

Walnut Township Trustees Regular Meeting

**Date:** September 7, 2021

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Recorder:** Patricia McLoughlin

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Present</b>
Bill Yates, Trustee Chairman	<b>X</b>	Tim Morris, Parks & Roads	<b>X</b>	Nate Wagner	<b>X</b>
Terry Horn, Trustee	<b>X</b>	Mike Berry, Zoning Inspector	<b>X</b>	Rick Singer	<b>X</b>
Doug Leith, Trustee	<b>X</b>	Fiscal Officer Jane Baker	<b>X</b>	12 guests	<b>X</b>

<b>Discussion Summary</b>	<b>Action/Decision/Follow-Up</b>
Attendees: Beverly Kenney 145 Baltimore-Somerset Road, Ros Landor, Bob Slater, Christopher Redd  The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Yates at 7:00 p.m.	
Approval of minutes from Walnut Township Public Hearing	Motion to approve minutes from August 3, 2021 Public Hearing as revised by Trustee Horn, second by Trustee Leith <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES
Approval of Walnut Township Regular Meeting August 3, 2021	Motion to approve minutes from August 3, 2021 Regular meeting with revisions, second by Trustee Leith, <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES
Approval of the <u>Financial Report</u> and bills for payment for August 2021: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve checks #25683 – 25685</li> <li>2. Approve Electronic Fund Transfers # 1441 – 1547</li> <li>3. Acknowledgement of Fiscal Officer reports, Investment Listing, Appropriation Summary, Cash Summary, Fund Status, Payment Listing.</li> </ol>	Motion to approve checks, EFTS, acknowledgement Fiscal Officer reports, investment listing, appropriation summary, cash summary, fund status, payment listing by Trustee Horn, second by Trustee Leith. <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES

<p>4. Approval of Patricia McLoughlin Time/Invoice/Check in the amount of \$128.00</p> <p>5. Resolution 19-2021 Tax collection rate for the county, 9 mils.</p>	<p>Motion to accept Patricia McLoughlin invoice by Trustee Leith, second by Trustee Horn. <u>Roll call</u> 3 YES</p> <p>Motion to accept Resolution 19-2021 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Fairfield County Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor by Trustee Horn, second by Trustee Leith. <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES</p>
<p><b><u>Township Department Reports:</u></b></p> <p><b>Walnut Township Fire Department – Chief Price</b> Chief Price has one resignation.</p> <p>The County Prosecutor asked that something be in writing authorizing the Chief or his designee in an emergency situation for use of fire equipment and personnel. Trustee Yates said he would contact Amy Brown Thompson, Prosecuting Attorney to determine the verbiage for any contract.</p> <p>Chief Price said that he has contacted OTARMA and notified the Trustees through an email regarding an accident with the Medic. Chief Price said that he had an incident report from the driver and the FMC Police</p> <p><b>Regional Planning Commission Representative – Robert W. Slater II –</b></p> <p><b>Zoning – Mike Berry – 15 permits issued:</b> 3 home 3 additions 2 accessory buildings 6 fences 1 commercial Sent 20 letters, 2 violations, 18 rezone, and returned 87 phone calls. Variance hearing on September 16, 2021 regarding Cattail Road.</p>	<p>Trustee Horn moved to accept resignation of Marcus Clayton, second by Trustee Leith, <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES</p>

Trustee Leith said that he received a call from a resident on Bickel Church stating that his neighbor was running a business out of his home and that the person wanting to take pictures identified themselves as representing the Township. When Trustee Leith asked if anyone from the Township had represented themselves to this resident, both Trustee Horn and Property Inspector Rick Singer indicated that they had no knowledge of the situation.

**Property Inspector – Rick Singer –**

36 properties inspection violations in process

27 notices have been issued, 6 have been resolved of all outstanding issues

2 have been forwarded to the City of Lancaster Law Directors Office

**Recycling - Nate Wagner**

**Parks/Roads – Tim Morris & Nate Wagner –** Tim said the new truck will arrive this week. Salt for this year \$ 60.84 vs. last year \$ 68.47

Nate and Tim worked on the salt contracts for 2022 for Pleasantville, Millersport and Thurston.

Nate Wagner – is working on an ODOT Township Stimulus Program Grant for Old Millersport Road

Nate submitted a quote from Buckeye Body & Equipment to replace reservoir on dump truck that is leaking that will include hydraulic fluid replacement,

Tim asked for approval to send letter to the County engineer for money provided by the County to be used for Geiger Road.

