

Walnut Township Trustees Public Hearing

Date: August 4, 2020

Time: 6:30 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	2 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
<p>The purpose of this meeting is to open the second public hearing to adopt the Walnut Township Property Maintenance Code. Adopting 2018 PMC with an addendum taken from the Amanda Village Property Maintenance Code. Questions: On page one of the B schedules mentions Walnut Township Employees. Tim Morris expressed his concern about Walnut Township employees entering people’s properties and said he would not agree to do that. Jane asked how these fees would be collected. Trustee Horn replied that the fees would come from the offending property owner. Trustee Horn said that unpaid fees would be placed on the property owner’s tax bill. Trustee Yates said that the township would be responsible for asbestos cleanup, well cleanup; etc. He said that this could result in unexpected expense to the Township. Trustee Yates asked about the appeal process. Trustee Horn replied that anyone would have the right to appeal through the court system. Property owner Larry asked how long the appeal process and Trustee Horn was not sure of the answer. He asked what other townships were utilizing the same maintenance code: Amanda Township, Thurston, Baltimore Village and City of Lancaster utilize the maintenance code Trustee Horn said that the trustees could work with the Land Bank on foreclosed/condemned properties. The Land Bank would pay and the fees would be collected through the taxes collected from the sale of the property. Initially there were several townships that were going to bond together to help cover the cost, but the other townships declined due to costs. Trustee Yates questioned about liability exposure to the township. Trustee Horn was not able to answer</p> <p>Rescind Resolution 13-20 from July 7, 2020.</p>	

<p>Motion to adjourn by Trustee Leith at 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Trustee Leith, second by Trustee Horn. <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p>
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Trustee Chairman Bill Yates

Trustee Terry Horn

Trustee Doug Leith

Fiscal Officer Jane Baker