

Walnut Township Trustees Meeting

March 24, 2015

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

The minutes for February 3rd were presented for approval. Trustee Leith made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The minutes for February 17th were presented for approval. Trustee Leith made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted changes. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The minutes for March 3rd were presented for approval. Trustee Leith made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted changes. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

There was a discussion regarding the township taking over the processing of the payroll for the volunteer firemen. Currently the Village of Thurston processes the payroll. It was discussed that the worker's comp for the Thurston Walnut Township Fire Department could potentially be less as they would only be charged by the township instead of by the village of Thurston for the volunteers and the township for the part-time firefighters.

Copies of the Permanent Appropriations were distributed to the Trustees. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the Permanent Appropriations. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The spreadsheet that shows a projected budget for Road Bridge for 2015 will be emailed to the Trustees for their review so they can determine what they want to allocate for road projects in 2015.

Trustee Leith made a motion to approve checks 24674 through 24699 and EFTS – 2015-145 through 2015-201, 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 3 yes votes.

Comments

There were no comments from the floor.

Department Reports

Chief Price, Millersport Fire Department – The fire chiefs from Licking, Fairfield and Perry counties are meeting with the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to prepare an evacuation plan in the event of a dam breach; to include a list of resources and staging areas. The unified command would be stationed at the Millersport Fire Station.

The department purchased three Lucas devices (mechanical CPR device) with a grant from BWC for \$15,000. The chief is looking into the purchase of a boat for lake rescues and firefighting. The three toon pontoon that is outfitted with a 350 horsepower engine with a hose compartment and will travel 45 knots is \$45K for the boat, \$27K for the engine and \$20K for the fire pump. ODNR has stated that they will dredge channels in the lake for fire and rescue.

Chief Hite, Thurston Walnut Township Fire Department – The department is looking to replace the car because of costly repairs needed. Trustee Leith asked that F.O. Kraner follow-up with Aaron regarding the moving of volunteer payroll and expenses for the Thurston Walnut Township Fire Department. Kraner will follow-up with Josh Vandyke regarding the budget for the Fire Department. The present backup generator is over 20 years old and is not repairable; it will need to be replaced.

Chief Hite presented his Mutual Aid Agreement for approval. Trustee Horn made a motion to accept the Mutual Aid Agreement. Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Kevin Clouse, Zoning Inspector – The Zoning Commission held their re-organizational meeting on March 19th. Roger Kilbarger was elected Chairman and Charles Pillon was elected Vice-Chairman. Kevin will be attending the RPC meeting on April 7th where the Zoning Map changes for Walnut Township will be discussed. The Zoning Resolution amendments will be presented to the Zoning Commission on April 16th.

The Thorla – Fallon lot split on North Bank from 2007 will be going back to the BZA. The parties have until April 6th to file their appeal.

The BZA will have their Re-organization meeting on April 2nd. Dave Farell is currently the Vice-Chairman; they will need to elect a new chairman.

There was a discussion regarding sending 4 x 6 cards out to Fairfield Beach residents in the area of the potential re-zoning for B2 to RMU; the trustees decided to send out letters. The Trustees want to make sure that the benefits to the residents are clearly presented. There was a discussion regarding generating mailing labels.

Mike King - Recycling – Nothing to report.

Tim Morris – Road Supervisor – The Ladies Softball league will be using the diamond at Fairfield Beach this summer. Tim and Mike have used 21 tons of cold mix so far this spring. Truck 7 is down and needs a new starter.

Tim presented information regarding the condition of the roads and the need to increase the amount of materials for Crack-sealing. He recommends the purchase of three skids at an approximate cost of \$5500. Trustee Horn made a motion to purchase 3 skids of crack sealer. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The light bar on Truck 3 needs to be replaced. They have been testing a demo LED bar; the cost is \$185 versus new at \$257. Trustee Leith made a motion to approve the purchase of the LED demo light bar. Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The township has used 700 tons of salt this season and has another 130 tons to purchase at \$72.97/ton.

Old Business

There are no additions to the Zoning Map.

The property owners at 13050 Shell Beach are tearing down the house that caught fire two years ago and there is a dumpster on the property to remove debris and trash. The Trustees want to give them an additional 30 days to come into compliance or they would like to see the property condemned.

Final minutes for 2015 that have been approved have been forwarded to Trustee Horn. The appropriations for 2015 and the final appropriations for 2013 and 2014 will be emailed to Trustee Horn.

There was discussion regarding bonding for Kevin Clouse, which was completed when he initially was hired.

The Trustees have requested a list of the Resolutions from 2010 forward be compiled and placed in the front of each minute book.

Fiscal Officer Kraner will verify that the Tornado Sirens are on the liability insurance policy.

New Business

Doug spoke to Jason at ODNR regarding the boat docks, no permits will be issued this year.

There was a discussion regarding what can be done to help promote the businesses in the Buckeye Lake area. Additionally, there was a discussion regarding the Cranberry Bog and what will be done to protect it. It was suggested that Ron Craig, Chairman of Leaders on the Lake, be contacted to see if this group can meet to discuss what can be done to protect the interests of everyone at the lake.

Trustee Horn made a motion to contract with Albers and Albers to create a JEDD. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. This motion was withdrawn. Trustee Leith made a motion to retain Albers and Albers for legal representation as needed. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

There was a discussion regarding the Record Retention Policy and the need to update the policy.

There was a discussion regarding adopting the Fairfield County Land Use Plan. Trustee Horn moved to pass **Resolution 9-15** to adopt the Fairfield County Land Use Plan. Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. Fiscal Officer Kraner will prepare a formal document for this resolution.

The updated Zoning Fee schedule was presented. Trustee Horn made a motion to update the zoning permit fees per the document presented. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

At 9:55 PM, Trustee Horn made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. The Trustees returned at 10:00 PM.

At 10:00 PM, Trustee Horn made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session per ORC 121.22, exception 8 to confidential information related to business strategy. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. The Trustees returned at 10:53 pm.

At 10:55 PM, Trustee Yates 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