

Walnut Township Trustees Regular Meeting – Final

June 28, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Trustee Horn, Trustee Leith, Trustee Yates & Fiscal Officer Kraner were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In attendance were: Mike Berry - Zoning, Tim Morris - Parks & roads, five (5) guests.

Approval of the Minutes from May 1, June 5, and Special Meeting of June 14th. A motion was made by Chairman Leith to approve the minutes; Horn second; roll call: Leith – yes, Horn – yes, Yates – yes, motion passed with (3) yes votes.

Fiscal Officer's report: Approve checks #25374- #25376; Electronic Transfers EFT #566-649. Motion to accept the checks and EFT's : Motion: Leith, second by Yates, roll call: Leith – yes, Horn – abstain , Yates – yes. Motion passed with two (2) yes votes.

Guest Paul Kemmer addressed the Board regarding the former New Salem United Methodist Church property. Mr. Kemmer wants to obtain the property to utilize as a community center to hold weddings, birthday parties, and corporate events. His intent is to purchase the property and 4-5 additional lots for parking. Mr. Kemmer is working with an attorney who currently has the property through a Trust. The property is currently zoned R2 and he has made an offer contingent on condition rezone. All of the trustees said individually they would give their support.

TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Millersport F. D. – Chief Bob Price reported 450 EMT/Fire runs YTD. Chief Price brought forth a safety concern regarding the mowing of ditches on township roads. Grass and debris are being strewn onto the roads creating a safety hazard. There was discussion on what the State does to handle grass and debris. They use brushes and/ and or fans on the front of trucks to blow the debris off of the road. The County uses flare mowers. The township doesn't have two adequate manpower to perform such action. Tim Morris presented photos taken on June 28th of the mowing on Geiger Road. The photos reflected grass that could create a severe safety hazard to bicyclists and motorcycles. Morris commented that recently there were over a 1,000 bicyclists who rode on the township roads and there were additional events upcoming. Morris said that the township currently utilizes a batwing mower purchased in 2008. He reminded the trustees that throwing grass

or debris on the roadways is against ORC and that recent posts on FB showed pictures of injured individuals from debris on the road. He felt that this was a timely manner to discuss the purchase of a new mower for the township. Morris obtained cost for a new mower from RLP in West Jefferson, Ohio. This mower would also cut behind the guard rails. Morris had seen a demonstration of the mower earlier that day. The cost would be \$30,060.00 and could be financed for 5 years at \$7,000.00 per year. It would perform slower than the current mower, but the speed outweighs the risk to the township. The Trustees concurred. The Trustees asked Fiscal Officer Kraner to work with Morris to determine if straight purchase vs. financing would be the best option. Yates motioned to purchase the mower, Horn second. Roll call: Leith – yes, Horn – yes, Yates – yes. Motion passed with (3) yes votes.

Chief Price questioned what the zoning height restrictions are for houses in the township. Mike Berry said that for residential the height is 35 ft. measure at the mean height of the roof. Chief Price was specifically concerned about a home in Millersport that is three (3) stories and there is concern about how the FD could access the upper floors in the event of a fire. Chief Price said that there would be a definite need for a ladder truck within the next 5-6 years. There was discussion about some of the larger homes on the dam on North Bank. There will be 4-5 (existing) fire lane access points upon dam completion, but he wants to be ahead of the game. More and more industrial structures are being built in the township. Chief Price asked if an impact fee should be considered.

Thurston Walnut FD – Chief Jim Hite reported Medic 1 went down with 2 bad airbags and was towed by Jake’s towing. Medic 2 went down and Millersport was notified for backup.

Chief Hite announced that the TWFD would be switching in October to ATT/Firstnet Software, and asked for approval to sell used fire department equipment on govdeals.com.

