

Walnut Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Date: June 2, 2020 Time: 7:03p.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		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
<p>This township meeting was a virtual meeting through Zoom due to the Covid 19 virus. Chairman Yates called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.</p>	
<p>Fiscal Officer report – Jane Baker – Check #25577-25580, EFT #'s 439-553 submitted for approval along with Appropriation Summary, cash summary, fund status, payment listing and bank reconciliation for May, 2020.</p> <p>Approval of invoices and invoice for Patty McLoughlin</p>	<p>Trustee Horn moved to accept the financial reports for May, second by Trustee Leith. <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p> <p>Trustee Horn moved to approve invoices and recording secretary invoice. Second by Chairman Yates. <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p>
<p>Hazard Pay for the Millersport/Walnut Township Fire Department and Thurston/Walnut Township Fire Department was paid for a second 30 day period in May and was not extended.</p> <p>There are 5 open unemployment claims from former Thurston/Walnut Township Fire Department employees that have been filed and have been associated with the Covid 19 pandemic. These individuals resigned from the department in January, well before the Covid 19 pandemic. Jane has filed appeals with the State unemployment office on each one, if approved it could cost the township fire fund approximately \$25,000.00.</p>	

<p>Due to the Covid 19 virus, Jane requested a resolution to address reduction of appropriations or to go into the reserves due to the lack of revenue. Jane stated that in conversations with Keith Faber, Auditor of the State of Ohio, with reduction of gas tax, sales tax and property tax, the State could be facing a 60% reduction that will affect the general fund and roads and bridges. ODOT has reported driving down 50% in the State of Ohio.</p> <p>There was discussion to adjust the appropriations once every 4 months and we need to advise the Auditor's office what the township chooses to do, lower appropriations or dip into the reserves. She said that they are asking townships to be responsible and reasonable for the future and are suggesting townships reduce by 10-20%. Chairman Yates suggested that the township prepare for a 20% reduction.</p> <p>Trustee Horn asked about the \$91,000 for the proposed tornado shelter, but that money is already committed.</p> <p>There is \$50,000.00 that is obligated for repairs on Cherry Lane, however, those monies could be used in certain emergency situations.</p> <p>The Trustees agreed to hold a public hearing for the 20201 budget on July 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. At that time we can discuss the appropriations further due to the Covid 19 pandemic to decide whether to reduce appropriations or dip into the reserve fund.</p>	<p>Trustee Horn moved to hold a budget meeting at 6:00 p.m. July 7, 2020 prior to the Special Hearing and Regular Meeting, second by Chairman Yates. <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES</p>
<p>Walnut Township/Millersport Fire Department – Chief Bob Price Due to connection issues, Chief Price was unable to provide his report, but sent his report in writing to Fiscal Office Jane Baker</p>	
<p>Zoning – Mike Berry – Mike also sending his written report to Jane Baker</p>	
<p>Roads & Bridges – Tim Morris – Tim requested approval of \$840.00 to purchase tires for the truck.</p>	<p>Chairman Yates moved to approve purchase of tires, second by Trustee Horn. <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES</p>
<p>Old Business: Road repairs needed and estimated:</p> <p>Musser Road - \$183,000 Bickel Church – chip and seal - \$51,00.00 Blacklick Road – chip and seal \$42,000.00 3 culverts need to be replaced. Trustees decided to chip and seal Blacklick Road and Bickel Church. Musser Road will have to be tabled for now.</p>	<p>Trustee Horn moved to chip and seal Blacklick Road and Bickel Church Road, second by Trustee Leith. <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES</p>

<p>New Business: Township procedures during the Covid 19 pandemic: The previous meeting was held in the township garage with social distancing practices; this meeting is being held virtually through Zoom. . The discussion was the public having the opportunity to attend the virtual meetings; some people do not have internet, etc. The decision was to hold the next meeting, July 7, 2020 in the garage, open to the public with social distancing.</p> <p>Regional Planning Commissioner Township Representative – Trustee Chairman Yates nominated Robert Slater for this position.</p> <p>Trustee Horn said he was visited by a resident regarding his property at 13545 Juniper and Elfin on Fairfield Beach. The resident stated that a car hauler truck took out his mailbox, and he is concerned that Juniper Road is being damaged – Trustee Horn noted that there is no road damage on this person’s property and the trucks are within the road R/W. There is damage on the opposite (East) side of Juniper and could be caused by the car hauler. Tim Morris and Mike Berry both stated that they had discussions with this gentlemen and that it is not his property that is being driven on. The sheriff’s office has also been involved and all agreed that this is a civil matter and not a matter for the township.</p>	<p>Trustee Leith moved to accept the nomination of Robert Slater as RPC representative, second by Trustee Horn. <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES</p>
<p>Motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m</p>	<p>Motion by Trustee Leith, second by Trustee Horn. <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES</p>

Chairman Bill Yates

Trustee Terry Horn

Trustee Doug Leith

Fiscal Officer Jane Baker