

**MINUTES OF THE:
WALNUT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
September 6, 2022 - 7:00 PM**

Township Officials present:

Trustees Terry W. Horn, William R. Yates, Douglas G. Leith and Fiscal Officer Pam Shaloo

Department Heads present:

Zoning Inspector – Mike Berry; Roads & Parks Supervisor – Nate Wagner; Regional Planning Commission Representative-Robert W. Slater II, Fire Chief – Robert Price

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Trustee Chairman Yates and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Invited guest(s) present: Sgt. Burke - Fairfield County Sheriff's office: Shared that the new substation in Pickerington has opened. The noise ordinance will be enforced at Cricket's Island Bar on Shell Beach Rd. as of now with 0% tolerance. Please call sheriff's office with any issues. 11:00 pm or after, we will come out. Will issue a citation and charge them criminally with disorderly conduct.

Number of members of the public present: 20.

Comments from the public:

1. Eastern Cottontail Solar addressed group, local office is in Baltimore, OH with Shane and Laurie (115.5 W. Market St). Facebook page will be put up for questions.
2. Ackers Ditch - clay tile not draining correctly under Holder Rd. Trustee Horn moved to look for the blockage with a camera for a cost not to exceed \$750.00. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.
3. Revisiting the Tornado Shelter – currently too expensive, trying to get cost down.

MEETING PROCEEDINGS

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for August 2, 2022 were presented for approval. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The minutes for Special Mtg on August 25 were presented for approval. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The minutes for Special Mtg on August 26 were presented for approval. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the minutes. Leith seconded the motion with the correct adjournment time of 2:55 pm. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Financial Report – Fiscal Officer, Pam Shaloo:

Pam Shaloo, Fiscal Officer, said that Fiscal Officer reports not closed for August. A Visiting Clerk, Melissa Trembley (Amanda Twp) at \$50.00 hour is coming 09-18-2022 to help reconcile bank statements from 2015. Also, some monthly reports. Also, OPERS issues. Trustee Horn made a motion to engage Melissa Trembley, as visiting clerk, Resolution #22-2022. Chairman Yates seconded motion. Roll call passed with 3 yes votes.

Approval of Checks and Electronic fund Transfers (EFT's): Trustee Horn made a motion to approve checks # 25792 through #25794 and Electronic Fund Transfers #505-2022 through #621-2022, after being certified that funds are available and appropriations have been made by Fiscal Officer Shaloo. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn acknowledged the Fiscal Officer reports: 1) Investment Listing 2) Appropriation Summary 3) Cash Summary 4) Fund Status 5) Payment Listing.

Trustee Horn moved to pay the invoice for MS Consultants \$60,274.00. Chairman Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn moved to pay the invoice #20227 to ADR for - \$27,280.00. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Chairman Yates moved to pay the invoice for Schorr Architects \$10,000.00. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Township Fire Department - Chief Price was absent.

Regional Planning Commission Representative – Robert Slater II; No Regional Planning Meeting today.

Property Inspector – Scott Arnold was absent

Roads and Parks Supervisor – Nate Wagner;

Parks: Nature Works Grant for Lieb's Island. Mikey Reiser will help distribute questionnaire and help get volunteers to support the grant.

Roads: Base is down on Forest, Geiger and Grove roads.

Ash trees are falling in several locations and removing them as they are identified. He has a good budget for tree trimming.

Salt Price: \$69.34 per ton this year. 500 tons are already on hand from last year purchased at a cost of \$60.84.

Trustee Leith moved to solicit salt agreements with Villages of Thurston, Millersport and Pleasantville at State Contracted Price of \$69.34. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn moved to provide snow removal as requested by the Village of Thurston at our cost. Trustee Leith seconded. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Nate Wagner would like approval to put new tires on Truck 3 – a utility truck that's used every day. Cooper Discover tires will be \$1000.00. Trustee Leith moved to approve the purchase of tires for Truck 3. Trustee Horn seconded. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The old backhoe that sold for \$18,000.00 was paid for and picked up.

Nate got a quote of \$15,938.99 for tractor mounted loader for the John Deere, and suggested it be purchased. It would be a backup for loading salt and we can use it with other attachments we already have; forks, grapple. State Bid saved us \$3000.00. Trustee Leith made a motion to purchase the loader. Chairman Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Nate has a quote from Nick Beiter for \$2000.00-\$2500.00 for salt barn repairs. Replace all of the skylight panels that remain, reattach North wall that's blown out and fix the siding as best as he can. Trustee Horn made a motion to proceed with salt barn repairs for a maximum of \$2500.00. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Nate needs repairs on both road mowers. He received a quote for \$2646.08. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the repairs to the road mowers. Chairman Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Summerland Beach and S. Bank Road Striping – because of the sharp turns and hand striping that will be required, the price for 2 miles will be \$7383.00 by the only vendor to provide a quote. Usually, it's \$1000.00 per mile for straight runs. The trustees decided to leave it, as striping is not required by law and it's very costly.

