

Walnut Township Trustees Meeting

July 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Trustees Doug Leith, William Yates and Terry Horn were present.

Trustee Horn made a motion to have Shelley document the condition of Blacklick Road. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Fiscal Officer Kraner stated that the budget for 2015 has been submitted to the Fairfield County Auditor and that the hearing with the County Budget Commission is August 4th at 10:10 am.

Trustee Horn made a motion to approve checks 24387 through 24412, and EFT 2014-433 through EFT 2014- 474, after being certified that funds are available and appropriations have been made by Fiscal Officer Kraner. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Department Reports

Thurston Walnut Township Fire Department – Chief Hite asked about the Dollar Store that is being built just outside Pleasantville. Regional Planning is working with them on development of the project; the property is expected to be annexed into Pleasantville.

There was a discussion regarding the worker's comp claim for a firefighter. It will be handled under the \$15K program as long as the expenses remain low. This will keep it from affecting the township's worker's comp rating.

RPC – Larry Neeley – There wasn't anything on the agenda pertaining to Walnut Township. The zoning changes that Greenfield township wanted to make near Carroll and St Rt. 33 were denied. There was a discussion about the Land Bank that Fairfield County has created for blighted properties; Mr. Neeley wanted to ensure the trustees were aware of it.

Zoning – Kevin Clouse – Kevin received a request from ODNR to be notified whenever homeowners adjacent to the dams apply for permits.

There is a camper located on a property at Cypress and Oak; without an identifying address. The Health Department believes they have identified the property owners and have issued a cease and desist regarding the construction of a well. There is concern that waste is being discharged at the site.

The trash at the property at 13050 Shell Beach Rd could be removed with the township only bearing the cost of the disposal of the trash. Trustee Yates stated that he is in favor of moving forward as long as all legal steps are taken and the property owners provide permission to be on the land. Any costs incurred by the township would be put on the property owners taxes. It is estimated that it will take 4 containers to remove all the trash.

Trustee Horn made a motion to budget \$3,000 to remove the trash at 13050 Shell Beach Rd, all costs to be added to the property taxes. Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Recycling – The recycling bins are being re-labeled, which will more clearly identify what can go into each container.

Roads and Parks – Tim Morris – Tim stated that the turbo on Truck 7 needs to be cleaned at a cost of \$1,079. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the repair to Truck 7 with a budget of \$1,079. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The repaving of Cedar Road is complete. Holly Mattei, RPC, will inspect next week.

The second mowing is two weeks behind.

Tim and Mike have followed up on all the emails regarding flooding after the latest storm. The major culprit is the closed-in ditches. The situation on Basin – it has a one inch cover and the pipe can't be enlarged. At Elm and Beaver, the pipe could be increased by 1 inch at minimal cost. There was one washout that has been fixed.

Mr. Roger Hack, AEP Project Manager, did receive Trustee Horn's email and will have information out by Thursday. After discussion, it was decided to move forward with videotaping the condition of Blacklick Road.

Old Business

Deputy Hummel has been out to 5603 Orchid to talk to them about parking in the right-of-way.

The entertainment at the Winery has been limited to one to two artists and is generally done by 11:00 PM.

An updated draft Zoning Fees and a comparison sheet to other townships was distributed.

There was a discussion regarding the definition of a pool and fencing mandated by the state of Ohio. Trustee Horn stated that he and Kevin Clouse, Zoning Inspector, are compiling a list of items to add to the Zoning Resolution. They will be meeting with Holly Mattei and Alan Turnbull.

After discussion, the trustees decided to send the draft zoning fees to the Zoning Commission and request their input. Trustee Horn will email to them.

One of the fees on the schedule is for a culvert permit. There was discussion regarding culverts. Fairfield County requires 10" tile in culverts, in the township, whatever works for the site. Any fees for this permit should go to the Road and Bridge fund.

There was a discussion of the definition of pools. There are many variables, in-ground, above ground, depths, and diameters. This needs additional research.

After further discussion of the fees, Trustee Leith made a motion to adopt the fees in Option 2. Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

There was discussion regarding RPC's suggestion that the B2 properties in Fairfield Beach Road, and north be changed to RMU. It will be added to the list of changes to be made to the Zoning Resolution.

There was a discussion regarding Reynoldsburg voting 5 – 0 to repeal their new JEDD with Etna township.

New Business

Trustee Leith made a motion to appoint Kevin Clouse Zoning Inspector. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn made a motion to appoint Anne Darling Cyphert part-time zoning inspector as of 7/14/14. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn provided a Priority List for Zoning

- New Applications
- Hearings
- Construction Starts
- Nuisances and complaints

Trustee Horn will provide an updated listing of the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals terms. An alternate needs to be appointed for the Zoning Commission by the Trustees.

Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the updated term list as well as the verbiage that describes how long terms are and the guidelines for alternates, which is detailed in the email from Trustee Horn. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Comments from the floor

There were no comments.

Trustee Horn made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the discipline of a public employee with the Trustees, Bob Ball, BZA, Alan Turnbull, ZC and Fiscal Officer Kraner. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

At 9:50 PM, the Trustees came out of Executive Session.

Trustee Leith made a motion to authorize Trustee Yates to take care of notifying Sandi Wagner that the role of Zoning Secretary is being incorporated into the Clerical Assistant position. Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The Zoning Secretary/Clerical Assistant will report to the Board of Trustees and assist the Zoning Inspector.

At 10:00 PM, Trustee Leith made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Lynn Kraner, Fiscal Officer

William Yates, Chairman

Terry Horn

Doug Leith