

Walnut Township Trustees Meeting

June 17, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Trustees Doug Leith and Terry Horn were present. Trustee Yates was not present.

The bid opening for the Blacklick Road resurfacing was opened. Only one bid was received from Shelly Company. The Fairfield County Engineer's office has changed a requirement that has resulted in a change to the project parameters. They are requiring chip and seal on the bridges with cut butt joints at each bridge. Jeff Baird, Fairfield County Engineer's office, will discuss with Ryan, Shelly Company.

Trustee Leith made a motion to send a request to the Fairfield County Auditor to increase the appropriations in the Road and Bridge fund by \$75,000. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 yes votes.

Trustee Leith made a motion to accept the bid of \$196,494 from Shelly Company, pending approval of the additional appropriation of \$75,000. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 yes votes.

Comments from the floor

There were no comments.

Minutes

The minutes for the June 3rd Public Hearing were submitted for approval. Trustee Leith made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 yes votes.

The minutes for the June 3rd Regular Trustee meeting were submitted for approval. Trustee Leith made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 yes votes.

The minutes for the June 10th Special Meeting were submitted for approval. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 yes votes.

There was a discussion regarding the Budget for 2015. If the front end loader is paid off, the additional \$15,000 will be added to contract services. No other changes were made to the budget. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the 2015 Budget. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 yes votes.

Trustee Leith made a motion to approve checks 24369 through 24386, after being certified that funds are available and appropriations have been made by Fiscal Officer Kraner. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 yes votes.

Department Reports

Zoning – Trustee Horn provided an update Anne Darling-Cyphert is working through the challenges and working on the permits. Anne will submit a written report providing an update of everything in process in the next week

Roads and Parks – Tim Morris – Tim stated that the township will be reimbursed for the culverts on Cedar Road, approximately \$2,485, from the County Road and Bridge Allocation fund.

Holly Matte and James Mako, Regional Planning Commission, recommended that the township consider applying for a grant through the state of Ohio. It is for critical infrastructure and is for up to \$300,000. They recommended applying to repave the roads at Fairfield Beach. Eric, Fairfield County Engineer's office, would engineer the project. There are no matching funds required and in-kind work helps improve the chances of receiving the grant. Trustee Leith offered to do some of the legwork.

Tim is on vacation next week but he will be checking emails. Mike will be covering for Tim and will forward all information for zoning to Anne.

Old Business

There was a discussion regarding the cleanup at 13050 Shell Beach Road. It was determined that it is not Chet Ervin who might be available to assist with the removal. After discussion, the trustees decided to not follow-up.

There was a brief discussion regarding economic development and finding a few property owners to contact as a starting point.

Trustee Horn distributed additional information regarding Zoning Fees for the Trustees to review. Horn has suggested increasing the fees for Variances and Re-Zoning to include the cost of additional ads.

Trustee Leith will contact Pleasant and Liberty townships and obtain a copy of their fees.

There was discussion regarding the search for a Zoning Inspector. Trustee Leith will contact Ron Keller, Millersport Lions Club, about getting the word out of the townships the need for a Zoning Inspector.

New Business

Trustee Horn stated that a resolution is required for the rezoned parcels so that the RPC will update the zoning map. Trustee Horn made a resolution to request that the Zoning Map is updated to reflect the new zoning. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 yes votes.

Trustee Horn will forward to Holly Matte so that it can be added to their agenda.

There was a discussion regarding the tall grass at 5465 Cypress. Tim had been able to contact a realtor last year and get it mowed. This year, the letter that was sent out was returned.

Tim and Mike walked Summerland Beach Road with Eric, Fairfield County Engineer office. The problems with drainage have been caused by homeowners enclosing ditches. Eric will make recommendations to do the fixes with minimal cost.

There was a noise complaint against the Buckeye Lake Winery. Trustee Leith will respond to the homeowner.

Trustee Horn stated that the term dates for the Zoning Commission need to be reviewed and he needs to meet with Alan Turnbull, Chairman of the Zoning Commission, to discuss the term dates.

Tim stated that the storm water study of all the existing storm sewers has been completed. Trustee Horn will request a CAD file of the study.

Trustee Leith mentioned that Ed Parrish, Soil and Water, RPC and township representatives will be meeting at the Parrish property to discuss drainage options.

At 9:02 PM, Trustee Leith made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 yes votes.

Lynn Kraner, Fiscal Officer

William Yates, Chairman

Terry Horn

Doug Leith