minutes via email for him to read. He then drew attention to the meeting of May 18, 2021 in which the trustee discussed an incident that occurred at the fire department between a FD employee and a neighbor. Mr. Williams questioned whether the trustees had met with the employee and Trustee Jackson responded that he met with the Sheriff Deputy and the woman involved. Williams further advised that the FD employee was off-duty when the incident occurred and explained what happened. Williams thought the meeting minutes should reflect exactly what was said. The trustees advised that no one was trying to “fire” the fire department, as they are not employees, they are contracted with the township. Discussion was had regarding the contract price and money that the levies bring in. Williams suggested the contracts state that the money brought in by the levies goes directly to the fire department rather than listing a contract price. FO Hoover added that the contracts in the past were horribly written the current contracts were reviewed by the township’s legal counsel.
* Trustee Culp stated she has received complaints of trash blowing around in yards from the property located at 5894 Graham Road and also the animals at 68 State Route 7.

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

Fiscal Officer