

**MINUTES OF THE:
WALNUT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
February 15, 2022 – 7:00 PM**

Township Officials present:

Trustees Terry W. Horn, William R. Yates.

Douglas G. Leith - absent, Fiscal Officer Jane Baker - absent

Department Heads present:

Fire Chief - Robert Price (present and then called away)

Recycling – Mike King

Roads & Parks Supervisor – Nate Wagner.

Invited guest(s) present:

Eric McCrady, representing Fairfield County Engineer's Office

Number of members of the public present: 11

Floyd Duncan – 13275 Birch Rd.

Charles Pillon – 13699 Laurel Rd.

Kim Ousley – 13102 Elm Rd.

Sherri Smith - 13112 Elm Rd.

Jerry Smith – 5015 Cypress Rd.

Daria Arbogast – Fairfield Beach

Roy and Virginia Clark – 13720 Queen Rd.

James Miller – 3381 Shepard Rd.

Thomas Laird – 5680 Fairfield Beach Rd.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Trustee Chairman Yates and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MEETING PROCEEDINGS

Advertised Purpose of Meeting:

1. Fire Department S.C.B.A Bids
2. Fairfield Beach Storm Water project update and public input

Discussion:

1. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (S.C.B.A.) Bids:

Trustee Yates made a motion to call for a rebid on the advice of council. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. It passed with 2 yes votes.

2. Fairfield Beach Storm Water update:

Trustee Horn opened the discussion and shared the following information:

With this project we want to be the best stewards of the funding as possible by serving the most people and largest geographic area possible.

Keep in mind as well, we will only be addressing areas that affect Township Roadways. Also, by law, our work can only take place within the road right-of-way and/or township owned property.

\$425,000 has been earmarked for this project utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds made available in mid-2021 by the Federal Govt. We must commit the funds by the end of 2024 and spend them by the end of 2026.

We are also looking for ways to leverage the ARPA funds, utilizing them for the “local match” funding requirements when *applying* for other State and Federal grant opportunity’s such as: 1) Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC); 2) Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and 3) the Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA), Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). These have differing levels of local match requirements from 25% to 12 ½%. So, in essence it is possible that our \$425,000 ARPA grant could grow much larger by using ARPA funds as a “local match”. Timing is everything so we need to navigate the timing of any additional grants that we may be able to obtain with this approach.

Trustee Horn shared a map of Fairfield Beach on TV monitor showing existing storm piping systems as well as a proposed 2022 storm pipe system. Also included were key notes on the plan as noted below.

RESIDENT FLOODING CONCERNS Reported 12/2021

Key Notes on map (on TV monitor)

- #1 - 13426 Cedar. Water backs up and floods 13423 Cedar
- #2 - 5499 Circle North. Water backs up on property
- #3 - 5015 Cypress. Road floods at Cypress and Birch regularly
- #4 - 5569 Dahlia. Water flows and floods property
- #5 - 13102 & 13112 Elm. Water flows between (2) houses & overflows onto Elm Rd. Water comes along east side of property
- #6 - 5441 Lakeshore Dr. Exposed culvert floods 1/3 of property at Laurel
- #7 - 13699 Laurel. Water lays on Laurel. Culvert under Laurel is rusted out & does not function

RESIDENT FLOODING CONCERNS Reported 11/30/2021

Key Notes on map (on TV monitor)

- #A - Creek is eroding land next to house
- #B - Road floods
- #C – 5680 Fairfield Beach Rd. Garage floods.

#D – 5600 Fairfield Beach Rd. Flooding at Fairfield Beach Rd and Oak Rd

Discussion on project:

Trustee Horn using the map on the TV monitor showed the proposed project extent for the work to be bid with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds as follows:

Storm sewer pipe starts on the high side on Forrest Rd halfway between Fairfield Beach Rd. and Alder; then continuing west on Alder to Birch Rd; then turning north on Birch Rd. to Beaver Rd.; then extending to Aspen Rd. and turning to the north along Aspen Rd.; storm sewer pipe then extending north on Aspen Rd. until it intersects with the stream located north of Cypress Rd. and south of Shell Beach Rd. There is one additional leg on the same system extending along Beaver Rd. from Birch Rd. to Cedar Rd. See Attachment A.