Trustee Leith moved to approve sending salt contracts to Pleasantville, Millersport and Thurston as recommended by Tim Morris, Roads & Parks Supervisor, second by Trustee Yates, Roll call: 3 YES

Trustee Horn moved to approve Nate to move forward to obtain the grant, second by Trustee Leith, Roll call: 3 YES

Motion to approve Nate to have reservoir on the dump truck repaired by Trustee Leith, second by Trustee Horn Roll call: 3 YES

Motion by Trustee Leith to approve Tim to send letter, second by Trustee Yates, Roll call: 3 YES

<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. American Rescue Plan (ARP) application process</li> <li>2. ARP – Fairfield Beach</li> <li>3. North Walnut Township Flooding update and ARP funds</li> </ol>	
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Walnut Township and the Village of Thurston Agreement for Fire and EMS services. The Trustees signed the official agreement.</li> <li>2. Shell Street vacation petition – Rick Cox, 141 Trail East, Etna, Ohio 43062, with Sands Decker (Engineer) and is working with the property owner Mr. Moyer. Mr. Cox suggested to Mr. Moyer that he work with the township regarding storm sewer drainage to place an 18” storm sewer catch basin.</li> <li>3. Property proposed to be rezoned at 100 Baltimore –Somerset Road. Trustee Horn asked Mike Berry, zoning inspector if Regional Planning approved the rezone and he replied yes. Trustee Horn stated that he didn’t feel the Trustees could deny the approval.</li> <li>4. Mike Fornataro, 5239 North Bank Road - Buckeye Lake Regional Commission advisory task force proposal</li> <li>5. Mr. Fornataro said that about a year ago a developer submitted a 55 acre development in Thorn Township (Perry County). The development was not a fully developed project and Mr. Fornataro asked if they could meet with the neighbors to see what they would like to see developed.</li> </ol> <p>Mr. Fornataro suggested a task force. Mr. Fornataro asked the Township Trustees for a \$1,000.00 stipend that would be reimbursed by the developer. They had design firms submit 4 concepts. The reason Mr. Fornataro is before the board is he said there is property at State Route 360 at Lakeside and is requesting a resolution for a study.</p> <p>Fritz Schilling spoke to the board and said they reached out to BLRC to see what would be the best for this property to be developed.</p>	<p>Trustee Horn moved to pass Resolution 21-2021 to vacate Shell Street in Walnut Township, second by Trustee Leith <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES</p> <p>Trustee Horn moved to approve district zoning change 21-66 from RR to R2, second by Trustee Leith, <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES</p>

<p>Mr. Horn asked Mr. Berry if he sees this put in as a PUD and Mr. Berry asked to see a map.  Steve Schilling the property owner stated that he has owned the property for 30 years and doesn't know what he wants to do and that is why he is asking for the assistance of Mr. Fornataro.  Chairman Yates said that one of his main concerns is drainage as it is already an issue. Mr. Fornataro said that the developers did study drainage prior to submitting any plans.</p>	<p>Trustee Horn moved to engage BLRC for a study of approximately 2.7 acres on 4 parcels at SR 360 north of Buckeye Lake at a cost of \$1,000.00 to the BLRC from the general fund which will be reimbursed by the property owner within one week of the issuance, second by Trustee Leith.  <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES</p>
<p>6. 4615 Canal Road Land Bank agreement – the Land Bank will do asbestos testing on September 9<sup>th</sup> prior to demolition and asked that a representative be present. The demolition will be done by the Land Bank at no cost to the Township.</p>	<p>Trustee Horn moved for approval to pay the Land Bank for demolition of 4615 Canal Road, second by Trustee Leith,  <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES</p>
<p>7. ARP resolutions signatures 17-2021 Fairfield Beach Storm Water Upgrades – 18-2021 North Walnut Township Comprehensive Storm Water Prevention Plan and Study for, The North Walnut Township Flood Plain Area.</p>	
<p>8. Possible FEMA grant for storm water upgrades – north Walnut and Fairfield Beach. Trustee Horn stated that there is \$38 million available for FEMA grants. Trustee Horn said that 12.5% would be the Township contribution of any grant.</p>	
<p>9. ODOT road grant (Nate Wagner)</p>	
<p>10. Roma Designs Construction Contract and payment bond for the Millersport Fire House – Trustee Yates said he sent this contract to Amy Brown Thompson. She said that this is something the Village should have presented to the Township. Trustee Yates said that this should be in the Township's name and that he will continue to pursue this with the Prosecutor's Office.</p>	<p>Motion by Trustee Horn to approve Chief Price to pay Ohio First Responders grant writer in the amount of \$16,700.00, second by Trustee Leith  <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES</p>

<p>11. Fire Department grant award of \$350,700.00 -</p> <p>12. Ohio First Responders Grants, LLC – Grant Award /Project Management Agreement</p> <p>13. Schorr Architects agreement –</p> <p>14. Township Association Handbook Template –</p> <p>15. Special Duty rates for Luke Bryan concert event</p> <p>16. Executive Session – under ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee. The Trustees entered into Executive Session at 10:31 p.m.</p>	<p>Motion to pay the firefighters, medics and nurses at the rate of \$60.00 per hour, and the command staff and doctors at the rate of \$70.00 per hour for the Luke Bryan special event on Friday September 17, 2021 by Trustee Horn, second by Trustee Yates. <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES</p> <p>Trustees entered into Executive Session at 10:31 p.m., motion by Trustee Leith, second by Trustee Yates. <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES</p>
<p>The Trustees exited Executive Session at 10:45 p.m.</p>	
<p>Motion to adjourn at 10:46 p.m.</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Chairman Yates, second by Trustee Leith <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES</p>

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Trustee Chairman Bill Yates

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Trustee Terry Horn

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Trustee Doug Leith

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Fiscal Officer Jane Baker