

## Walnut Township Trustees Meeting

June 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 PM. Trustees William Yates, Doug Leith and Terry Horn were present.

The minutes for May 20<sup>th</sup> were presented for approval. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the rezoning of Parcels #0461152300, 0461152500, 046115600, 0461152710, 0461152700 on Elm Road and Parcels # 0461152400, 0461152900, 0461153000, and 0461153100 on Forest Roads from Classification B-2 to Recreational Mixed Use (RMU). Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn stated that research needs to be done to determine if the other properties that are zoned B-2 should also be rezoned to RMU. Janet Smith, a property owner who is currently zoned B-2, stated she would like to see it rezoned to RMU. The trustees asked that she submit an application.

There was a discussion regarding the budget for 2015. Information has been distributed for the trustees to review. Any suggestions for changes should be emailed to Fiscal Officer Kraner prior to the Public Hearing.

Trustee Horn made a motion to approve checks 24356 through 24368 and EFTS 325-2014 through 391-2014, 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.

### **Comments from the Floor**

There were no comments from the floor.

### **Department Reports**

**Chief Price – Millersport Fire Department** – No comments this evening.

**Chief Hite – Thurston Walnut Township Fire Department** – Mike Hurd and Steve Lavender have resigned. Kyle Hyer has his 240 FF – Basic EMT and Taylor Smith had his 240 FF – Medic. They received \$2,500 in a State EMS Grant. Their backup Medic 2 is on loan to Richland Township. Trustee Leith made a motion to approve Chief Hite's recommendations. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

**Roads and Parks – Tim Morris** – The first mowing has been completed. Tim and Mike are working on the in-kind work for Cedar Road so that Shelly can begin the repaving.

They have not been able to locate the blockage on Summerland Beach. The tile goes from 4" to 6" and back to 4". Tim recommends replacing it with all 6". Tim will contact the Fairfield County Engineers to see if the County Road and Bridge money can be used for this repair.

There are two culverts on Blacklick Road that may need to be replaced prior to repaving.

Tim needs to order 50 tons of berm material at an approximate cost of \$1,000.

### **Old Business**

There was a discussion regarding the cleanup at 13050 Shell Beach Road and the determination that it was not Chet Irvin who offered to help with the cleanup. Fred Irvin will be contacted regarding helping with the cleanup.

The demolition through Moving Ohio Forward has been completed. The compensation work for 8920 Lancaster Thornville Rd has been completed. They are still working on an agreement with the property owner at 8800 High St.

The end date for the Moving Ohio Forward grant money has been changed to September, 2014. In the event that Thurston is unable to use the funds to remove their school, there will be other funds available.

The Trustees received a letter from the counsel for AEP. They are reviewing the request and will be reviewing the current state of the road versus the assessment they completed prior to their project.

Copies of letters regarding the boat dock between lots 128 and 127 on Lieb's Island were distributed for discussion. The adjacent landowner would like to see it removed because it is on a fire lane and the people using it are often noisy. Based on the letters, the trustees are doing nothing at this time.

### **New Business**

Trustee Yates will be creating the Bid documents for the repaving of Blacklick Road. Trustee Horn made a motion to appoint Trustee Yates as the contract agent for the township for the Blacklick Road project. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

There was a discussion regarding the vacant Alternate position for the Zoning Commission. Alex Fant, Fairfield Beach, has expressed an interest in this position. After discussion with Mr. Fant, Trustee Leith made a motion to approve Alex Fant as the Alternate for the Zoning Commission with an end term date of 2018. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn has spoken with Jason Dolin, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Fairfield County, regarding Zoning Training. It would be for Trustees, Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeal members. Anne Darling-Cyphert would also be presenting. Trustee Yates will check to see if the Walnut Township High School can be used for this training.

An extensive discussion took place regarding Zoning Fees. Fee schedules for Bloom Township, Greenfield Township and Violet Township, as well as historical fees schedules for Walnut Township were distributed and reviewed. The trustees will discuss any changes to fees at a future meeting.

A document was received from the Village of Thurston regarding the annexation of the property where their new water plant will be built. The trustees do not have to do anything at this point regarding the annexation.

Trustee Horn made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session per ORC 121.22 Exception 1 – to consider complaints against a public employee. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The trustees came out of Executive Session.

Trustee Yates made a motion to have the Trustee’s approve his handling a personnel issue. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn made a motion to approve contracting for temporary administrative assistance for the Fiscal Officer at a rate of \$9.00/hour. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

At 9:50 PM, Trustee Leith made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

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Lynn Kraner, Fiscal Officer

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William Yates, Chairman

Terry Horn

Doug Leith