Trustee Horn reviewed the map of entire Fairfield Beach area where concerns have been made known to the Trustees since November 30, 2021. Points of where corrections can be made or not made were explained. The public commented during the review.

Comments from Residents:

Jerry Smith – 5015 Cypress Rd., see #3 above. A culvert will be placed under Cypress, between Birch Rd.

Julie Kellermeyer – 5569 Dahlia Dr., see #4 above. Reviewed concerns with Ms. Kellermeyer. Her drainage issues are not related to any Township road or right-of-way. She may be able to extend her drainage to an existing 24” pipe near Oak east of Dahlia Dr. The road department guys review with her and advise of possible solutions that she can undertake.

Kim Ousley – 13102 Elm Rd. & Sherri Smith - 13112 Elm Rd., see #5 above. Proposed new storm water system will reduce the amount of water flowing between their homes.

Charles Pillon – 13699 Laurel Rd., see #7 above. A future storm water upgrade project will reduce storm water in this area.

Floyd Duncan – 13275 Birch Rd., see #A above. Proposed new storm water system will reduce the amount of water on the west side of his home.

Thomas Laird – 5680 Fairfield Beach Rd. (County Rd.), see #C above. Mr. Laird showed the Trustees and Mr. McCrady photos of past flooding. No specific solution was given for this area. Mr. McCrady will review.

Eric McCrady indicated he is working in the area of 5600 Fairfield Beach Rd to rectify flooding issues south of the storage units. The Trustees will need to provide some additional storm drainage in that area along and west of Oak Rd at Fairfield Beach Rd.

Roy and Virginia Clark – 13720 Queen Rd. – The road floods as well as their house and is located in a very low area of Queen Rd. They installed a 4” drain tile and connected to a nearby 60-inch sewer pipe to the east a while back. It did little to solve their house flooding problem. Nate and Mike will review to see if

they can offer suggestions. Also, they will try to verify the existing drain system that is in place and see if there are plugged lines and where new lines could be added to improve the area.

Eric discussed requirements for Storm Water Detention, Water Quality and an Environmental Review:

Water detention will be required within the project scope and the water released in a controlled manner. The apparent logical and most economical location would be a dry detention pond within the Fairfield Beach soccer field area (water would be released within approximately 48 hours). The sides of the pond would have a gradual slope of 4 horizontal to 1 vertical down to the pond.

Water quality measures will also be required for the project, possibly adjacent to or within the detention pond. This would be in the form of micro pools/ponds.

An environmental review should be commissioned before any work is started on a design for the new storm water system being considered, due to work that is being done within an active stream. It was suggested to utilize Lawhon Associates which would provide an application to the Army Corps of Engineers and the Ohio EPA. The cost should be around \$4,000 - \$5,000.

It was also discussed to have additional parking on the north end of the soccer field at road level.

Project Events (next steps):

- Hire environmental Engineer who will submit applications for stream disturbance environmental review
- Approval of environmental review
- Letters of Interest to potential Civil Engineers
- Scope of Work approval from selected Civil Engineer
- Fee from selected Civil Engineer and approval
- Bid Construction
- Construction

Adjournment: At 8:53 PM, Trustee Yates made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 yes votes.

