

Walnut Township Trustees Meeting

August 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Trustees Doug Leith, William Yates and Terry Horn were present.

Comments from the floor –

There were no comments.

The minutes for the July 7th Public Hearing for the Budget for 2016 for Walnut Township were distributed and reviewed for accuracy.

The minutes for the July 7th regular meeting were distributed for review. Trustee Horn made a motion to accept the minutes with the noted changes. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

The minutes for the July 21st regular meeting were distributed for review. Trustee Leith made a motion to accept the minutes with the noted changes. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Trustee Horn acknowledged the receipt of the Cash Summary by Fund, Payment Listing, Fund Status and Appropriation Summary by the trustees.

Fiscal Officer Kraner attended the Fairfield County budget meeting on August 3rd. There will be an increase in funds for the general fund by approximately \$2,000 in 2016. The board did ask about the Road and Bridge levy that the township had been working on. They were told that due to the issues with Buckeye Lake and the school levy; that the township decided not to pursue it at this time.

Trustee Horn made a motion to approve checks 24810 through 24822, and EFT 2015-500 through EFT 2015-535, 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.

Ron Sharp at the Millersport Hardware has requested a detailed listing of invoices paid by the recent check.

Department Reports

Firefighter John Layton – Thurston Walnut Township Fire Department – There was a discussion regarding the Kitchen and Supply fund that the fire department has and how the funds could be collected from the paychecks. It can be either a percentage of the amount earned each paycheck or a set amount. The funds could then be paid to the fire department on a monthly or quarterly basis.

They are currently working on a Firehouse grant.

They will have a fundraiser on August 15th that will be a photo session. For each \$20 contribution they will receive an 8 x 10 photo. They believe this has raised \$1,200 so far.

Kevin Clouse, Zoning Inspector – The hearing for the Needs Farm will be on August 18th; the letters have gone out and the ads have been placed.

There was a complaint regarding 13050 Shell Beach Road regarding sewage and trash. Jennifer Valentine from the Health Department inspected the site and stated the sewer is connected so they have no concerns.

The latest rolloff has been removed without a new one replacing it. After discussion, it was decided that Kevin will go back out to the property and speak with the property owner – Theresa. Additionally, he will send a letter requiring them to show progress and contact Jennifer Valentine again.

Mike King – Recycling – No problems

Tim Morris – Road Supervisor – The tractor is finally back. There is nothing new on the status of the grant.

An ad has been placed in the paper regarding a Mowing Contract. A special meeting will be held on August 13th at 3:30 pm to review the proposals.

All the roads that will be repaved by Shelly have been prepped. There are still trees at Lakeside that need to be trimmed. They are currently working on South Bank and Summerland beach with the durapatcher. They are working on mowing the entire township prior to the Sweet Corn Festival.

Old Business

There was a discussion regarding Health care. The Ohio Attorney General issued Opinion 2015-021 on the topic of reimbursing employees for premiums for medical insurance. Fiscal Officer Kraner will email Jason Dolin to see if he also interprets the Ohio Attorney General's opinion to state that the township can continue to reimburse for medical insurance premiums in order to save the township funds the township went to reimbursement because it saves over \$100,000 per year of township funds.

Fiscal Officer Kraner is working on the Records Retention and the Ohio Checkbook.

New Business

Trustee Horn, Kevin Clouse and John Albers met with a representative of the Village of Baltimore to share ideas and lay out possibilities of potential JEDD's; they were seeking to check the level of interest Baltimore would have in creating a JEDD.

Mike Berry was presented as a possible Zoning Commission alternate by Trustee Leith. Trustee Leith made a motion to approve Mike Berry as the Zoning Commission alternate for a 5 year period. Trustee Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

At 8:13 PM, Trustee Horn made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Lynn Kraner, Fiscal Officer

William Yates, Chairman

Terry Horn

Doug Leith