

Walnut Township Trustees Meeting

September 2, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM. Trustees Doug Leith, William Yates and Terry Horn were present.

The minutes for August 19th 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.

The audit results for 2012 – 2013 were discussed. There were three areas that were discussed – A trustee timesheet was not located in the files but the time was divided between funds; the proceeds of a debt issuance was not recorded; and the amount on the amended certificate was \$1,000 more than the amount in the UAN system. The after audit documents were signed by Trustee Yates and Fiscal Officer Kraner.

The Rates and Amounts from the Fairfield County Budget Commission were presented for approval. Trustee Yates moved to pass **Resolution 14-12** to approve the Rates and Amounts as presented by the Fairfield County Budget Commission. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. All three copies of the document were executed.

A letter was received from the Lancaster Fairfield County Public Transit requesting support for 2015. The trustees stated it is a wonderful cause but the township doesn't have funds available.

A certified letter was received from Frontier regarding damage to a 12 pair buried frontier cable and pedestal while mowing on Wollard. Trustee Yates will follow-up with the Prosecutor's Office and notify the insurance company.

Trustee Horn made a motion to approve checks 24443 through 24458, and EFT 2014-571 through EFT 2014-602, 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

Billie Tender, 5300 Lakeshore requested information about her demolition request. Trustee Horn stated that her property had not met the requirements for demolition prior to the end of the 2014 program, but that additional funds are expected to become available. Her structure will need to be deemed structurally unsound and condemned by the Health Department or the Millersport Fire Chief.

There was a discussion regarding possible broken tile from the storm sewer under the road to Harold and Rose Clark's dock. Tim, the Road Supervisor, will be sent to check this out.

Ms. Tender asked if they can tear down the cottage at 5300 Lakeshore and rebuild. It was recommended that she check with the Zoning Inspector in order to clarify what the requirements to rebuild would be.

She also asked if there were any sources for free dirt as they need would like to fill in the low spots of the property.

Department Reports

Millersport Fire Department – Chief Bob Price – The new Fire Engine was put into service this week and the 2 new pieces of thermal-imaging equipment were received. The department is coming to end of their grant to purchase turn out gear. They did purchase 6 sets this year and sent out the old sets to be repaired and updated. Instead of a booth at the Corn Festival this year, they did a fund drive, this allowed them to have additional crew available during the festival for runs. They are looking to upgrade or replace the fire pump and boat. They tried out an airboat at an approximate cost of \$50K, but special training would be required to drive it which would increase the expense. An Open House will be held on October 4th to dedicate the new Engine.

Thurston Walnut Township Fire Department – Chief Hite- Chief Hite has three new part-time employees to recommend for hiring – Angela Rader, Kyle Hyer and Taylor Smith. All have met the qualifications and completed their training. The department has obtained a credit card which allows them to make purchases without using personal funds. A draft of

their new Drug and Alcohol Guidelines were submitted to the Trustees for review and input. The Hunter Barber Memorial will be on September 13th.

Trustee Leith made a motion to approve the hiring of the above named part-time firefighters. Trustee Horn seconded the motion, the motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Old Business

The Blacklick road paving is moving forward, the videotaping is not completed as far as the Trustees know.

Trustee Horn prepared a letter in response to AEP's proposed compensation of \$17K for damage to Blacklick Rd. The letter was executed by the Trustees and requests compensation of \$96,056 for the damages to Blacklick Rd.

There is a limb over the Hoffman house at Taylor and South Bank. Tim will go out and decide if the tree needs to be trimmed or removed.

There is a meeting with Solid Waste to do an inventory at 8:00 am. Tim will handle this meeting for the township.

Kevin Clouse – Zoning Inspector - Kevin currently is working on 3 rezoning applications and 3 variance applications. He reviewed the building plans for the rebuilding of the fire destroyed home on Sellers. They will need to have 5' setbacks as the current Zoning Resolution code requires. They do have the flood plain application into the county.

New Business

There is a growing concern regarding the building that housed the Smitty's restaurant because it is not secure.

There will be a \$642K grant available for the demolition of properties in Fairfield County. There were 6 properties named by address that could be demolished, if meet the qualifications, in Walnut Township.

Cox Paving has not written the check to compensate the owner's of the property at 8800 High St for the closing and sealing of the well at this property during demolition. Everything else has been completed by Cox Paving.

A resolution is required for the Cherry Lane Phase III application. Trustee Leith moved to pass Resolution 14-13 to approve the Fairfield County Engineer's office to rebid the Cherry Lane Phase III with the approval of issue 2 funding. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Kevin Clouse has a contact at the gas company who would be willing to drive around Walnut township and indicate the location of gas lines.

At 9:25 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