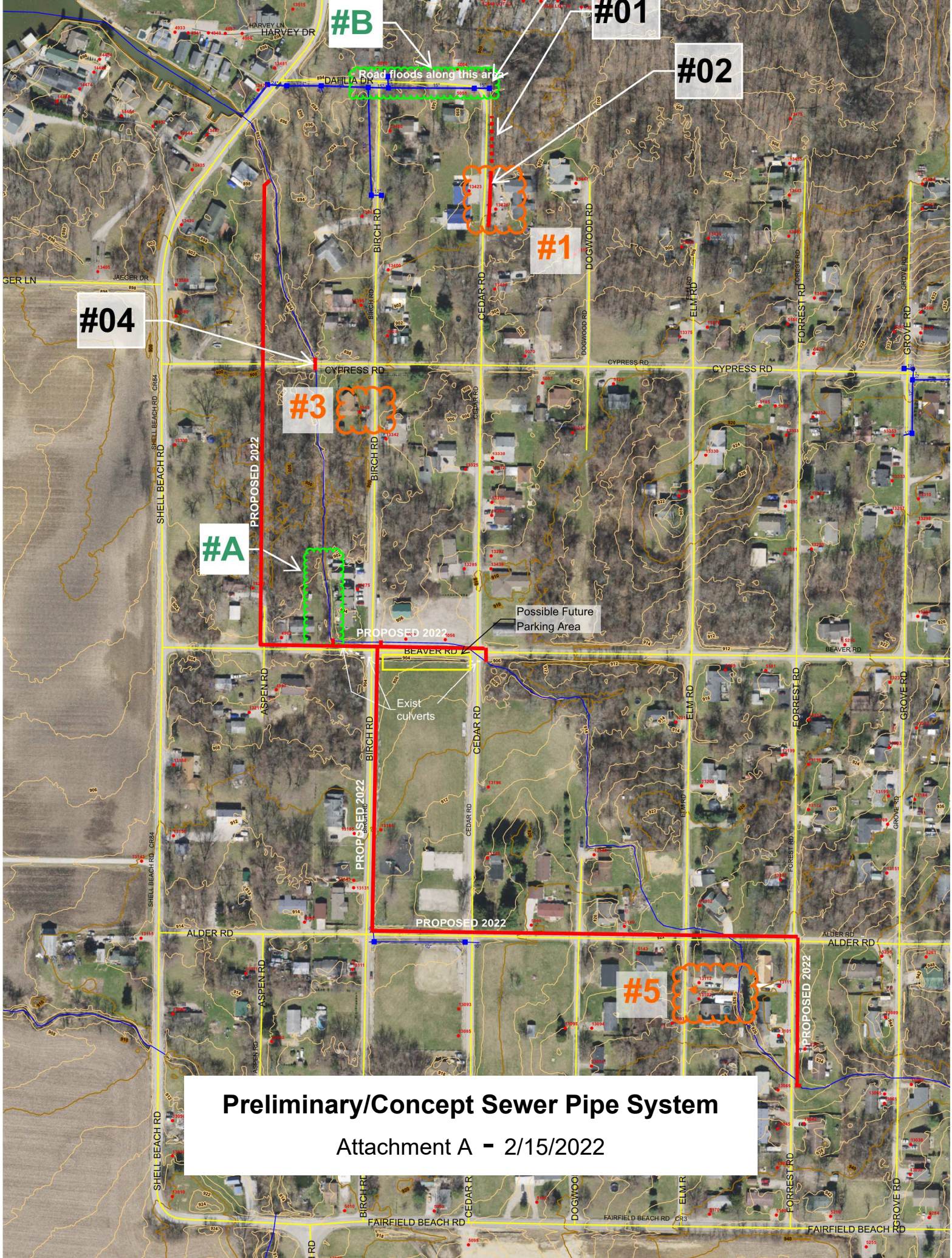
Minutes Recorded By: Terry Horn & Diane Powell

Jane Baker, Fiscal Officer

William R. Yates, Chairman

Douglas G. Leith, Vice Chairman

Terry W. Horn



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#04

#3

#A

Possible Future
Parking Area

Exist
culverts

#5

Preliminary/Concept Sewer Pipe System
Attachment A - 2/15/2022