

Walnut Township Trustees Meeting

September 16, 2014

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

The minutes for September 2nd were submitted for approval. Trustee Leith made a motion to approve the minutes with noted changes. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The audit results for 2012 – 2013 were discussed. There were three areas that were discussed – A trustee timesheet was not located in the files but the time was divided between funds; the proceeds of a debt issuance was not recorded; and the amount on the amended certificate was \$1,000 more than the amount in the UAN system. The after audit documents were signed by Trustee Yates and Fiscal Officer Kraner.

Trustee Horn made a motion to approve checks 24459 through 24474, and EFT 2014-603 through EFT 2014-632, 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

Thurston Walnut Township Fire Department – Chief Hite- Chief Hite requested the approval of the trustees to purchase a lifepack 15 from Millersport. He has already received the approval of the Thurston Council. A pickup truck that was damaged at the fire station, Thurston Council has approved \$3,000 toward the repairs. Trustee Leith made a motion to approve the purchase of the lifepack 15 from Millersport. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Zoning – *Kevin Clouse* – There is a BZA meeting on October 2nd to review 2 variance requests, possibly an additional variance in November. Kevin will be meeting with the ODNR on Friday at 9:15 am to discuss any projects close to the Buckeye Lake dam.

Recycling – *Mike King* – There is a steady stream of residents putting items into the recycling bins.

Roads – Tim Morris – The tree has been removed on Taylor Road. Tim asked about the salt contracts for the villages and stated that Thurston is not ready to plow for themselves yet.

The S curve at Alexander's Landing is difficult for semi's to make it around. There is a suggestion that a sign is erected at each end to let semi drivers know. The cost is \$37 a piece. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the purchase and placement of the signs. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Tim and Mike checked into the damage at the Frontier station. As work is documented on the timesheets, it was noted that Mike mowed the day after the supposed damage. Therefore the township is not responsible for payment. Tim has left three messages with no return call.

Tim and Mike received a \$500 grant from OTARMA for safety equipment; the township must pay up front for the purchases. Tim is planning to purchase 'Road Closed' and 'One Lane Road' signs.

Osborne is having an Open House on October 16th and there are 3 programs that Tim and Mike would like to attend. As in the past, old stop signs that are taken will be reconditioned. On December 4th the County Commissioners are having a workshop on Interview Strategies at 8:00 am at the Liberty Center. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve Mike and Tim attending both of these seminars. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Old Business

The Blacklick road paving will be completed tomorrow; there is one more day of berming. The video company has been contacted regarding recording the condition of the road.

Trustee Horn requested that all variances and commercial layouts submitted for zoning permits be forwarded to the fire chief in that area.

Tim is working on temporary patches for the large holes on Cherry Lane.

New Business

There was a discussion regarding putting on a levy to cover repairing roads and whether it made the most sense to have it come from the General fund or the Road and Bridge fund. The trustees are requesting a 5 year projection with three years back as to get an idea of the expenses and receipts historically.

Additionally, they would like a breakdown of cost savings in the last couple years, what EMS billing has generated, decrease in health insurance costs, and salt increases. Tim will put together a priority list of all the roads in the township along with the projected cost to pave or repair and all the grants that the township has received for road projects.

Revenue has seen a significant decrease in the local government funds, interest due to the low interest rates, and the inheritance tax no longer coming to the township.

The trustees will check to see if the funds the township currently receives to complete road projects would be decreased if the township is successful in passing a levy.

The website has been converted to the new Wordpress software.

Kevin Clouse and Trustee Horn are working on the Zoning Resolution. They hope to have suggestions to give to the Zoning Commission in January.

At 8:08 PM, Trustee Leith made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Lynn Kraner, Fiscal Officer

William Yates, Chairman

Terry Horn

Doug Leith