

Walnut Township Trustees Meeting

October 20, 2015

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

The minutes for October 6th were submitted for approval. Trustee Horn moved to approve with noted changes. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

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

Fiscal Officer Kraner was absent due to travel complication but Trustees reviewed the Financial Information she had left. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve checks 24895 through 24902 and EFTs 2015-736 through 2015-744. After certified that funds are available and appropriations have been made by FO Kraner. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. Trustee Yates noticed EFT 2015-735 was not listed and ask FO Kraner to check on it.

Comments from the floor –

There were no comments.

Department Reports

Chief Hite – Thurston Walnut Township Fire Department – He apologized for the payroll mix-up and appreciated FO Kraner understanding to correct. Fire Fund was discussed in regard to recent notice from the County of additional funds will be paid to Walnut Township. These additional funds will be divided between our 2 Fire Departments on the same percentage basis as agreed in our contract of understanding. Chief Hite will be

applying for a radio grant to purchase the 800 MHz frequency package. Chief Price is also submitting for the same grant to double the chance of acceptance. Trustees expressed their support and appreciation for both Departments in submitting this grant. Trustee Leith moved to approve Chief Hite's submitted personnel recommendation; new volunteers Ben Leonard and Jared Sroufe and new part timers Zach Zinkon and Dave Burt. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. Trustee Horn made a motion to reimburse Village of Thurston for the Worker's Comp bill paid for part time Firefighter Cossin in a total amount of \$167.18. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leith. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Kevin Clouse – Zoning Inspector – 75 permits have been issued year to date. 80 were issued in 2014. ZI Clouse has spoken with Mike Berry in regards to his recent appointment as Alternate on the Zoning Commission. ZI Clouse will send him the necessary zoning book and information.

Tim Morris – Road Supervisor – He and Mike have been crack sealing plus started the third round of mowing. He and Mike will be attending the Osborne Open House. Osborne will recondition 10 of our signs for free while at the Open House. The Township has received its check from Attorney General DeWine for the State Salt reimbursement case. The township share received was \$8,646.31. Our emulsion supplier will be shutting down November 1d for the winter. Tim will monitor our supply on hand prior to that date.

Old Business –

Salt contracts to Thurston, Millersport and Pleasantville were reviewed. Tim will mail this week.

Trustee Horn updated the Board on his meeting with ODNR representatives, Gannett Fleming representatives and County Engineers in regards to protection of roads that will be used during the Dam project. Leib's Island Road was discussed and possible ways to safely use the south lane. OSNR is in discussion with land owners to possibly widen Ballard Lane for access to the dam project. However, there are no current plans to make it a public road after the dam project. Apparently, the project hours will be 20 hours per day- 6 days a week. ODNR and Dam Engineers are intending to protect and repair these roads one

project is complete. They have videoed the roads as have the Township prior to the start. County Engineer's office is forming documentation for a contractual Road Use Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) which will also include Walnut Township. Trustees will continue to do all they legally can to protect the township assets.

Additional stop signs at Fairfield Beach were discussed due to request by a resident. This would require traffic study plus other expensive documentation which the Trustees felt costly and unnecessary. The issue appears to be speeding. The speed limit at Fairfield Beach is 25 mph. Currently there are approximately 12 speed limit signs posted. Trustees felt additional signs might be needed at Fairfield Beach Road intersection. Tim will consider more as time and budget permit.

New Business

An outstanding invoice is still due Albers and Albers for Economic Development legal work. Trustee Horn asked that FO Kraner pay this invoice as soon as possible.

Appointment and reappointment time table for BZA and ZC was discussed. Trustee will attempt to complete this task by December 1, 2015.

A quick discussion was held on the notification of the Channel St vacation. Apparently the County will make the final decision.

Trustee Horn moved to go into Executive Session at 8:32 under ORC121.22 (G-1) to discuss employee compensation. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustees returned from Executive Session at 9:35.

At 9:36, Trustee Horn moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Yates. Motion approved with 3 yes votes.

Lynn Kraner, Fiscal Officer

William Yates, Chairman

Terry Horn

Doug Leith