

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

**Township Officials present:**

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

**Department Heads present:**

Fire Chief - Robert Price; Zoning Inspector – Mike Berry; Property Maintenance Inspector – Scott Arnold;  
Roads & Parks Supervisor – Nate Wagner

**Invited guest(s) present:**

Sgt. Sean Burke with FCSO

**Number of members of the public present: 25**

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

Sgt. Burke took a few comments from the residents regarding their concerns over speeding at Fairfield Beach and the ODOT construction activities at the SR 37 and SR 256 intersection improvement project.

**MEETING PROCEEDINGS**

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for May 3 Regular Meeting and May 18 Special Meeting, 2022 were presented for approval. Trustee Leith made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3 Regular Meeting, Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. The Trustee Special Mtg on May 18 at Fairfield Beach were presented for approval. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the minutes and Trustee Leith seconded them. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

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

Approval of Checks and Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT's):

Trustee Leith made a motion to approve checks # 25780 through # 25781 and Electronic Fund Transfers #301-2022 through #401-2022, after being certified that funds are available and appropriations have been made by Fiscal Officer Shaloo. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

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

Trustee Horn made a motion to pay Invoices # 2 & 3 to MS Consultants for May of \$33,737.01 and June for \$47,882.16. Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Resolution #15-2022 "A resolution providing for amending and revising specific line-items in the appropriations of expenditures for Walnut Township for the calendar year 2022" - Section 2: change *transfer* to *advance* from General Fund 1000 to 4901. Trustee Horn made a motion to accept the change and Trustee Leith seconded it. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

**Comments from the public:**

Ackers Ditch area flooding – Several residents came to speak about drainage and flooding issues in the Holder Rd. and SR 256 area within Walnut Township and the Baltimore Village. Ackers Ditch is now enclosed and believed to be a 15" clay tile that has failed. Walnut Township's authority to perform work is within road R/W and not on private property. It was decided that the residents would pursue a formal "Petition Ditch" (spelled out by ORC 6131.04) option, which must be initiated by the residents. Robert Landis, the property owner north of SR 256 will be the point person for the group. Robert will contact the County Engineer's Office as well as Fairfield County Soil and Water. Teri Wise, Baltimore Village Administrator who was in attendance and Walnut Township will support this effort as much as is within our individual authorities to do so. Nate Wagner offered to help do some preliminary exploratory work within the Holder Rd. R/W where the pipe crossed the road.

Other comments from the public included:

Judy Zollinger – water coming around corner at Bright/Cottage St.

Betty Ault – solar farm proportions wrong, less than 1%

Dick Williams – Resolution 14-2020, with Property inspector – 5 vacant properties, 3 in-operable vehicles sitting in road

Beth Kessler – mowing of yard to eradicate varmints in her neighborhood at Shepard Ave.

Keith Heater – deteriorating of East St. – pot holes and driveway

Mike Shankle - study for speed with 4-way stop sign at Fairfield Beach

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Township Fire Department** - Chief Price

Exhaust system installed and working (from **AFT or AFG** grant)

SCBA – hoping to have new equipment by July 11

Continuing to Interview and hire new people, 2 new hires have EMT cards

132 runs in May

Fiscal Officer Shaloo had a question about a change in his health care. Trustee Yates will take care of it tomorrow.

**Roads and Parks Supervisor** – Nate Wagner

Mr. Dave Hanson, built a new house on Maple Ave. There is one side of chain link fence beside the park he wants removed. They will invite him to next mtg to talk to the trustees.

Huffman Park: removed trash cans. Park inspections last week, no problems. Mikey Reesor, resident, wants to put up a Library Box in the park area and she will be responsible for its care. She will meet with Nate for its specific placement. Trustee Leith made a motion to allow Library Box on the property to be maintained by the resident. Trustee Horn seconded it. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The first mowing was finished last week. He is now working on patching, spraying weeds and working on paving roads.

