

Walnut Township Trustees Meeting

December 2, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. Trustees Doug Leith, William Yates and Terry Horn were present.

The minutes for November 18th were submitted for approval. Trustee Leith made a motion to approve the minutes with noted changes. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn made a motion to approve checks 24550 through 24562, and EFT 2014-795 through EFT 2014-827, after being certified that funds are available and appropriations have been made by Fiscal Officer Kraner. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Comments from the floor

There were no comments.

Department Reports

Chief Hite – Thurston Walnut Township Fire Department – There are 6 new volunteers that will be presented to the Thurston Council for approval. The handling of Ebola cases continues to be discussed. A Knox lockbox will be put on the new water facility in Thurston and will be requested to be on all new commercial buildings. If the department needs to have a road plowed or salt applied, they should contact Tim directly. Chief Hite discussed that he would like to give the firefighters a \$.50/hour raise in 2015.

Kevin Clouse – Zoning Inspector – There will be a BZA hearing to join three parcels at Fairfield Beach into one. Mike and Tim checked the drainage on the property. The two existing sheds will be removed.

Trustee Horn made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing regarding the rezoning request 14-60 for Richard Reinhart on December 16th at 7:00 PM. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Tim Morris – Road Supervisor – There was storm damage on three of the townships buildings. Doug Harkins will be repairing the damage and the claim will be submitted to the insurance company. There is a \$500 deductible.

To follow-up previous discussion regarding the storm drop placement on Bob Myers property on South Bank Rd; refer all questions to the Fairfield County Engineer's office.

Old Business

Trustee Horn received a response from AEP's counsel with an offer of \$56,543.92. Trustee Yates made a motion to accept the reimbursement of \$56,543.92, for restitution for damages on Blacklick Road, with the noted changes to read 'Walnut Township'. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

There was discussion regarding the Noise Resolution for Walnut Township and whether the penalty for a violation should be updated to a Second Degree Misdemeanor as permitted by ORC 505.172. This would require the person with the violation to go to Municipal Court. Trustee Horn made a motion to revise the penalty to a Second Degree Misdemeanor. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

New Business

Trustee Leith discussed the annexation request for the Dollar General proposed site with Pleasantville's mayor, Jack Widner. He doesn't feel that the Pleasantville counsel would agree to providing the water unless the property is annexed into Pleasantville. Pleasantville does have a 1% income tax. Trustee Horn made a motion to agree to the annexation of 2.1172 acres by the Village of Pleasantville. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. Kevin Clouse, Zoning Inspector, signed off on the map stating that is was consistent with the current zoning. Tim will make arrangements for the documents to be picked up.

Trustee Leith drafted a mailbox policy to cover any situations where a mailbox is damaged during snow removal or road salting. Trustee Horn made a motion to adopt the Mailbox Policy with any minor revisions by Trustee Leith. Trustee Yates seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

At 8:48 PM, Trustee Leith made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Lynn Kraner, Fiscal Officer

William Yates, Chairman

Terry Horn

Doug Leith