

## Walnut Township Trustees Meeting

May 2, 2017

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

The minutes for April 4th were submitted for approval. Trustee Yates made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes noted. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The minutes for the April 17<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting were submitted for approval. Trustee Yates made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes noted. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn noted that he had sent Fiscal Officer Kraner corrections for the 2/7, 3/7, and 3/16 minutes and they have not yet been corrected.

Trustee Yates made a motion to approve checks 25289 through 25298 and EFT 2017-297 through 2017-395, after being certified that funds are available and appropriations have been made by Fiscal Officer Kraner. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. Trustee Leith – yes, Trustee Horn – abstain, Trustee Leith – yes. The motion passed with 2 yes votes.

The check for Village of Thurston was for the firefighter's kitchen supplies that are deducted from their paychecks. The Shelley check that had not previously been received was paid.

The Trustee timesheet was received.

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

### Comments from the Floor

There were no comments.

### **Department Reports**

**Chief Price, Millersport Fire Department** – The department and the ODNR boats are in the water. There was an initial meeting regarding fireworks for July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Mike Berry, Zoning Inspector** – Mike has been working on permits for additions, decks, additions, signs and new homes. The property at 4423 North Bank needs a legal survey to ensure they aren't building on state property. Nuisance letters will go out next week. Ag Exempt properties do not need a zoning permit.

**Tim Morris, Parks and Road and Bridge** – The budget for mowing has been set at \$6,000. The cemeteries will be once a month, Lieb's Island parks will be once a month and the parks at Fairfield Beach and New Salem will be weekly. The Porta-Johns will be delivered to the parks for \$20 each and cost \$70/month.

Tim did a review of the roads in the township. There is a possibility to work with Greenfield and Liberty Townships to have a 1.1 miles section of Leonard Road chip sealed for \$12,000. Tim and Mike would also have to work with the other townships to chip seal their portion of the road. It would probably take two weeks. The road would also need to be re-stripped at an approximate cost of \$500.

Lakeside Road is on hold because it is unknown what will be done with the storm sewers. The 0.2 mile section of Circle South and North needs to be paved. There is approximately \$100,000 available in the Road and Bridge fund for road projects in 2017.

According to Ohio House Representative Tim Schaffer, the House passed the state budget along with Mr. Schaffer's amendment to do the following:

1. Restore the unspent money in the Lakes in Distress loan and grant programs, which had been zeroed out in the Administration Budget.
2. Use the restored loan program money to pay for an engineering study and construction of a storm water solution at Buckeye Lake Dam.

Trustee Horn made a motion to obtain chip seal bids for Leonard Road and Leitnaker Road east from Old Millersport to Pleasantville Road and to authorize Tim and Mike to participate in the joint township chip seal project. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. Trustee Yates will prepare the bid paperwork.

## **Old Business**

Today is the day for voting on the Fire Levy, however, no results are known yet.

Brad Smith, West Bank Rd, thanked the trustees for their support.

The EPA will hold a meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 9 PM at the Walnut Township Elementary School.

It was determined that an amendment to the Zoning Resolution cannot be used to control dust emissions. During Dam construction a complaint can be filed with the EPA, it has to be witnessed by the complainant.

There was discussion regarding the budget for 2018. The Trustees decided to use the same amounts as from the 2017 budget. Trustee Horn made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget for June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM. Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. Fiscal Officer Kraner will place the ad in the Lancaster Eagle Gazette.

Fiscal Officer Kraner has been working on the IRS project to request refunds on fees that were charged by quarter.

The Fuel Center is up and operating. The Thurston Walnut Township Fire Department has signed up to participate. Currently, there have been 3,600 gallons used, which will be billed out by the Walnut Township School District. There was a savings of \$1,700 on the second delivery of fuel.

Trustee Yates sent copies of the two fire contracts to Burnham and Flower for their review.

Trustee Yates is checking on the status of the billing of the EMS fees to determine why billing revenues have dropped significantly over the past two years.

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of the township collecting \$5 for each license plate issued in the township. The township would need to hold two public hearings and then the Bureau of Motor Vehicles needs to be notified before July 1<sup>st</sup> for it to go into effect in 2018. Trustee Horn made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM

and a second Public Hearing on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

A Special Trustee meeting will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM to follow the two Public Hearings and vote on the topics of the hearings.

### **New Business**

Rushcreek Township has requested to contract with Walnut Township for the purchase of emulsion. The cost would be \$2.30/gallon. Trustee Yates made a motion to continue to provide emulsion to Berne and Rushcreek townships at \$2.30/gallon until there is a price change. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

On May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM, there will be a meeting regarding Buckeye Lake 2030 at the Lakewood High School.

There was a discussion regarding the Sweet Corn Festival Parade. There will be 3 vehicles in the parade. Tim will look into signs to hang on the trucks stating the age of the trucks.

There was a discussion regarding dog noise from the Feeder Creek Clinic. The homeowner's only option is to file a complaint with the Sheriff's department.

The OTA membership is due June 30<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Yates made a motion to renew the memberships for the trustees and fiscal officer and associate memberships for Tim, Mike K. and Mike B. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The Fairfield Beach Property Owners Association has been defunct for the past 2 years. There was a meeting last week and 44 people attended and want to re-activate the association. They will be voting on their board next week.

The archeological survey of the sidewalk and parking lot areas at Fairfield Beach, as part the Revitalization Grant project, found some chips of brown bottles and flint. There will need to be a more extensive review done to ensure this was not an Indian Burial Ground or other significant historic site. This will be paid for out of the grant. Though this is a delay, the funds will be available through the end of 2018.

At 8:57 PM, Trustee Yates made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

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Lynn Kraner, Fiscal Officer

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William Yates

Terry Horn

Doug Leith, Chairman