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Regular Meeting

October 15, 2019

Chairman Bob Jackson called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Roll call of board attendance: Trustee Bob Jackson, Trustee Barb Culp, Trustee Grady Hoover, and Fiscal Officer Andrea Leap. Also in attendance were several township residents.

Grady Hoover motioned to waive the reading of prior meeting's minutes and approve the minutes. Barb Culp seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Jackson motioned to approve the payment of \$7,256.49 in bills. Grady Hoover seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Fiscal Officer–

- No comment

Zoning–

- Alvin Williams nominated Steve Gagat to be the alternate for the zoning board. Bob motioned to have Steve Gagat fill the vacant position as zoning board alternate and Grady Hoover seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Parks Commission–

- Pam Hudson talked to Paul Mechling and a meeting date is being discussed. Trustee Jackson is pushing for the meeting to be soon and for the fiscal officer to post the meeting once we are notified. Residents are anxious to utilize the park.

Old Business

Trustee Jackson discussed that the property purchase had expired and we have not heard anything further from the realtor at the time of the meeting.

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There was an open discussion about buying the property for the sewer project. Trustee Jackson and Trustee Culp expressed why the township was pursuing the property and the reason why they choose to purchase that property which was a recommendation from the Ashtabula County Engineer's office. Many properties were analyzed before choosing to purchase the property at 1080 State Route 7.

CHIP program should be returning soon and information will be available once the township is notified. The program is a county program.

Trustee Jackson suggested someone going to door to door to ask if residents need help such as a new roof or siding.

Celebrate Pierpont was held on October 9th and had a good presence for the first one. It will be held again next year on October 14th for 4-7. Plan to have it the 2nd Wednesday of October every year.

New Business

Trustee Jackson brought up using a township employee that is employee for seasonal help also be used as needed for a truck driver. David Carr has a CDL and Trustee Jackson motioned that the township pays him the same scale as our road man, David Smith, which is \$17.50 an hour when he is driving truck for the township. Trustee Culp seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Monroe Township inquired if Pierpont Township would be interested in renting out the excavator or gradall during the wintertime for Monroe to use with Bob Jackson as the operator. The county charges \$55/hr with an operator but are seldom free to help. Trustee Jackson suggested \$65/hr and fuel charge. Bob Jackson motioned to rent equipment/operator for Monroe Township for \$65/hr plus fuel cost. Grady seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Jackson made a trapezoid bucket to dig ditches and the township started using it on Caine Road. The bucket worked very well and will help cut down the time it takes to do certain ditches.

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Trustee Jackson discussed a tool that would help the grade of the ditches. The receiver would be around \$1,800. Trustee Jackson motioned to purchase the AGL MR360R Laser Receiver. Barb Culp seconded the motion. Motion pass unanimously.

Zoning Commission Training will be held in Blacklick, Ohio on November 1st. The township will be sending members from our zoning commission. The township will reimburse for travel, room and board, and registration. Trustee Culp motioned to pay for the members that want to attend the conference. Trustee Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The township is having another fundraiser for the cemetery building. On November 2nd, from 4–7 at the Pierpont Presbyterian Church, there will be a Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner for \$10.00 donation. Rita Carr will be cooking the meals and desserts can be donated.

Grady Hoover spoke with a resident, Mike Teter, about moving his ditch back on Stateline Road.

Public comments

Public comments were made throughout the meeting.

Carl Williams expressed his opinion about buying the property for the sewer system and that Pierpont Township should not get in the real estate business. Also, he mentioned pictures taken that were brought to the commissioners meeting. Trustees have no knowledge of these photos.

Steve Gagat also expressed his opinion on the sewer system and he does not think the sewer system will be for enough residents and needs to be bigger. He spoke with the commissioner's office with questions he has about the project. Steve does not think the numbers given about the sewer costs really represent the real picture. He also expressed that he does not feel the Revitalization Committee is looking out for the township.

Alvin Williams feels that the sewer project is being forced for residents. He also discussed about the health department having no findings in Pierpont Township and have had no complaints in the last 15 to 20 years. Alvin continued to discuss about the Dollar General having no issues putting in their septic tank and that he knows of someone who had a new

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septic tank put in for around \$6,000. Also, he expressed later in the meeting that it will cost him roughly \$90,000 for the sewer system.

A student for PV schools, Adam Romanko, attended and shared his opinion about the sewer system and asked many questions for clarification about the project.

Duane Harmon asked about how the Revitalization Committee started and if they are a part of the township. Trustee Jackson answered that the committee started around April 2018. Duane also asked about who was on the property agreement and if the township owes Cameron Wright \$1,000 deposit. Trustees Jackson and Culp explained that the money is only owed back if the township purchases the property. He also asked about how much property was being purchased and how much land was needed for the sewer project. The trustees explained the land has a lot of room for expansion of the system. Also, the EPA was brought up and how they would need to be involved with the sewer system and would require all septic systems be smashed in that were along the line of the sewer system. Bob Jackson requested that the township be able to smash in the systems with the township's equipment and help save the residents money with the cost.

Barb Culp discussed how the Revitalization Committee is trying to bring businesses to Pierpont in order to bring life back to the "downtown" area.

Grady Hoover motioned to adjourn the meeting and Barb Culp seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.