

**MINUTES OF THE:  
WALNUT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 3, 2022 - 7:00 PM**

**Township Officials present:**

Trustees Terry W. Horn, William R. Yates, Douglas G. Leith and Fiscal Officer Pam Shaloo

**Department Heads present:**

Fire Chief - Robert Price; Zoning Inspector – Mike Berry; Roads & Parks Supervisor – Nate Wagner;  
Regional Planning Commission Representative-Robert W. Slater II

Absent: Property Maintenance Inspector – Scott Arnold; Recycling – Mike King;

**Number of members of the public present: 18**

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

Equipment Bid Opening: Michael Swartz, Somerset, OH bid: \$9275.00 for JD 310 Backhoe, \$500.00 V-8 generator. Discussion followed. Trustee Leith made a motion to accept the bid for the generator. Seconded by Chairman Yates. Motion passed with 3 yes votes. Motion was made by Trustee Horn to reject the purchase of the backhoe. It was seconded by Trustee Leith. Motion passed with 3 yes votes to reject that sale.

Geenex Solar Co. representatives: Chris Jones (Charlotte, NC) and Jessica Gliha (Dublin, OH). Hoa Tran from EDF Renewables, Houston, TX. Representatives gave brief history of the company, including the fact that the project in Walnut Township is in early stages and not breaking ground until 2024 at the earliest. They showed an actual sample of a solar panel. They have partnered with the Center for Energy Education, working with land owners. They have not been before County Commissioners yet. There was a time of Audience participation/questions/discussion.

**MEETING PROCEEDINGS**

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for April 5, 2022 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Trustee Leith made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

**Financial Report – Fiscal Officer, Pam Shaloo:**

Approval of Checks and Electronic F298-2022 fund Transfers (EFT’s):

Trustee Horn made a motion to approve checks # 25770 through # 25779 and Electronic Fund Transfers #214-2022 through #298-2022, after being certified that funds are available and appropriations have been made by Fiscal Officer Shaloo. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn acknowledged the Fiscal Officer reports: 1) Investment Listing 2) Appropriation Summary 3) Cash Summary 4) Fund Status 5) Payment Listing.

The Ohio Liquor License for Island House is up for renewal and no objections were made to its renewal.

**Comments from the public:**

Thor Tripplett – is interested in a rebroadcast of the BLRC Zoom Mtg. to develop approximately 2.5 acres of the Schilling property at SR 360 and Lakeside near the Buckeye Lake spillway. Trustee Horn will check into it. He asked if there were any imminent domain action pending issues to acquire property for the project. The Trustees do not know of any present or future reasons for imminent domain for the project. The Trustees are not involved in the design of the project or providing any direction to the owner on what to build.

Jason Henderson, Pleasantville Mayor, inquired of the status of the Township EMS/Fire Safety Board. Chairman Yates stated that it needs to move forward.

Mayor Henderson stated that the village will be submitting for a Critical Infrastructure Grant and Neighborhood Revitalization (NRG) funds for Pleasantville; baseball/park improvement, concession/restroom construction and water towers and would like a Letter of Support from the Township. Trustee Horn says that Walnut Township is also applying for those funds.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Township Fire Department - Chief Price**

84 runs in April

Sale of 3 pieces of equipment advertised- no responses so far. “Fire House Ladies” looking to help them sell them for a 10% commission.

**Regional Planning Commission Representative – Robert Slater II-**

Zoning district change for this township to R2 from I2.

James Mako – ECO Growing began in 2011 in co-op with OSU; interested in Farmland preservation.

**Roads and Parks Supervisor – Nate Wagner;**

Fairfield Beach play set taken down, trash cans removed from Huffman park.

Current roadwork, working on ditching, sign replacement; will begin mowing and spraying in a couple of weeks.

400 tons of salt has been ordered for 2022-2023

Equipment maintenance is up to date.

On SR 204 and SR 37 ODOT work, we have only received a few complaints.

Chief Price noted a fatality at the intersection of SR 37 and Canal Rd last week. Called County to see if they can do some housekeeping to make it easier to see traffic approaching. No response from County.

### **Zoning – Mike Berry**

10 permits issued: 3 homes, 4 accessory bldgs, 1 variance, 2 agriculture exempt  
7 letters issued; 1 violation

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Fairfield Beach Storm Water Feasibility Study** -Trustee Horn reviewed 2-page Agreement and exhibit A with ADR Consultants to do the study, and resolution for us to move forward. This has been reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office.

Funds come from the township ARPA funds - \$34,100.00 for feasibility study and estimate. Trustee Horn moved to adopt Resolution #14-2022 to spend money on feasibility study for Fairfield Beach Storm Water Feasibility Study, using \$34,100.00 in ARPA funds. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn moved to approve and sign agreement with Walnut Township and ADR Associates in the amount of \$34,100.00 Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn will schedule a Special Meeting for project kick-off meeting.

### **2.Lieb's Island Boat Docks Update – Trustee Leith**

Will use a lottery this year for those in-land residents that want available docks.

Applications required first. What lots are available/first person gets choice and so forth.

3 docks left –want to check out the docks first. Info from ODNR's records not reliable.

Docks at the end of Maple – some need to be torn out. This year renters will pay sdODNR until its determined if they will be torn out. Same procedure for the Fire Lanes.

Trustee Horn moved to pay invoice #6144061-00-1 dated April 3, in the amount of \$15,426.21 to MS Consultants for North Walnut Storm Water Conveyance Study. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Storm Damage to Millersport Station.** Concerns wiped out roof \$5100.00 insurance reimbursement. To redo it properly will take an additional \$10,000.00 more (Fire Fund money + Insurance money).

**2. Fire Department Medic – Refurbish.**

For reference, it would cost \$330,000.00 for a new medic

\$158,000.00 – 2005 model

\$170,000.00 for new chasis (model 554)

Will put it into service immediately.

Will replace Fairfield Beach medic first – the oldest

Medic #1- has 80,000 miles

Medic #2- has 98,000 miles

Medic #3- has 40,000 miles

Then, we need to build a budget for this (\$170,000.00)

It will take about 90 days to get everything back in place after the chasis is delivered

Savings of about \$140,000.00 in budget

**3. Road Repair bid - yearly**

\$368,000.00 spent in 2021

\$276,000.00 spent in 2020

Chairman Yates wants the roads striped.

Priority roads – all Motor Paved:

Geiger Rd.- Millers/Cattail

Geiger Rd.- Cattail/County Line

Elder Rd.

At Fairfield Beach- Forest Rd and Grove Roads

Most of these roads have not been repaired since the early 2000s

The Geiger Rd. Grant rejected.

Nate’s very early estimate is approximately \$325,000.00 for 2022 road paving.

Comments from the Public: David Zollinger –Raised a Safety Concern

The intersection of Bickel Church and SR. 37, large electrical poles is a real hinderance.

You can’t see well – a problem in the making. Very problematic for the school buses as well.

Trustee Leith Moved to adjourn at 9:46 pm, Trustee Horn seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Recorded by Diane Powell

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Pam Shaloo, Fiscal Officer

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William R. Yates, Chairman

Douglas G. Leith, Vice Chairman

Terry Horn