

## Walnut Township Trustees Meeting

February 3, 2015

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

Trustee Leith made a motion to approve checks 24615 through 24631 and EFTS – 2015-29 through 2015-67, after being certified that funds are available and appropriations have been made by Fiscal Officer Kraner. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

### **Comments**

There were no comments from the floor.

### **Department Reports**

**Chief Hite – Thurston Walnut Township Fire Department** – Chief Hite presented new part-time firefighter Nick Nickoloff and two address updates. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the hiring of Nick and the address changes. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes. Chief Hite requested a copy of the w-4 form for 2015.

Engine 622 was listed for sale but the minimum of \$12,000 was not met.

**Tim Morris – Road Supervisor** – The cold mix is not working to patch the potholes. Osborn Associates has a product called Permapatch All Season. The cost is \$12/60 lb. bag or approximately \$700 per skid. Tim is requesting approval to purchase a skid. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the purchase of a skid of Permapatch All Season. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

OTARMA is offering a \$500 safety grant again this year. Tim would like to purchase reflective winter coats, t-shirts and sweatshirts. Trustee Horn made a motion to purchase

the safety clothing with the grant funds. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

There is a recall on Truck #2 – 2011 F550 – for the exhaust system sensor. Tim checked and the work can be completed after the winter season.

***Sergeant Hendershot from the Fairfield County Sheriff's office*** was present. There were 31 residents signed up for the latest Community Watch training. The K-9 unit did 60 sniffs in 2014. They had 88 participants in their Self-Defense class. There will 3 more classes in 2015 – in Canal Winchester, Violet Township and Lancaster.

There was a discussion regarding the Noise Resolution. Currently nine of the townships in Fairfield County have noise resolutions – all of which are different. He would like to see a standardized noise resolution to ease the enforcement by the deputies. He is going to review all the resolutions and propose a version that incorporates the best of the resolutions.

Trustee Leith asked about the possibility of dividing calls into sectors. Hendershot stated that there are only 3 dispatchers so that would be difficult.

### **Old Business**

The Resolution of Necessity needs to be certified by the Board of Elections and the verbiage approved.

The Deep Cut street sign at the corner of Deep Cut and St. Rt. 37 has been replaced by the township. It has been determined that the township is responsible for replacement of signs at state intersections.

### **New Business**

Kevin Clouse introduced himself and shared brief information about the background for sending out letters to the property owners located in the area of Fairfield Beach where the township is proposing changing the zoning from B2 to RMU.

Jim Applegate spoke of his support of the change because currently he cannot build a garage on his property.

Wayne Purdy operates a business on his property and he is here to gather information about the proposed change.

Cary Gringer would like to see the zoning changed to residential.

Owen Rickel wants the zoning to remain as it is.

This application was filed by the township at the recommendation of the RPC. There are two items pending in the Zoning Resolution for RMU – adding information regarding accessory buildings and irregular lots.

Other items that are in the process are the rezoning of Custer's Point and the zoning of the State Parks in Walnut Township.

Kevin will follow-up with RPC regarding the rezoning of the Zimmerman property at Custer's Point from B2 to RMU due to the property being 37 little lots.

Mr. Loudon is the RPC intern who is researching state park zoning.

A draft of the proposed language change for RMU will be sent to Holly and James at RPC.

There was discussion regarding the definition of grandfathering and a definition of what activities could take place in RMU.

A notice will be placed in the Beacon concerning the meeting regarding the proposed change from B2 to RMU.

It is time to get the letters sent out regarding the boat docks on Leib's Island.

Trustee Leith is meeting with Mary Boring, Mayor of Thurston, regarding the changing of the bill payment and volunteer payroll, for the Thurston Walnut Township Fire Department from the village to the township.

At 8:55 PM, Trustee Leith made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

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Lynn Kraner, Fiscal Officer

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William Yates, Chairman

Terry Horn

Doug Leith