

Walnut Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Date: September 1, 2020

Time: 7:00 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	Robert Slater, Regional Planning Representative	X
Terry Horn, Trustee	X	Mike Berry, Zoning Inspector	X	4 guests	X
Doug Leith, Trustee	X	Fiscal Officer Jane Baker	X		

Discussion Summary	
<p>Approve minutes from August 4, 2020 Public Hearing and August 4, 2020 Regular Meeting</p> <p>August 20, 2020 Special Meeting</p>	<p>Motion by Trustee Horn, to approve minutes with recommended edits, second by Trustee Leith Roll call: 3 YES</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Horn to approve minutes, second by Trustee Leith. Roll call: Yes</p>
<p><u>Financial Report:</u> Fiscal Officer Jane Baker</p> <p>Approval of checks #25593-#25599</p> <p>Approval of EFT's #829-#942</p> <p>Acknowledgement of FO reports, investment listing, Appropriation Summary, Cash Summary, Fund Status, Payment Listing, CARES Act Report and sign bank reconciliation for August 2020.</p> <p>Approval of times sheets and Patricia McLoughlin invoice for \$117.00</p> <p>Approve CARES act expenses \$99.54</p> <p>Motion to re-instate the kitchen fund for Millersport Fire Department to collect \$2.00 per pay from the firefighters once they sign the approval form.</p>	<p>Motion by Trustee Horn to approve FO reports, second by Trustee Leith Roll Call: 3 YES</p> <p>Motion to approve Recording Secretary invoice by Trustee Leith, second by Trustee Horn. Roll call: 3 YES</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Horn, second by Trustee Leith. Roll Call: 3 YES</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Leith, second by Trustee Yates. Roll call: 3 YES</p>

<p>Comments from the floor: John Harker addressed the Trustees to object to the Property Maintenance Code and state that many of the agricultural farms would not comply. He stated that the Resolution is bad and will cause the township problems. Mr. Harker stated that the Township should create their own Property Maintenance Code – The Trustees are adopting the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code that is used all over the country.</p>	
<p><u>Millersport Fire Department/Thurston Walnut Fire Department Report:</u> Chief Bob Price As of September 1, 2020, 1030 runs have been dispatched for Millersport Fire Department and the Walnut Township Fire Department in 2020. Chief Price requested approval for new hires: Charlie Reed Abbott Keegan Riley Rose Kasper Wyrick Rohrbaugh Vincent Charles Mattia Joseph Ralph Mason</p>	<p>Motion by Trustee Leith to approve new hires by Trustee upon completion of background checks and approval, and acceptance of 6 resignations, second by Trustee Horn. Roll call: 3 YES</p>
<p><u>Regional Planning Commission:</u> Bob Slater thanked the Trustees for appointing him to this position.</p>	
<p><u>Zoning:</u> Zoning Inspector Mike Berry Permits Issued: 9 permits, 3 violation letters, total of 56 phone calls, 3 outstanding permit fees. Mike asked if the MARCS tower is considered a tele-communications tower? Mike said the ORC 5191211 says the zoning states the tower must be 100 ft. from a residence. Is this tower exempt? It still needs to meet the setback requirements from the road.</p>	
<p><u>Recycling:</u> Mike King – We have new recycling dumpsters as of 8/31/2020. Mike spoke to Jennifer, recycling director and she stated she will be delivering a dumpster specifically for glass within the next week or so, pending approval by the commissioners. Signs are being posted for glass, no paint. If she can get it approved through the budget, she would like to have some representatives to police the area and make certain that the signs are posted and the area is clean.</p>	
<p><u>Parks & Roads:</u> Tim Morris- Several complaints were received on the pirate ship at the playground at Fairfield Beach Park. They disassembled it and removed it for safety concerns. Some residents are concerned that they were not notified of its removal and asking when and if it will be replaced. The pirate ship initially was purchased with grant money. Trustee Yates asked Jane if the township had a park fund, and she replied no, any monies would have to come out of the general fund. Mowing is in progress, about 2/3 complete. Shelly Company will commence chip n seal on Blacklick Road as of September 2, 2020.</p>	