Zoning – Mike Berry

20 permits issued: 5 homes, 5 accessory bldgs., 1 shed, 3 fences, 1 deck, 1 pool, 3 variances, 1 Ag. Exempt, 2 outstanding fees.

25 letters issued: 4 violations, 15 variances, 6 rezones, 3 violations: shed on Cherry Lane, Accessory Bldg. on Alder and Ivy and Pool on Bickel Church Rd.

Returned 114 phone calls.

3 variance Hearings on August 11th, 1 Rezone Hearing on Shepard.

OLD BUSINESS

1. North Walnut Stormwater Conveyance Study update: Trustee Horn reported. There will be a final public meeting to discuss – probably in January 2023.

The projects on Lakeside may be done in 3 phases. We don't have any funding currently. We have a Resolution on the books for applying for an OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) grant for Lakeside. This would require a 25% local match. As of January, 2023 we will have \$150,000.00 of county set-aside funds to be used on this project. With another \$100,000.00 of Road and Bridge Funds towards that, we could apply for a \$1 million project. There is also a possible FEMA Grant opportunity. It was noted that projects that do not have final engineering in place do not score very well with the OPWC. There will also be a land acquisition on the Lakeside area.

2. Fairfield Beach Storm Water update: Trustee Horn reported. We submitted a grant nomination with the help of ADR Associates.
3. Nate and Trustee Horn will meet with Hicks Partners on Thursday about the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant and the Nature Works grant.
4. Trustee Horn will be meeting with Hicks Partners and the Ohio Department of Development who manages the Critical Infrastructure Grant and Neighborhood Revitalization Grants (NRG) for Fairfield Beach. The NRG grant could include Fairfield Beach Park including playground equipment; additional parking for Tornado Shelter, and fence replacement.
5. Parking Resolution – Resolution # 19-2022; Regulating Parking on Township Roads. This would include anything that transports people or things. Signage requirements comes from the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The Prosecutor's Office has stated that the entire resolution be placed in the Lancaster Eagle Gazette three times for three weeks. The fiscal officer will post the resolution in five places in the township for 30 days. The Road Supervisor will have some tasks as well. Violators will be towed to a storage location and all expenses would be on the violators to get the vehicle out of storage. Trustee Horn moved to adopt Resolution #19-2022. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.
6. Noise Resolution – Our current resolution does include construction noise.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Zoning Resolutions – updates are coming from the Zoning Commission. Trustee Horn has been working with Zoning Commission. Trustee Horn noted that the Township needs to update entire resolution with a third party. He has talked Holly Mattie about updating ours. Her hourly rate is \$125.00 an hour.
2. The County Commissioners are in the process of a County Land Use Map update.
3. 2022 Fairfield County EMA – Trustee Horn will meet with Nate, Jon Kochis at Fairfield County EMA on September 15th for long range planning for the Township.

4. Health Insurance – Chairman Yates will take on this responsibility for 2023.
5. Chairman Yates – Tornado Shelter. The construction estimate is way over budget due to the rising cost of concrete and rebar.

Resolution #23-2022: Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by Fairfield County Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to County Auditor. Trustee Leith moved to adopt Resolution #23-2022. Chairman Yates seconded the motion. Roll Call passed with 3 yes votes.

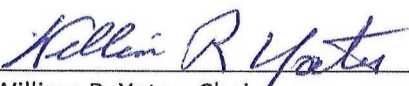
Trustee Horn moved to go into Executive Session at 10:35 pm. Trustee Leith seconded. Came out of executive session at 11:35.

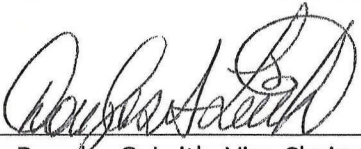
Trustee Horn moved to increase Fiscal Officer Clerk Tammy Oliver’s pay to \$22.00 per hour effective October 1, 2022, second by Trustee Leith. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

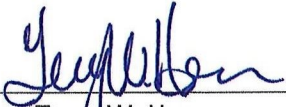
Adjournment: At 11:37 PM, Trustee Horn made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Minutes Recorded By: Diane Powell

Pam Shaloo, Fiscal Officer


William R. Yates, Chairman


Douglas G. Leith, Vice Chairman


Terry W. Horn