

Walnut Township Trustees Regular Meeting

Date: August 3, 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	Nathan Wagner, Roads & Parks	X
Terry Horn, Trustee	X	Mike Berry, Zoning Inspector	X	Robert Slater, III	X
Doug Leith, Trustee	X	Rick Springer, Property Inspector		Jane Baker, Fiscal Officer, Absent	

Discussion Summary	Action/Decision/Follow-Up
Attendees: Terry Hanna 4283 North Bank Road, Jim Miller 3281 Shepherd Avenue	
Trustee Chairman Yates motioned to go into Executive Session under ORC 121.22(3) (G) Executive Session under ORC 121.22(G)(3) conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.	Motion by Trustee Chairman Yates, second by Trustee Leith, <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u>
The Trustees exited Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.	
Trustee Horn stated that the Trustees were ready to address the rezone application 21-38 from R2 to a B-1. Trustee Horn said that he understood the concerns of the residents and found himself torn as he reviewed the evidence. However he said that the property was a historic property and that the applicant was trying to improve the area and the community. Trustee Leith stated that he thought public hearings are a good thing as confusion is clarified.	Motion to accept application for rezone 21-38 by Trustee Horn, second by Trustee Leith <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u>
Approve minutes from July 6, 2021 meeting	Motion to accept minutes from July 6 2021 meeting as edited by Trustee Horn, second by Trustee Leith, <u>Roll call 3 YES</u>
Approval of minutes from July 16, 2021 Special meeting	Motion to accept July 16 minutes, second by Trustee Leith, <u>Roll call 3 YES</u>

<p>Approval of minutes from July 23, 2021 Special Meeting</p> <p><u>Financial Report and bills for payment for July 2021:</u> Approve checks # to # Approve Electronic Fund Transfers # Acknowledge financial reports, investment listing, appropriation summary, cash summary, fund status, payment listing</p> <p>Approve Patricia McLoughlin time/invoice in the amount of \$126.00</p>	<p>Motion to accept minutes from July 23, 2021 by Trustee Horn, second by Trustee Leith <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p> <p>Motion to accept financial reports by Trustee Horn, second by Trustee Leith, <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p> <p>Motion to approve Patricia McLoughlin invoice by Trustee Horn, second by Trustee Leith <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p>
<p>Comments from the floor: Trustee Horn introduced the new Roads Supervisor Nathan Wagner. Mr. Wagner thanked the Trustees for the opportunity to work with the Township.</p>	
<p>Walnut Township Fire Department: Chief Price 137 Runs in June – 897 runs for the year. Chief Price requested acceptance of 2 new employees: Jimmy Cleveland Jonathan Wiseman</p> <p>Chief Price requested a motion to accept Northend Press as a new vendor</p> <p>Chief Price requested that the Township Trustees direct the Fiscal Officer to obtain an additional credit card. Trustee Yates stated that he was in the process of preparing a credit card policy and would address it at the next Trustee meeting.</p> <p>Chief Price presented several quotes for landscaping for the fire department.</p> <p>The Trustees tabled a decision on the landscaping for the fire department.</p>	<p>Motion to accept new fire department employees by Trustee Leith, second by Trustee Horn, <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p> <p>Motion to accept Northland Press as a new vendor by Trustee Leith, second by Trustee Horn, <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p>

Regional Planning Commission Representative – Robert W. Slater, II -	
Zoning Inspector – Mike Berry 19 permits issued; 5 home 3 additions 3 accessory buildings 1 shed 2 fences 1 deck 1 pool 2 variances 1 ag-exempt 26 letters issued: 2 violations 24 rezone 1-7 phone calls	
Rick Singer – Property Maintenance inspector: Rick provided a report of violation letters sent in the month of July. Jim Miller of 3381 Shepherd stated his concern that a property maintenance person might be in violation of the 5 th amendment. He stated that this is a “taking” of someone’s property. Trustee Horn stated that the Township has adopted the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code. Some residents don’t take pride in their property and this effects the property value of surrounding properties. Trustee Leith explained that it was not the township’s intent to nit-pick on properties, but to address abandoned, ready to fall down properties. He spoke specifically about a property on Canal Road that has been an issue for years with varmint issues, suspicious activity, etc., and this was a perfect example of what the township is trying to address through the property maintenance code.	
Recycling: Mike King – no report, not present	
Parks & Roads – Tim Morris no report, not present	
Old Business: 1. Safety committee update – Trustee Yates said that they are considering several dates to meet. 2. American Rescue Plan - application progress – Trustee Horn asked about the status and Trustee Yates said that he did not have an update. 3. Fairfield Beach	

<p>4. North Walnut Township flooding update and ARP funds. Trustee Horn had a meeting with Jonathan Ferbrache, Fairfield County Soil and Water, Jon Kochis, Fairfield County EMA, and Carrie Brown, administrator for Fairfield County. The amount will be \$400,000.00 and Carrie Brown suggested that the Township contribute \$50,000.00 and perhaps Buckeye Lake contribute \$50,000.00 to total \$500,000.00 for the study.</p> <p>Some of the money will be utilized for Fairfield Beach, and some allocated for a study of SR 360, Hollywood by the Lake, Lakeside, etc.</p> <p>Trustee Horn moved to pass Resolution #18-2021 for a total of \$450,000.00. This will be comprised of \$400,000.00 funding from the County as an ARP sub-grant and \$50,000.00 from Township ARP funds.</p> <p>Trustee Horn moved to pass Resolution #17-2021 for a total of \$424,000.00 from Township ARP funds for Storm Water Upgrades for Fairfield Beach.</p>	<p>Trustee Horn motioned to pass a Resolution for a comprehensive storm water prevention plan and study, pending review of the Resolution by the Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office, second by Trustee Leith, <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p> <p>Trustee Horn motioned for a Resolution for upgrade for Fairfield Beach storm sewer Upgrades pending review by the Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office. <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p>
<p>New Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire Department special duty events policy – Chief Price requested a Resolution to pay employees working special duty a higher hourly rate than their normal hourly pay. Jane stated that she would prefer a contract with the additional personnel. Trustee Leith asked if Chief Price had inquired about 1099 employees and Chief Price responded that they would not be protected for liability or insurance under a 1099. The event (Luke Bryan concert) is scheduled for Friday, September 17, 2021. 2. Liquor permit – for Weidner's corner – Trustee Yates asked the Board if they wanted to challenge the liquor permit. The Trustees replied no. 	

<p>3. Liquor permit for the Minthorn. Benjamin Long is currently leasing the property from Steve Schilling and submitted a D-1, D-2, D-3 license. He said that he just needed a signature from the Township Trustees for transfer to him.</p> <p>4. Relief Funds Reporting on a quarterly basis – Trustee Yates stated that there is a concern from the State of Ohio of quarterly reports</p>	<p>Trustee Leith motioned to accept transfer of the liquor license permit 6605636, second by Trustee Horn, <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p>
<p>Motion to adjourn at 9:47 p.m.</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Trustee Leith, second by Trustee Horn, <u>Roll call: 3 YES</u></p>

Trustee Chairman Bill Yates

Trustee Terry Horn

Trustee Doug Leith