

Walnut Township Trustees Meeting

November 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Trustees Doug Leith, William Yates and Terry Horn were present.

The minutes for November 4th 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.

Fiscal Officer Kraner followed up on the credit card and found that the card was not activated. Kraner contacted Frank Gates and the payment was processed.

Trustee Horn made a motion to approve checks 24527 through 24549, and EFT 2014-762 through EFT 2014-789, 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.

Chief Hite requested a copy of the Thurston Walnut Township Fire Department Budget for 2014, Fiscal Officer Kraner will forward.

Comments from the floor

Matt Johnson, attorney on behalf of GBT Realty, presented information regarding a commercial development for Dollar General. The property is currently in Walnut Township; however, they are planning to annex the property into Pleasantville. Attorney Roy Hart was also present and represents the Lighthouse Memorial Church. They are the owners of the 19 acre parcel; the church only wishes for 2 acres to be annexed. GBT Realty plans to have the store built by May 2015, it will employ 10 – 15 people and is expected to generate \$1M in sales per year.

Trustee Horn raised the question as to whether the only issue is the current zoning on the property because the township could rezone the property for commercial use. The trustees all agreed that it is the desire of the township to keep the property in the

township. Trustee Leith will contact the Mayor of Pleasantville to see if there would be any obstacles if the property was rezoned instead of annexed.

Department Reports

Kevin Clouse – Zoning Inspector – There are three new projects – a house at Northpoint, a walk-in cooler at Fast Max and an addition on West Bank. Kevin will be sending the list of permits for 2014 to Josh Harper, in the State of Ohio auditor’s office, at the end of the year.

The Zoning Commission approved the rezoning of application 14-60 from B2 to R2.

There was a discussion regarding the rezoning of all B2 properties to RMU. Kevin will be completing the paperwork for the rezoning.

There was a discussion regarding the mini-horse that is used in therapy. The horse only stands 29” high.

An additional topic for possible revision in the Zoning Resolution – to allow destroyed homes to be rebuilt without a variance.

The terms for Bob Ball and Alan Turnbull are up at the end of the year, Trustee Horn will check to see if they will be staying on for another term.

Old Business

Trustee Horn has not received a response from AEP’s counsel regarding the township’s counter proposal.

The noise resolution was updated in May 2014. Fiscal Officer Kraner will forward copies to Zoning Inspector Clouse and Trustee Horn.

The road and equipment list prepared by Tim will be discussed at a future meeting.

There state legislature is discussing regarding the possibility of funding being increased to townships.

The possibility of adding a levy to the next ballot will be discussed at the December 2nd meeting. Two of the parameters of the levy will be that the funds will go into the road and bridge fund and the term of the levy will be 5 years. Trustee Yates will check with Ed Laramie to see what would be generated.

The trustees executed the letter to the Village of Buckeye Lake regarding not providing salt after the 2014 – 2015 season.

New Business

The GIS/Accuglobe update was received. Trustee Horn reminded everyone that the updater should be run periodically to have access to the most recent version.

There was a discussion regarding the 2015 fees for EMS services. Trustee Horn made a motion to increase the fees by the Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF) of 1.4% across the board. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Donald Bender has not made the agreed upon payments for the Asbestos Testing that was completed on his property located at 13050 Shell Beach Rd. Trustee Horn made a motion to place the balance owed for the asbestos testing as a special assessment on the property taxes. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The Ohio Township Association (OTA) winter conference is January 29th and 30th. There will be a Public Records training class on January 28th that Trustees Leith and Horn will attend. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve covering the cost of the OTA winter conference for the Trustees and the Roadworkers. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Leith mentioned the creation of a policy for damage to mailboxes. He will work on a policy and present at the next meeting.

With the increase in medical insurance premiums for employees, it was stated that the reimbursement for premiums is up to \$500/month. All employees requesting reimbursement should provide proof of premium amount to the Fiscal Officer.

Fiscal Officer Kraner has requested renewal information on the Dental, Vision, Medical and Life Insurance plans and a breakdown of who is currently covered.

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