

Walnut Township Trustees Meeting

August 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM. Trustees Doug Leith, William Yates and Terry Horn were present.

The minutes for August 4th were presented for approval. Trustee Leith made a motion to approve the minutes with an addition noted. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes

Trustee Yates acknowledged the receipt of the Cash Summary by Fund, Payment Listing, Fund Status and Appropriation Summary by the trustees.

Trustee Leith made a motion to approve checks 24823 through 24836, and EFT 2015-539 through EFT 2015-565, after being certified that funds are available and appropriations have been made by Fiscal Officer Kraner. Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Fiscal Officer Kraner presented the Rates and Amounts for 2016 from the Fairfield County Budget Committee. The executed forms are due back to the Auditor by October 1, 2015. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve and execute the Rates and Amounts for 2016. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. The forms were executed.

Comments from the floor –

Tracey Higginbottom, owner of the Buckeye Lake Winery, requested that the township waive the zoning variance fee for his requested signage permit due to the hardship created by the lowered water level of Buckeye Lake. The sign would be placed at Fairfield Beach and Rosewood and Shell Beach and St. Rt. 204.

After discussion, Trustee Horn made a motion to waive the fee for the zoning variance though the variance process must still be completed as stated in the Zoning Resolution. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Leith moved to pass **Resolution 15-15** to approve the zoning change application at 290 Baltimore Somerset Road from I1 to I2. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Department Reports

Larry Neeley – RPC – Nothing to report

There was a discussion regarding Thurston annexing 83 acres from the township into the Village of Thurston. The land goes from their water field through the Mocks property on the west side of St. Rt. 37. Kevin Clouse will pass the information along to John Albers to see what options the township has regarding the annexation.

Kevin Clouse, Zoning Inspector – Kevin was at the property located at 13050 Shell Beach Road twice since the last meeting. After the property owners received the nuisance letter, they made progress in removing several of the items enumerated in the letter –

- Back area – remove the boat and trailer along with all the debris on top of the items – this was completed
- Take down the recently built shed – it was taken down completely
- Put wood on pallet – this has been done and needs a tarp placed over it
- Remove lean-to – this is in progress with ¼ of the debris picked up

The property owner did raise her concerns that her new neighbor to the south has regraded his property causing water to run onto her property and he removed trees that were on her property and pushed debris onto her property. Though this is not a township issue, Tim will go out and speak with the property owner.

Tim Morris – Road Supervisor – Truck #2 needs rotors and brakes, which will cost approximately \$1185. Todd Bader has looked at Truck #6 and the radiator has rusted through and must be replaced. The windshield also needs to be replaced on Truck #6.

They are currently dura-patching on Cherry Lane (the section that is designated as Cherry Lane Phase III).

Mark Bush from ODNR is looking at new equipment that dries the material removed from Buckeye Lake by 50% before it is transported out of the area. Tim has been in contact with Deputy Meade regarding the possibility of trucks over the weight limit transporting the dredging material.

Tim and Mike will be videotaping Lakeside Drive.

There is a meeting from 3:30 – 8:00 PM on August 26th at the Walnut Township Elementary School regarding the new Dam.

The Door Hangers have been updated and will be going to the printer, they will be bright yellow.

New Business

A meeting was held to review the mowing bids received in response to the ad placed by Tim. When Tim reviewed what Mike is paid for 16 hours per week and the cost of fuel, he determined that it is almost \$500/week to complete the mowing.

Trustee Leith made a motion to accept the lowest bid for the mowing of \$350 maximum per mowing, which is Murphy's Mowing, to be used on an as needed basis; and give Mike King discretion on what needs to be mowed and when. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. Mike will work with Murphy's Mowing to set the standard for the mowing.

At 8:41 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