

Walnut Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Date: April 6, 2021 **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		
Terry Horn, Trustee	X	Mike Berry, Zoning Inspector	X		
Doug Leith, Trustee	X	Mike King, Recycling	X		

Discussion Summary	Action/Decision/Follow-Up
The meeting was called to order by Trustee Chairman Bill Yates.	
Approve minutes for : February 2, 2021 Regular Meeting, February 6, 2021 Special Meeting, February 13, 2021 Special Meeting, February 18, 2021 Special Meeting February 20, 2021 Special Meeting March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting March 13, 2021 Emergency Meeting	Motion to approve minutes as edited by Trustee Horn, second by Trustee Leith. <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES
<u>Financial Report:</u> Approve checks #25655 - #25657 Approve Electronic Transfer Funds #228-21 to #537-21 Acknowledgement of Fiscal Officer Reports, Investment Listing, Appropriation Summary, Cash Summary, Fund Status, Payment Listing. Approve invoice for Patricia McLoughlin - \$168.00 Officials time sheets	Motion to acknowledge Fiscal Officer reports by Trustee Leith, second by Trustee Horn, <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES
<u>Comments from the floor:</u> David Spires from North Bank addressed the Trustees regarding stormwater runoff on North Bank Road. He presented a report of shared examples since the dam construction. Who is reviewing the property plans? Where does the approval process begin regarding building? Mike Berry stated that zoning permits go through Fairfield County Regional Planning to obtain a flood certificate prior to building. Sharon Casto building on the North Bank and stated that the flooding has been going on for many years. ODOT caused more issues when they regraded State Route 360. Tim said that the project at Buckeye Lake at the spillway is a FEMA - Bric grant	

<p>with a 25% match required from the local government . Trustee Leith suggested that the Township reach out to the State Representative Tim Shaffer and suggested that the property owners do the same. He felt that the more complaints that are heard might get something going. Trustee Yates stated that he would push to keep the conversation going on addressing these flooding issues.....Trustee Horn asked if there should be a meeting with James Make and the Prosecutor’s Office and a representative from ODOT, Senator Schaffer. The Trustee’s will post the date, possibly to be held at the Walnut Twp High School to accommodate the attendees. Trustee Yates said he would like to include Buckeye Lake 2030.</p> <p>New paragraph please Brent Atwood of 3490 Geiger Road stated that Geiger road is in bad condition, no speed limit signs and the road is in bad condition. He requested speed limit signs. Tim stated that the speed limit is currently 55 mph. Tim said that the good news is he is working on a grant with the County Engineer’s office to widen the road from Millersport road to 3490 Geiger Road. Trustee Yates asked that since the 55 mph speed limit is so dangerous, could they ask County Engineer, Jeremiah to reduce the speed limit. Tim said he would need a Resolution from the Trustees to request a traffic study to then reduce the speed limit.</p> <p>New paragraph please Mr. Atwood asked about property at Fairfield Beach at Alder and Ivy, asked about the junk that is in the yard. Mr. Horn said that he would check into it.</p> <p>New paragraph please Dave Zollinger stated that he has 3 water problems that are Township issues. He asked if there is a plan for Summerland Beach road? The old public dock on South bank, the catch basin is deteriorating. Bickel Church and State Route 37 water collects and in the winter it freezes. Tim stated that it would be an ODOT issue.</p>	<p>Trustee Horn moved to request a traffic study on Geiger Road, second by Trustee Leith, but he questioned who would pay for the study? If at no cost to the township, <u>Roll call:</u> 3 YES</p>
<p><u>Township Department reports:</u></p> <p>Walnut Township Fire Department - Chief Bob Price – 115 runs in the month of March 397 for the year. Lettering for all trucks has been changed to Walnut Township Fire Department. Jet boat is now in the water. There will be approximately at \$3500.00 upgrade on it from damages from last year. He stated that they are continuing to struggle with staffing. The 1500 rule is affecting the scheduling. Six guys have been certified to start, but still having issues. He said that every county fire department is experiencing the same staffing issues. Chief Price said they will have to consider hiring full-time staff, not talking the entire staff, but possibly 2-3 full time employees. Trustee Horn asked if there had been any attempts to contact the State regarding the 1500 rule? Trustee Yates said that it is not just a State issue, but a Federal issue. Chief Price said that he met with 4-5 other chiefs and discussed a pool of</p>	

manpower to try and overcome the issues with the 1500 rule and help out several departments.
He said that many public events will put demand on the department. Fireworks are scheduled, Sweet Corn Festival is on; it will be a challenge.

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Chief Price is requesting to purchase a lawn mower....said that it would pay for itself in about 25 mows per season. Chief Price said cash price is \$4999.00.

New paragraph please

Chief Price said that he received a letter regarding a water rescue and recovery and support for the Fire Department. He said that Pleasant Township has a dog and Roxy would be the second rescue dog in Fairfield County. Trustee Yates suggested that he check with our insurance company to find out about proper liability coverage.