<p><u>Old Business:</u> Frontier line maintenance in the Twp. – update – Trustees signed and sent a letter to the PUCO regarding receiving service from Frontier North. Complaints are about the exposed boxes, photos were sent with the letter to PUCO. Response from a Frontier supervisor out of Michigan stated he would have a supervisor contact the Trustees within 48 hours and it has been one week without response. He requested addresses of the exposed boxes and Trustee Leith said he could not provide the addresses, only a general location. Frontier customers are being billed for 30 gb and most customers are receiving 7gb at best. The service is not up to speed to accommodate students working on chromebooks at home, the service is not acceptable. Jane provided a letter received and the Frontier attorneys are trying to dismiss the letter because the Trustees didn't provide addresses or number of pedestals. Mike had counted 19 boxes as of 9/1/2020. Trustee Leith said this will not be resolved overnight, but he will continue to pursue.</p> <p>Property Maintenance Code – update – Emails received from Tom Lininger and Dan Cogley from the Prosecutor's Office. Process can begin with citation and the cleanup costs would be on the property owner. Trustees agree to not get involved in a cleanup process because of the cost to the township. Process is property maintenance inspector sends out citation, anything further would be handled through the court system. Trustee Chairman Yates said that he supports the agricultural addendum suggested by John Harker to be added to the verbiage in the Property Maintenance Code. He stated that if this is added to the resolution, it will have his support.</p> <p>Kuhn Mower – Trustees advertised for bids – Evan Martin submitted a bid for \$200.00, Trustees accepted bid.</p>	<p>Motion to approve Resolution 14-2020 by Trustee Horn with the addition of the aforementioned verbiage to be added. The Addendum will be revised on the fee schedule to only include contracted work, second by Trustee Yates. Roll call: 3 YES</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Yates, second by Trustee Leith. Roll Call: 3 YES</p>
<p><u>New Business:</u> Buckeye Lake Region Corporation Meeting update – The pier study that Mike Fornataro requested resolution for study is to start within the next few weeks. DAC meeting update – District Advisory Council for the Health Department meeting on August 31, 2020 did not have a quorum. Due to Covid restrictions, DAC has given Lancaster permission to stay with the current agreement. Trustee Leith asked for support for a proposal that townships and villages no longer be asked for budgetary concerns until contract negotiations from outside sources are completed. Received at 3:39 p.m. an email from Daniel Fullin, attorney examiner for the PUCO and he has been assigned to the township's case.</p>	

<p>Walnut Township Parks and equipment needs/cost/ADA requirements/safety regulations – Trustee Yates shared his experience with the insurance inspector and he said that it will be quite an undertaking. The time is coming to update the parks and safety and cost is of concern.</p> <p>Trustee Yates said that in the past the township had a park board and the committee formed was influential in the ability to receive grant money. Trustee Yates suggested trying to form another committee to address the issues.</p> <p>Fire Department voluntary joinder – progress/update – Trustee Yates spoke to Mayor Mary Boring in Thurston and to the Millersport Fire Department. Mary is going to speak to the Village of Thurston on 9/2/2020. Trustee Yates and Jane Baker are going to meet with Kevin Bush, Millersport Village attorney on 9/2/2020. Jane said that one caveat is that no loans can be assumed, all must be re-financed.</p> <p>Walnut Township Trustees entered into Executive Session for discussion of fire department personnel employment and compensation under ORC 121.22G1 at 9:54 p.m.</p>	<p>Motion to enter into Executive Session by Trustee Leith second by Trustee Horn Roll call: 3 YES</p>
<p>Trustees exited Executive Session at 10:40 p.m. Trustees adjourned at 10:41 p.m.</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Chairman Bill Yates, second by Trustee Horn. Roll call: 3 YES</p>

Trustee Chairman Bill Yates

Trustee Terry Horn

Trustee Doug Leith

Fiscal Officer Jane Baker