Zoning - Mike Berry reported that there were application for two (2) new home permits; one (1) rezone on Lakeside to from R2 to RMU. Zoning permits for 2018 are ahead of 2017. Chairman Leith addressed the Glenford Tractor Pull Sign. Notification was given that the sign did not meet zoning requirements and was to be removed. Chairman Leith questioned Trustee Horn on why the notification was sent without consensus with the other Trustees. Trustee Horn stated that it was a zoning violation. Chairman Leith said he disagreed that a charitable organization would have to obtain a zoning permit for the sign.

Roads - Tim said the bid co-op for road salt was \$89.16 per ton and township is required to take 80% of what is ordered. Tim said they would order 200 ton, but won't do so unless the Trustees approve.

Question raised by Chairman Leith of the 2019 budget needed a resolution. Discussion that \$30,000 for mower taken out of road fund and not appropriate. Adjustment made to fund #2031, decrease appropriations for year 2019 from \$296,000 to \$266,000. Motion by Leith to approve 2019 budget as submitted by Fiscal Officer Kraner. Second Yates. Roll call: Leith – yes, Horn – yes, Yates – yes. Motion passed with (3) yes votes.

Road Levy: Trustee Yates discussed the 3 mil road levy. He said currently no road millage on the books for Walnut Township. This millage would be on the ballot for the November 6, 2018 election. Yates said let the public decide. Yates moved for a resolution 2018-14, Leith second, roll call: Leith – yes, Horn – yes, Yates – yes, motion passed with (3) yes votes.

Garage Roof: The Trustees discussed the bids for the metal roof. It was decided not to move forward with a metal roof. However, they want to get prices for a single-ply roof along with a cost to perform the concrete block wall repairs.

Cherry Lane Phase 3: – Tim Morris reported that the final grade was done on the ditch. The County Engineer's Office staff has been very cooperative and said that the Trustee's should send a thank you note acknowledging the county's cooperation.

Addendum to 2LM signs: Yates moved, Leith Second, roll call: Leith – yes, Horn – yes, Yates – yes, motion passed with (3) yes votes.

Road Use Maintenance Agreement (ODNR Dam Project): An updated Agreement was provided for review .. Leith moved, Horn second. Roll call – Leith – yes, Horn – yes, Yates – yes. Motion passed with (3) yes votes.

Truck #7 sale to Pleasantville: Trustee Leith stated that when the Village got the truck they noticed some engine issues and took it to a local shop for diagnosis. They said it needed \$7,500 in repairs. The Trustees agreed to split the difference on those repairs with the Village. Yates moved to split the difference on \$7500.00, for the cost of a replacement motor and labor, Leith second. Roll call: Leith – yes, Horn – yes, Yates – yes. Motion passed with (3) yes vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sweetcorn Festival 5K Run: Coach Keener requested permission to use township roads and Lions Club access during the 5K. Yates moved, Horn second. Roll call: Leith – yes, Horn – yes, Yates – yes. Motion passed with (3) yes votes.

Zoning: Mike Berry brought up a complaint of a man living in a construction trailer near Custer’s Point. The property owner, Mr. Reinhorn has been notified that he is in violation. The Trustees plan to respond to a letter from Mr. Reinhorn. A draft letter has been composed in response. Trustee Horn will ask the Prosecutor’s office to review and make any necessary comments. . Motion to approve draft letter Motion by Horn, second Yates. Roll call: Leith – yes, Horn – yes, Yates – yes, motion passed with (3) yes votes.

Docks on Lieb’s Island : ODNR will not charge fees for 2018. In the future, the Trustees would like to turn the responsibility for these docs to ODNR.

Next meeting to be held 8/7/2018 Motion to close meeting: Yates, second Horn. Roll call: Leith – yes, Horn – yes, Yates – yes. Motions passed with (3) yes votes.

Minutes recorded by Patricia McLoughlin, Recording Secretary

Lynn Kraner, Fiscal Officer

Douglas G. Leith
Chairman

William R. Yates
Vice Chairman

Terry W. Horn