

Walnut Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Date: February 4, 2020 **Time:** 7:00 p.m. **Recorder:** Patricia McLoughlin

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Attendee	Present	Attendee	Present	Attendee	Present
Bill Yates, Trustee Chairman	X	Tim Morris, Parks & Roads	X	6 Guests	X
Terry Horn, Trustee	X	Mike Berry, Zoning Inspector	X		
Doug Leith, Trustee	X	Fiscal Officer Jane Baker	X		

Discussion Summary	Action/Decision/Follow-Up
Receipt and opening of mowing bids – 3 received. Accepted bid from Linwood Mowing for \$399.00; total for mowing Township parks and cemeteries each time.	Trustee Leith moved to accept bid from Linwood Mowing Second from Trustee Horn. Roll call: 3 YES
Approve minutes for January 7, 2020 Reorganization Meeting Approve minutes for January 7, 2020 Regular Meeting Approve minutes for January 17, 2020 Special Meeting and Public hearing discussing the Property Maintenance Code.	Motion by Trustee Horn, second Leith Roll call: 3 YES Motion by Trustee Leith, Second by Trustee Horn. 3 YES Tabled until next meeting.
<u>Financial Report:</u> Fiscal Officer Jane Baker – approval of checks #25537 – 25554 EFT #'s # 1 - #66 Acknowledgement of Financial Officers reports and sign bank reconciliation for year ending 12/31/2019 Approval of official time sheets and invoice for Patricia McLoughlin Resolution 05-20 under ORC 505.24 to approve pay for Trustee Yates and Fiscal Officer Jane Baker for 2020. Resolution 04-20 as written for Parity Pay for Millersport and Thurston/Walnut Twp. Fire Departments, retroactive to 1/1/2020.	Motion by Trustee Leith, second by Trustee Horn, Roll call: 3 YES Trustee Leith moved to approve, second by Trustee Horn. Roll call: 3 YES Trustee Horn moved, second offered by Trustee Leith Roll call: 3 YES Motion by Trustee Horn, second by Trustee Leith Roll call: 3 YES

Accept all resignations from Thurston/Walnut Twp. Fire department employees who have resigned as of 2/4/2020	Motion by Trustee Leith, second by Trustee Horn Roll Call : 3 YES
Acceptance of roster from Millersport Fire Department as of 1/31, provided by Chief Price and Fiscal Officer Jane Baker with amendments allowed as needed by Fire Marshal Price.	Motion by Trustee Horn, second by Trustee Yates, Roll call: 3 YES
<u>Comments from the floor:</u> Billie Teller of 5300 Lakeshore Dr. NE Thornville asked about water issues, and she also requested removal of a tree. Tim said he would go out this week and take a look at the situation and get back with her.	
<u>Township Department Reports:</u> Chief Bob Price Millersport Fire Department – Chief Price is in the process of hiring personnel with certificates. MARKS radio brought up to compliance. Thurston Walnut Fire Department – Chief Price is coordinating with both departments to staff both stations and working to complete updating the equipment, truck checks are monitored through the computer system ALDTC. He reported the transition has been relatively smooth and is positive. All SCBA bottles have been brought up to compliance in January, 2020 with an expiration date of May 2021. The cost up updating SCBA harnesses and SCBA bottles is estimated \$74,800.00 plus an additional \$7000.00 for face pieces. The Trustees expressed they are unified in the consolidation of both fire departments and want to move forward with a Township Fire Department.	
<u>Regional Planning Commission</u>	No report
<u>Zoning Commission - Zoning Commissioner - Mike Berry</u> 6 permits issued. Variance is going to be required for the Dairy Queen at SR 256 Zoning and BZA Reorganization and Regular Meetings Feb 13, 2020 4615 Canal Road – Mike asked what his options were for this property; it is 2 years delinquent in property taxes.	
<u>Recycling – Mike King</u> Snow fence was placed around the bins. The Trustees asked Tim about the possibility of signs indicating the area was being surveilled. The Trustees agreed that if the fence doesn't work, the bins will be removed.	
<u>Park & Roads - Tim Morris</u> Tornado shelter we placed 2 nd in the State, and Tim says it looks favorable for the township to receive the grant. Tim is applying for additional grants available for road repairs.	
<u>Old Business:</u> OTA Convention Feb 5 – Feb 8, 2020 – Fiscal officer said all were attending	

<p>5725 Blacklick Eastern Rd. (St. Rt. 204) – The property owner has not responded to how he plans to remedy the violations as he said he would by 2/4/2020. Demolition would cost the township \$500.00 utilizing the services of the Fairfield County Land Bank. The property is delinquent on property taxes of approximately \$8,000.00. Trustee Horn moved to send a 30 day notice of demolition letter to the property owner.</p> <p>Subject to the property owner’s non-compliance, the Trustee’s will engage the Fairfield County Prosecutor’s Office and the Land Bank to move forward on demolition for 5725 Blacklick Eastern Rd.</p> <p>Roof replacement update – The workers have been onsite, Trustee Horn will check to see if the punch list has been completed.</p> <p>Garage block wall repairs – Trustee Horn asked to have repairs revised and obtain a quote and get the repairs completed.</p>	<p>Trustee Horn moved, second by Trustee Leith. Roll call: 3 YES</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Horn, second by Trustee Leith. Roll call: 3 YES</p>
<p><u>New Business:</u></p> <p>Property Maintenance Code – Resolution 06-20 to engage the service of the Prosecutor’s Office of Fairfield County and the Law Director’s office of the City of Lancaster to assist in the preparation of a Township Property Maintenance Code and to prepare supporting documentation.</p> <p>Trustee Horn will work on preparing a job description for Property Maintenance Inspector. Trustee Leith asked for notification to the public for their input and suggestions for the next meeting.</p> <p>County Health Board – Trustee Leith updated the Trustees. County Health Board 2021 budget requested for a 5% increase for each township. Trustee Leith doesn’t see the votes for an increase and he will vote no to an increase. Meeting Feb 13 and to open to the public for comments and suggestions.</p> <p>The Fairfield County Health Department is offering a free tire day the last Saturday in March or 1st Saturday in April. Offering to take 10 tires per truck load.</p> <p>Salt barn steel column bases observation – Salt barn was built in 1963 and Trustee Horn said that an inspection is needed. Tim said currently the barn is too full of salt to be inspected.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Motion by Trustee Horn, second by Trustee Leith, Roll call: 3 YES</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Leith, second by Trustee Horn Roll call: 3 YES</p>

Trustee Chairman Bill Yates

Trustee Terry Horn

Trustee Doug Leith

Fiscal Officer Jane Baker