Regional Planning Commission Representative – Robert W. Slater, II

Zoning – Mike Berry –

- March
- 17 permits
- 2 homes
- 5 additions
- 2 accessory buildings
- 1 shed
- 4 fences
- 1 pool
- Zoning redistrict amendments 1
- 1 AG exempt
- 6 rezone letters issued
- 118 phone calls

Trustee Horn suggested that May 4th at 6:30 p.m. to hear Zoning District Change #21-10.

Parks & Roads - Tim Morris – Time for the salt contract is due for 2022. He is suggesting to contract 500 ton.

Bid contract for repair on Aspen, one culvert replacement,
He spoke with Eric McGrady of County Engineer's Office (FCEO) regarding

Motion by Trustee Horn to hold the Public Hearing on May 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.,
Second by Trustee Leith.
Roll call: 3 YES

Motion by Trustee Leith to accept salt contract for 2022 of 500 tons, second by Trustee Horn
Roll call: 3 YES

Motion to put truck out for sale

<p>grading on Geiger road. Eric McGrady, Cheryl Downhour of FCEO and Tim will sit down and write the grant that will be submitted by August 1, 2021 and should be awarded by the end of 2021. Mike and Tim cleaned up truck 2 and he would like to set it out for sale ASAP.</p> <p>Recycling – Mike King – New recycling fence is up and working keeping trash inside.</p> <p>Old Business Potential road repairs for 2021: Elevator road, South Bank road, Summerland Beach, Holder and Weatherspoon chip and tar seal; Trustees asked Tim to request bids for all roads</p> <p>Walnut Township EMS/Fire Safety Advisory Committee – Trustee Yates said he wanted to move on this, especially since Pleasantville had requested a joint session. Trustee Leith suggested a deadline of June for submission of names to represent the bodies listed in the Safety Advisory Committee.</p> <p><i>New paragraph please</i> Tornado Shelter – Trustee Yates sent a letter to Prosecuting Attorney with criteria for architect. <i>I think there was more to this...</i> Steve Kinney asked about the May 4, 2021 Zoning Redistrict hearing.</p>	<p>by Trustee Leith, second by Trustee Horn. <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p>
<p>New Business -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Datto Workplace – Trustee Horn said that there is an update that works very well 2. Walnut Township New email service – email service being updated and address extension of waluttownship.com instead of waluttwp.com. 3. Property Maintenance – Rick Singer introduced himself, he lives on North Bank and submitted his resume and is being considered for the position of Property Maintenance Inspector 4. Flooding behind the dam (North and West) – discussed earlier. Future meeting to be announced. 5. Licking County 911 service – Board of Licking County Commissioners and Walnut Township, Fairfield County. This agreement is the same as what Thorn Township has. There is a cost to this. Chief Price said that he is not disparaging Fairfield County, however, this is a better process. He stated that 90 percent of cell phone 911 calls go to Licking County initially and it rolls to Fairfield County who then dispatches the Fire or EMS. This would be a one year contract with a 90 day out clause and based on \$15.00 per call. Trustees suggested that Chief Price take this to Amy Brown, Asst. Prosecuting Attorney. 	<p>Motion by Trustee Chairman Yates to direct Chief Price to present this to the Prosecuting Attorney’s office for approval to join the Licking County 911 service, second by Trustee Leith. <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p>

<p>6. Fairfield County Board of Elections (BOE) change in law/policy/email – Trustee Chairman Yates stated that there is a change of law/policy on levy, etc., electronically. The BOE has requested that each government jurisdiction utilize one (1) email address as a point of contact to and from the BOE. It was decided that Walnut Township we use contact@walnuttownship.com.</p> <p>7. Short-term lease agreement Walnut Township and Millersport for Station 632. Annual rent of \$1.00, until all the paperwork is resolved. Station 2 is being offered to the Township as a gift. The Trustees signed the agreement and returned to the Association.</p> <p>8. Email sent by Pleasantville to the Trustees requesting a joint session to include Thurston. Pleasantville’s request for a joint session. The Trustees agreed that they are open for such a meeting. Trustee Horn will coordinate the joint meeting.</p> <p>9. Executive Session – under ORC 121.22(G) The Trustees entered into Executive Session at 10:27 p.m.</p>	<p>Motion by Trustee Horn to accept lease agreement between Walnut Township and the Millersport Volunteer Fire Department to lease Station 632 for \$1.00 per year, Second by Trustee Leith <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p> <p>Motion by Trustee Leith Second by Trustee Horn <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p>
<p>Trustees exited Executive Session at 10:</p>	<p>Motion by</p>
<p>Motion to adjourn at</p>	<p>Motion by</p>

Trustee Chairman Bill Yates

Trustee Terry Horn

Trustee Doug Leith

Fiscal Officer Jane Baker