

Washington Township Trustee Regular Meeting
HELD Thursday July 18, 2024 at 7:30 PM

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Jack Butler. All Trustees were present for the meeting.

Also present were:

Andy Romoser, Road Superintendent
Douglas Whatman, Zoning Inspector
John Hurlow, Volunteer Consultant/Zoning

Absent were:

Annette Depue, Fiscal Officer (vacation)
David Compton, Fire Chief (working)

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Jack Butler at 7:30 PM. Mr. Dave Yoder made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and to pay the bills, approve Purchase Orders and approve reallocations as presented. Mr. Jack Butler seconded the motion. The motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Mr. Steve Myers of 729 Vicksburg Drive attended the meeting to discuss with the trustees about an ongoing flooding issues to their property when there is storm with heavy rains. The water from the roadway is flooding their property and basement. They have had to replace their flooring in the basement and run dehumidifiers constantly. They presented video of a recent storm with water flowing around their house and into walk in basement under a upper floor deck. Homeowners have had a contractor in to look at the problem and would like to tap into our drainage system. Mr. Romoser stated that road department has been flushing the system and catch basins in the area of concern. Mr. Romoser and Mr. Butler will be out tomorrow (July 19, 2024) to look at the situation.

Mr. Steve and Kenneth Gibson of 4049 Norris Road attended the meeting to discuss with the trustees about a zoning problem with a new structure they have been building. They were given a permit by the township zoning (Mr. Boggs). The structure may be considered a barn/minimum since the living quarters is attached to the pole barn. These type of structures are not permitted in the township at the present time under our zoning regulations. The Gibson's say the structure is almost complete and the county approved the structure to be built. Also, further county inspections for the structure has been done and passed. They plan to use the barn structure for a hobby that they do. They would like to get this resolved soon because they winter in the south and would like to get it completed before they leave. They are willing to work with the township on this matter and are willing to file for a variance. Mr. Butler advised them that we (trustees) would have to seek legal advice from our legal counsel before proceeding on this matter.

Mr. Douglas Whatman (Zoning) gave his zoning report of zoning activities since the last trustees meeting. He has issued two zoning permits for room additions at 4329 Bellville North Road and 2361 Washington South Road. He had to refuse two applications for zoning permits. One because the new house wasn't located on the land to conform to setback and side lot allowance. The other one was for an accessory building that was too large for the acreage owned. Created a new address for a community well at The Hanley Road Village. The new address is 765 Starlight Terrace, Mansfield, Ohio 44904. They had to have a physical address to get the gas company to run a line for a backup generator they are installing. Received a complaint about someone living in a trailer on their property on West Hanley Road. Owner is removing camper and didn't know it was against zoning regulations to park and live in a camper. Building a house next year on property. Received twenty phone calls since last meeting for various reasons from grass complaints, to deck and building permits, questions about can they have chickens, dividing land and building on certain parcels. All have been resolved except the complaint on Norris Road barn/house combination. Will require more legal advice and discussion with township. 120 Woodruff Road is still with legal department over rezone.

Mr. Romoser (Road Department) presented a purchase order to take down eleven to twelve trees that the road department cannot do because they are around power lines. Mid-Ohio will take them down for \$3500.00. Mr. Romoser presented a quote from Mohican Appliance for a new stove and refrigerator for the new road department building. The ones they were going to take from the fire department possibly need some major repairs. Mohican Appliance will deliver and install per quote. Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the quote for purchase of new appliances for the new road department building from Mohican Appliance. Mr. Swank seconded the motion. The motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes. The repair and restoration at 1139 Belmar Drive on the driveway repair has been completed. The cost came in \$500.00 less than original quote of \$2801.00.

No report from fire department tonight since Chief Dave Compton is working his regular job and could not attend tonight.

Mr. Butler presented the Fiscal Officers paperwork since she could not attend the meeting tonight. Mr. Butler presented **Resolution 25-24** on the street lighting assessment to the property owners in the affected areas. There were no objections to the assessments at this time. Mr. Yoder made the motion to adopt the resolution for the street lighting assessment. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Butler distributed the Cash by Fund Report and checks to be signed by trustees. Notice to bidders for timber has been posted and is due back by August 14, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

Mr. Stephen Swank has nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Dave Yoder reported on 762 Joselyn Avenue on septic water running in a ditch. The health department is working the issue. A Galaxy Court property possibly has a home business and is being looked in to. Called Spectrum every day and get no answers on completion of their work at new township complex. He will keep trying to reach out to Spectrum to get answers.

Mr. Jack Butler passed a flyer on a free recycling event (county solid waste) that will happen at Lexington High School on July 27, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Mr. Butler had a question to Mr. Romoser on the exercise of the generators and about the batteries having a five year life and who is tracking this. Mr. Romoser stated that generator systems are monitored for each generator at the fire department and road department for each generator system.

Mr. Jack Butler made a motion to go into executive session to discuss pending legal issues. Mr. Dave Yoder seconded the motion to go into executive session. Roll call vote:

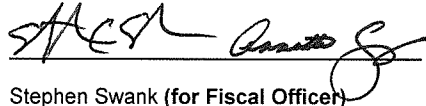
Mr. Butler – Yes
Mr. Yoder – Yes
Mr. Swank – Yes

Township Trustees in executive session at 8:47 PM.

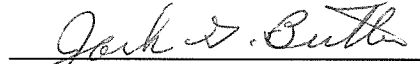
Township Trustees back in regular session at 9:17 PM

With no further action from executive session or any further township business, Mr. Stephen Swank made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jack Butler seconded the motion and the motion carried with the meeting ending at 9:20 PM.

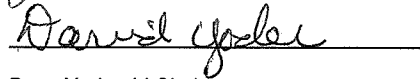
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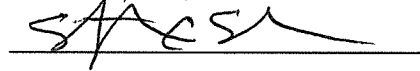
Stephen Swank (for Fiscal Officer)



Jack Butler, Chair



Dave Yoder, V-Chair



Stephen Swank, Trustee