The regular meeting of the Charlestown Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mr. Adam Eskridge on Monday, December 28, 2020 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees – Chairman Tim Patrick, Vice-Chair Bruce Lange – present by conference call, Adam Eskridge present; Fiscal Officer - Susan Forgacs present.

Mr. Eskridge moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on December 14, 2020. Mr. Patrick seconded the motion. All votes were yes, motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Zoning

No report.

Roads

Mr. Richard Grund reported receiving new dump/plow truck this week. States will need snow deflector ($300 at Coia’s) and shoes; will wait until Mr. Patrick returns to evaluate.

Cemetery

No report.

Park

No report.

Fire Department

Chief Randy Porter reported the Fire Department is at 218 calls, down 15 from last year (6%). Stated many local departments are down 6-10% this year.

Reported that three firefighters judged the township Christmas Lights contest.

Six firefighters received the COVID-19 vaccine on December 26.

Chief Porter thanked the trustees and the fiscal officer for their support throughout the pandemic.

Trustees

Trustee Adam Eskridge spoke with Tom Yankovick, from Ellet Signs, regarding lettering on the new truck. The new LED sign should be installed any day now.

Reported findings hunters at the township park; instructed that new hunting / weapons allowed on township property. Mr. Patrick asked Mr. Grund to post a “No Hunting” sign.

Trustee Bruce Lange spoke with Joseph Diorio, Portage County Health Commissioner, about a septic complaint in Silver Spur; the septic system needs to be replaced; the homeowner qualifies for financial assistance; it will take a couple months for project to be completed.

Reported portable speaker system is ready at Woodsy’s.

Trustee Tim Patrick asked Mr. Grund to send pictures of new truck and the requested additions.

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Forgacs requested approval of the following temporary appropriations for the first quarter of 2021: $50,000 General Fund, $10,000 Cemetery Fund, $60,000 Gas Fund, and $30,000 Fire Fund.

#102-21 Mr. Patrick moved to accept recommended temporary appropriations; Mr. Eskridge seconded the motion. Roll was called; all votes were yes; motion carried.

Reported receiving three rebates from BWC this year; first check was to partially reimburse for 2018 payments and the next two checks were for 2019. The amount issued was more than three times the amount of the payments; the additional money was applied to the balance of the 2018 payments and the 2020 payments; the remainder was placed in the General Fund per the Ohio Auditor’s instructions.

The Reorganizational Meeting will be held January 11, 2021 at 5:30 pm; legal ad has been placed in the Record Courier.

Reported that has not heard back from State of Ohio regarding the 2019 Ohio Tax issues reported at last meeting.

The winners of the Christmas Lighting Contest – Most Spectacular – Deremer family on Rock Spring; Most Traditional – Hunsicker family on Newton Falls and Most Unique – Riccairdi family on Garrett. Each winner received $100 prize from the Activity Committee; there were a total of 16 contestants; received many positive comments on Facebook. The Committee thanks the judges for a job well done.

Reported request from Portage County Engineer for updated contact information; will need at next meeting.

Received notice from OTARMA regarding voting for board members.

Reported that BWC provider is now Sedgwick MCO.

New truck has been added to the insurance.

Mr. Eskridge moved to pay bills. Mr. Lange seconded. All votes were yes, motion carried.

Mr. Eskridge moved to adjourn. Mr. Patrick seconded. All votes were yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.

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