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Regular Meeting

March 23, 2019

At 9:06 am Chairman Trustee Bob Jackson called the meeting to order. The meeting had a late start because Chairman Jackson was on the phone with Representative John Patterson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Roll call of board attendance: Trustee Grady Hoover, Trustee Barb Culp, Trustee Bob Jackson, Deputy Fiscal Officer Tony Long, and several township residents.

Reading of Minutes

Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous minutes was made by Trustee Bob Jackson, with a second from Trustee Grady Hoover. Motion passed. Trustee Barb Culp Made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Second by Trustee Bob Jackson. Motion passed.

Payment of Bills

Motion to pay bills as presented by the Deputy Fiscal officer was made by Trustee Barb Culp with a second by Trustee Grady Hoover. Motion passed.

Committee reports:

- Revitalization Committee–
 - Lois Morton, chairperson of the committee reported to the trustees about the communications received after the March 4 Community meeting. The revitalization committee has created a list of Frequently Asked Questions to respond to the most common queries to the group. The FAQ document will be posted on the township website.
 - Lois presented a resolution to the trustees which outline the future steps dealing with the sanitary sewer plan for Pierpont. After discussion, and modifications to the wording, resolution

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2019-09 was passed by the board. Motion to pass resolution by Trustee Barb Culp, second by Trustee Grady Hoover.

Roll call Trustee Barb Culp yes, Trustee Grady Hoover yes, Trustee Bob Jackson yes.

- Next meeting of the Revitalization committee will be held on April 1 at 6:30 pm at the township garage.
- Zoning Inspector via text message from Rich Rea
 - Next county zoning meeting is on April 7 at 6:30 pm at the Commissioner's meeting room
 - Dollar General has passed all the county requirements for zoning and blueprint for building has been approved by ODOT

Fiscal Officer Report: Tony Long

- Continues his assessment of the township accounts and putting them into interest earning accounts.
- Handed out reports detailing the financial status to date
- Explained how the street light assessment is handled and advised trustees of how they may want to proceed.

Old Business:

- Trustee Bob Jackson received a quote from Nelson Sand & Gravel concerning road stone. Motion was made by Trustee Bob Jackson with a second from Trustee Grady Hoover to purchase stone for the roads as needed. Motion passed with an affirmative vote by all trustees.
- Appointment of a township fiscal officer—five resumes have been received. Trustees will review resumes and proceed with interviews.
- Road maintenance has been occurring with the short breaks in weather.
- Alternates to the zoning board are still needed. After discussion with the residents in attendance, both Alice Dreslinsky and Pam Hudson agreed to serve. Trustee Grady Hoover made the motion, second by Trustee Bob Jackson to appoint Alice Dreslinsky and Pam

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Hudson to 5 year zoning commission terms to serve as alternate zoning board members.

New Business:

- Ashtabula County Commissioners are working with Agile Systems to locate vertical assets within the county to use in extending broadband into the rural communities. Township trustees are being asked to help locate tall structures within the township which may be used in this project in the future.
- OPWC Funds: discussion by trustees on road length, number of residences, and driveways, on township roads. Using those criteria, roads were identified as Anderson, Schrambling, and Caine. In the past 4 years, both Anderson and Caine have received a considerable amount of improvement funds. Resolution 2019-10 passed to apply for OPWC funds for the improvement of Schrambling Rd.; motion by Trustee Bob Jackson, second by Trustee Grady Hoover; roll call- Trustee Barb Culp yes, Trustee Bob Jackson yes, Trustee Grady Hoover yes
- PennLine/Creek Rd Intersection realignment-Resolution 2019-11 adopted to work with the County engineer's office to use land owned by the Ashtabula County Commissioners to reconfigure the intersection. Motion by Trustee Barb Culp, second by Trustee Grady Hoover; roll call-Trustee Barb Culp yes; Trustee Grady Hoover Yes; Trustee Bob Jackson Yes
- Siren Bill-Resolution 2019-12 to apply for a grant on behalf of the Pierpont Volunteer Fire Dept for EMS equipment and training. Motion by Trustee Grady Hoover, second by Trustee Barb Culp; Roll call- roll call-Trustee Barb Culp yes; Trustee Grady Hoover Yes; Trustee Bob Jackson Yes
- Ohio Ethics Law-although the Ohio Ethics Law has a provision stating that all newly elected officials must receive and sign off on a copy of the Ohio Ethics Law within 15 days of taking office, - there is a problem with who is supposed to make it happen. Trustee Bob Jackson is working with Rep. John Patterson and Susan

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Willeke of the Ohio ethics Commission to correct the non follow through of this law.

- Trustee Bob Jackson update on the Ohio Transportation Bill including the gas tax clause

Road Concerns–Trustee Grady Hoover:

- Resignation of Road Supervisor Randy Williams due to personal attacks by Pierpont Township residents.

Public Comments

- Helen Mallory stated that although she realizes that 100% of the residents are not happy that a Dollar General store is to be built in Pierpont, she would like to applaud the board for moving forward on behalf of the community and bringing a much needed business to the township. Her comments were echoed by Al Williams who stated that Dollar General may be a catalyst for the area.
- Doug Dreslinsky asked about Road grindings–trustee Trustee Bob Jackson has a meeting next week with Senator Sean O’Brien and the ODOT district officials to discuss road grinding.

At this point, Trustee Bob Jackson made a motion to recess the regular meeting with the board going into executive session to discuss fiscal officer applications.

Motion second by Trustee Grady Hoover. Motion passed.

Board of trustees went into executive session with no action to be taken.

Roll call of Executive session: Trustee Barb Culp present. Trustee Grady Hoover Present. Trustee Bob Jackson Present. Fiscal Officer Tony Long present.

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Trustee Barb Culp made the motion to adjourn the executive session and return to regular session. Second by Trustee Grady Hoover. Motion passed.

Return to Regular Session

Motion was made by Trustee Bob Jackson to adjourn the meeting. Second by Trustee Grady Hoover. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.