

Walnut Township Trustees Meeting

June 2, 2015

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

The minutes for the Public Hearings held on May 19th were distributed and reviewed by the Trustees. Copies of the final versions will be forwarded to Kevin Clouse.

A copy of an appropriation summary for the four funds available for road work was distributed to the trustees. Based on the information regarding unencumbered funds, there are sufficient funds available to cover the project cost of this year's road projects of approximately \$197,000. However, there will be limited funds available for repairs and purchases. The timing of the road project is later in the summer to allow Tim and Mike time to prep the roads.

Tim stated projected additional costs for the year will be regular maintenance on all equipment, repair of the zero turn mower and hydraulics on the 6420 large mower.

The cost to re-do Cattail Road will be between \$400K and \$500K. Tim is recommending completing the Cattail Road project by breaking it into a 3 to 4 year project.

The Fairfield County engineer suggested that the township increase their contribution to the Issue 2 application for Phase III of Cherry Lane to increase the likelihood of the township receiving the funds.

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

Tim and Mike attended Deputy Mead's Permitting Heavy Equipment on Township Roads presentation. They are working on a Road Use Agreements. Tim would like to get the

agreement in place prior to the work beginning on the dam at Buckeye Lake due to the heavy equipment that will be traveling on the township roads. In particular, Fairfield Beach will see significant traffic in the next 3 to 5 years.

There was a discussion regarding the purchase of videotape equipment to record the current condition of the roads.

There was a discussion of the 2016 Budget for the township. The only increase Tim would like is to increase the tree removal budget from \$4,000 to \$10,000. Trustee Horn made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing for the 2016 Budget for July 7th at 7:00 PM, with the regular meeting to follow. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes.

Comments

There were no comments.

Department Reports

Chief Hite - Thurston Walnut Township Fire Department – They are working on the generator. The door on Medic 2 has been fixed. Chief Hite is meeting with the ISO inspector on June 10th.

Chief Price – Millersport Fire Department – The department has received a loaner jet drive boat from ODNR. It is on loan for two years and Chief Price is exploring what options the department will have after that time. It will cost approximately \$80K to purchase a similarly equipped boat. This boat will come out of the canal at full speed in order to put the boat on plane, as an FYI in case there are resident comments.

Kevin Clouse, Zoning Inspector – There have been 38 permits issued so far in 2015.

There is a BZA Hearing on June 4th for a variance on the setback. It would move the property to a 13 foot setback, it is currently at 1 foot and the required is 25 feet.

Kevin will work with Jeannie to complete the revision of the Zoning Resolution. A new cover, updated table of contents and the addition of the land use resolution will also be

included. The new effective date will be June 19th. Kevin will take the zoning map changes to the GIS and James Mako in Regional Planning.

The Starlight lanes application for a zoning change will be presented at the RPC meeting on July 7th.

Mike King - Recycling – Recycling is doing well.

Tim Morris – Road Supervisor – Tim and Mike are working on the mowing.

Tim is working on the final paperwork for the Critical Infrastructure Grant.

Old Business

Chief Price mentioned his concern regarding the dumping area along Lieb's Island road for the sludge being removed from Buckeye Lake. Initially there was no fencing, after Chief Price mentioned his concern, orange snow fencing was put up. The Trustees agree that a letter should be sent to ODNR regarding installation of the same quality of fencing/barricade for protection as required by ORC 1926.202. Trustee Yates will prepare the letter.

Tim will follow-up with Judy Zollinger and her concerns regarding the gravel that is flushed out at the corner of Chautauqua and Summerland Beach following rain.

The current amount allocated for tree removal is \$4,000 for 2015; Tim feels that more will be required.

Ads for the road projects for 2015 will be in the paper on June 11th and 18th. The bid opening will be on July 7th, following the Public Hearing for the Budget 2016.

There was a discussion regarding striping of the roads that are repaved. Tim stated that it is less expensive to go through the county engineer's office.

Trustee Horn made a motion to move forward with the schedule of 12 roads for repaving in 2015. There will three ways for the interested parties to bid for the projects. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

There was discussion regarding the use of the Hazard Mitigation Grant for the removal of tree debris. Tim will discuss this possibility with Jon Kochis.

The Walnut Township schools were contacted about the possibility of the fireworks for the 3rd being held at the high school. After evaluation, the launch site would be in the middle of the Lion's Club field. Previously, the Lion's Club had agreed that field could be a fall zone so they would need to give permission to launch from the field.

Chief Price has requested that all boat launching ramps be closed on that day due to the difficulty of requesting boaters due to the low water levels.

There was a discussion regarding mosquito fogging and if the Altosido Bricketts could be useful.

At 8:33 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