

## Walnut Township Trustees Meeting

October 7, 2014

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

Due to the increase in revenue received in the Fire Fund, Fiscal Officer Kraner is asking for a motion to request the approval of the Fairfield County Auditor to increase the Revenue in the Fire Fund by \$100K and the Appropriations by \$150K. Trustee Leith made a motion to approve the increase in the revenue and appropriations in the Fire Fund. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Due to the increase in projected revenue in the EMS Fund, Fiscal Officer Kraner is asking for a motion to request the approval of the Fairfield County Auditor to increase the Revenue and Appropriations in the EMS fund by \$75K. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the increase in the revenue and appropriations in the EMS Fund. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn made a motion to approve checks 24475 through 24495, and EFT 2014-633 through EFT 2014-662, 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**

Robert Judy, Baltimore-Somerset Road brought to the Trustees attention that the Engine Brake signs that will installed in 2011 helped for a while. He has contacted the Sheriff's department and was told that it would be enforced at the Trustees request. Trustee Yates will contact the Sheriff's department.

### **Old Business**

Blacklick Road has been videotaped.

Trustee Horn received acknowledgment from AEP that they received the letter regarding Blacklick Road and will review the request.

The payment has been made to Shelly Company, with 5% withheld until Tim authorizes the balance to be paid as specified in the contract.

Tim's 5 year plan for repaving of the roads was reviewed. The cost breaks down as follows (in current prices) –

1. \$566,716
2. \$357,999
3. \$523,533
4. \$389,283
5. \$253,533

For a total of \$2,091,064. The average amount of funds the township has each year is between \$150,000 and \$200,000 or less than half that amount in a 5 year period.

Tim is working on a grant to repave multiple roads at Fairfield Beach with an approximate value of \$300,000. If the grant is awarded, it would reduce the \$2M figure.

In order to qualify for Issue 2 money, these items have to be addressed – safety, width of road and ditching.

There was a discussion regarding the remaining funds in the allocated fund that the Fairfield County Engineer's office holds for the township. At this time, the funds have been committed to the initial payment that the township would be required to make if they are awarded Issue 2 money for the third phase of Cherry Lane. In the event that the township does not receive the funding, the trustees do not want to lose the funds. Trustee Horn made a motion to send a letter to the Fairfield County Engineer's office to request the funds be used for the Cherry Lane project, but for the township to not lose the funds in the event that the project is not awarded. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Yates is working with Med3000 regarding the request by Anthem for the township to have professional liability insurance for the EMS billing. He has current copies of the liability policies for both fire departments.

The next primary is in May and the Trustee want to know where the expense is allocated and what the cost is to put a levy on the ballot.

The grants that the township has received in the past for road projects are – Laurel, Juniper, Cherry Lane 1 & 2, and Birch – Cherry Lane 3 is in the process

There was a discussion regarding the salt contracts that Trustee Horn has prepared for the Villages. The current contract is for 700 tons, which the township can take up to 110%. The cost is \$72.97/ton. Trustee Horn would like to Trusteees to consider discontinuing providing salt to the Village of Buckeye Lake except on an emergency basis. Trustee Leith made a motion to send the salt contracts to the Villages of Thurston, Millersport, Pleasantville and Buckeye Lake for the Winter 2014-2015. Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn made a motion to not contract with the Village of Buckeye Lake for salt past the Winter of 2014-2015. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Zoning - Kevin Clouse – The 2 variances at the last BZA meeting were approved. Both of the properties had significant fire damage and they were seeking to rebuild on the same foundations.

The November 6<sup>th</sup> BZA meeting will cover the variance for the old Starlight Lanes property; which is within the 2 year period of the business closing, to request a substitution of the nonconforming use.

The November 20<sup>th</sup> Zoning Commission meeting will be for the rezoning of Phase II - Crescent Cove.

Kevin asked the Trustees for their input on the rezoning of the remaining lots at Fairfield Beach that are zoned B2. Earlier this year 9 lots, in the same area, were rezoned to RMU from B2. The Trustees agree with the rezoning and Kevin will start the process of rezoning.

Kevin met with ODNR – ODNR will be providing a letter, for parcels on the dam, to any homeowner approving their project prior to Kevin issuing a zoning permit. ODNR won't approve projects to take place between April to October. There will be an update meeting on the dam in October at the Millersport High School.

Work on a residential project at Kenney's Beach has been stopped because it is potentially a wetlands. The Army Corp of Engineers put this on hold until they evaluate and determine its status.

There was a discussion regarding doubling the fee if a homeowner doesn't get a zoning permit prior to starting their project. Trustee Horn made a motion to put a temporary moratorium on doubling the fee. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

An ad will be placed in the Beacon in the spring to remind residents to obtain a zoning permit prior to starting projects.

The Health Department will be holding an Open House.

Trustee Leith attended the DAC meeting. The state had put a halt to charges to inspect aerators. As of January 1, 2015, all septic systems will be inspected. The current plan is to inspect all new septic systems and any with problems in 2015. The county is looking for advice from the trustees as to be compliant and is looking for volunteers for the committee. Trustee Horn made a motion to appoint Trustee Leith to represent the township on the committee. Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The Coshocton Fairfield Licking Perry Solid Waste District provided a copy of their Solid Waste Management Plan Update Summary 2014. Trustee Horn made a motion to accept the plan. Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The crack sealing machine was delivered. Tim and Mike will be working with it this week.

There is a Leaders on the Lake meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am.

There will be an Appreciation Banquet at the Lion's Club.

At 9:05 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