

Walnut Township Trustees Meeting

April 21, 2015

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

At the training sponsored by UAN, Fiscal Officer Kraner learned that any documents distributed to the Trustees at meeting should be documented in the minutes and acknowledged by the trustees. Trustee Leith made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of the Cash Summary by Fund, Payment Listing, Fund Status and Appropriation Summary. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn asked that the email address – townshipwalnut@yahoo.com be closed. Fiscal Officer Kraner will find out about closing the email address.

Trustee Yates asked how the property taxes received for 2015 compared to 2014 taxes.

A response was received from Governor Kasich in response to the letter the trustees sent to him regarding their concerns surrounding the timeline of the rebuilding of the dam at Buckeye Lake and the impact to the community.

The Health District notified the township that their share of the expense for 2016 will be \$39,314.92, an increase of approximately \$3,000. Trustee Leith attended the recent board meeting for the Health District and stated that the representatives on the board have little input in the budget.

Trustee Horn made a motion to approve checks 24716 through 24721 and EFTS – 2015-239 through 2015-272, 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

There were no comments.

Department Reports

Trustee Leith – Trustee Leith provided an update from Chief Price regarding ODNR potentially providing two boats. One of the boats has a jet motor that sucks off the bottom which might not work at Buckeye Lake.

Kevin Clouse, Zoning Inspector – Thorla has filed an appeal regarding the lot split on North Bank Rd; BZA is on hold. The Zoning Commission will hold a hearing on the Fairfield Beach rezoning, the state park amendment and the suggested changes to the Zoning Resolution.

RPC has requested a legal review from Jason Dolin regarding the changes in the following areas – Dangerous animals, deposits, definition of foundation and definition of substantial completion.

The recommendation letter is in the process from Jeannie from the Zoning Commission. The proposed date for the township's Public Hearing is May 19th, as long as the legal opinions are received.

The conversation of the property that was previously a Bowling Alley to a dance club has fallen through. Kevin has spoken with another potential behind buyer who is a redistributor of product; which would require a change from I1 to I2. The Baltimore well field is directly behind the property; research needs to be done on the circumference of the wellhead protection.

Mike King - Recycling – Recycling is doing good.

Tim Morris – Road Supervisor – The Lakers Young Lady League has had sand delivered to prepare the ball diamond at Fairfield Beach. The township will be spreading the sand for them and Mike will be mowing the park.

Tim and Mike continue to patch the roads.

The Public Hearing for the Infrastructure Grant will be in the near future.

Old Business

The final minutes for February and March have been emailed to Trustee Horn.

The salt invoices have been sent out. Trustee Horn has requested that all future contracts state what is used to fill the truck and what is the quantity for each piece of equipment.

The resolution for the county land use plan is pending.

Tim Schaffer has proposed a 1 million dollar amendment to the current budget to promote tourism at Buckeye Lake. ODNR has purchased Smitty's and the yellow house next to the spillway to create dock space.

Trustee Yates stated how important it is to offer the small businesses help and will follow-up with Senator Portman and County Commissioner Levacy.

The question was raised as to where water that is currently running into the lake, through the dam, will be rerouted – primarily sump pumps and down spouts. Additionally, the trustees will document areas of potential flooding. Trustee Horn stated the trustees need to send a letter to ODNR regarding water run-off from private property and residents that will be impacted. Tim will put together a list of areas of concern for flooding and will check with the area farmers regarding their areas for potential flooding.

New Business

Fiscal Officer Kraner received information regarding the Ohio Checkbook and will check k to see what it will take to set-up.

Tim will contact Eric, Fairfield County Engineer, to engineer drainage of the roads in the affected areas.

There was a brief discussion regarding how residents can receive an email alert in the event that there is a dam breach; EMA website to sign up. There will be an evacuation drill on April 25th.

Trustee Horn made a motion to schedule Public Hearing on May 19th for – Zoning Amendments, Zoning District Map from B2 to RMU for Fairfield Beach and Custer’s Point, and the upcoming recommendations from the Zoning Commission with a regular meeting to follow. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

A letter was received from the Ohio EPA regarding the farmers that are putting sludge on their fields.

There is a BWC seminar for Public Employers on May 8th, Fiscal Officer Kraner will attend.

The Public Record training certificates to document the attendance of Trustee Horn and Leith were received.

There was a brief discussion regarding updating the record retention policy. There was discussion regarding whether the Fairfield County Historical Society would be interested in the older documents.

The Trustees will discuss the road schedules at the next meeting.

The Zero turn will need to be replaced next year.

If the Critical Infrastructure Grant is awarded to the township, the project would start in 2016; however Tim and Mike would begin the in-kind work this year.

The Trustees talked about re-applying for the Issue 2 money for Cherry Lane Phase III in the fall. Tim recommended taking new photos to document the breakdown of the road surface in the last couple years.

Tim will contact Ryan at Shelly to complete a Road Survey.

Tim and Mike have used 21 tons of cold patch so far this year. Currently, Liberty Township has been testing DuraPatch; to purchase the equipment is approximately \$64,000. There was a discussion regarding the merit of purchasing the equipment to prolong the life of roads versus the cost of repaving now. Tim will check to see if the equipment can be rented.

At 8:50 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