Canal Rd. is now open, but Lake Rd. between Canal and Bickel Church Rd. will be closed until the end of June.

### **Zoning – Mike Berry**

Permits issued 20; 3 homes, 4 additions, 5 accessory bldgs. 1 shed, 3 fences, 2 pools, 1 variance, 1 AG. Exempt

9 letters issued; 3 violations, 6 variances. Violation 1; Accessory Building on Alder and Ivy – vacant lot. Wants to send Resolution to Prosecuting Attorney about demolishing parcel #0461019900, 5351 Alder Rd., Owner Sheila Fryer. Non-conforming Accessory Building that hasn't been taken down. Trustee Yates will help Mike Berry construct the Resolution (#16-2022). Trustee Horn made a motion to move forward with the demolition. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. Violation 2; New pool constructed with no Permit on Bickel Church Rd. in Baltimore, OH. Sent letter. Violation 3: Junk boat in front yard of Taylor Ave. Sent letter May 31.

87 phone calls returned.

### **Property Maintenance – Scott Arnold**

This year thus far, we have had 6 new violations, 5 pre-existing violations that have gone into final violation, 2 final violations moved to court system, 6 properties pending demolition – 2 approved for this year.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Fairfield Beach storm water study – No problems are known of.
2. County Road Money and Use – will have projects to spend money – not sure about carry over allowance. Money saved for special projects may be recalled. Money for drainage and tiles, OK. Culverts and catch basins are Oked. Roadside updates will not be approved.
3. Trustee Leith made a motion to advertise Backhoe for a minimum of \$15,000.00 or best offer pending approval of county prosecutor. Trustee Horn Seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. John Deere Zero Turn Mower for \$1000.00 or best offer pending

approval of county prosecutor. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Bid for 2008 International Ambulance – Village of Shawnee offering \$23,000.00 for the ambulance. Trustee Horn moved to accept the bid for the medic from Village of Shawnee. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. The check will be made out to Walnut Township.
2. Storm Damage to Fire Department Roof – Thurston Station #633. Metal roof and window casings. Will contact insurance agent for estimate – someone reliable.
3. Fire Department Medic Refurbish - bid a new chassis and refurbish box medic– out for bid for 2 weeks. Trustee Leith made a motion to move forward on bids. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.
4. Road Repair bid list and budget for 2022 – Nate has 6 sections proposed and is expecting 4 more. Geiger Rd (Millersport Rd. to Lake Rd), Geiger Rd (Lake Rd to Cattail Rd), Geiger Rd. (Cattail Rd. to County Line), Elder Rd. (Township line to Township line), Forrest Rd and Grove Rd (Fairfield Beach Rd to Dead Ends), Summerland Beach Rd and South Bank. Trustee Horn made a motion to put the 6 existing proposals out to bid. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.
5. Zoning Fee Schedule update – using 2017 schedule with a few changes including billboards. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve a revised fee schedule. Trustee Leith seconded. Motion passed with 3 yes votes.
6. Zoning Minutes – by end of September Tammy and Mike will compile them from the past years.
7. Zoning Commission Application #22-30 – Will meet on July 5 at 6:30 pm. Zoning to move from RR to R2 on parcel # 0490263900. Trustee Horn made a motion to convene the rezoning application #22-30 on July 5 at 6:30 pm prior to Regular Trustee Mtg. Trustee Leith seconded. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.
8. County Commissioners Residential Symposium Recap – on YouTube – available for viewing. With Intel coming into area, it brings awareness of a deficit of housing in Fairfield County. There is a need for a County Land Use Plan.

9. Sweet Corn Festival Parade - Trustees and Fire Department members – The Fire Department will be part of the Parade.

10. Trustee Horn is in need of a new laptop.

11. Mike Berry needs some reimbursement for his cell phone use according to Chairman Yates.

**Adjournment:** At 11:18 PM, Trustee Leith made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

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 W. Horn