

## Walnut Township Trustees Meeting

October 6, 2015

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

The minutes for September 1<sup>st</sup> 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 minutes for September 15<sup>th</sup> were submitted for approval. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the minutes with noted changes. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

Fiscal Officer Kraner provided an update to the Trustees regarding the payroll issue with the Thurston Walnut Township Fire Department. On the previous payroll, the wrong spreadsheet was provided to F.O. Kraner. Once the issue was discovered, the correct spreadsheet was forwarded and the firefighters who were underpaid received a paycheck to make up the difference. For the firefighters that were overpaid, the amount was deducted from the current payroll. There are still several firefighters who have been overpaid; F.O. Kraner will continue to deduct from future paychecks until all overpayments are recovered.

The revenue that the Fire Fund has received in 2015 is greater than the approved budget for 2015. Fiscal Officer Kraner is requesting a motion to increase the revenue and appropriations for the Fire Fund – 2191 – to be increased by \$125,000 for 2015. In 2016, the revenue and appropriation numbers are higher than the 2015 numbers. Trustee Horn made a motion to increase the revenue and appropriations for the Fire Fund by \$125,000. Trustee Leith 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.

Trustee Leith made a motion to approve checks 24861 through 24894, and EFT 2015-661 through EFT 2015-734, 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 from the floor –

There were no comments.

**Department Reports**

**Chief Price – Millersport Fire Department** – Chief Price brought the new Lucas device, a mechanical CPR device, to the meeting to provide a demonstration of the equipment.

They have had 720 fire and emergency runs in 2015.

Chief Price has continued to have a discussion with ODNR over his concern regarding the proposed 6 foot fence that will be placed along the West Bank and North Bank of Buckeye Lake. He believes that they will be able to work out a compromise that will not obstruct a lake side or dam rescue.

Chief Price has instituted a one hour daily training at the station. Thurston Walnut Township Fire Department is also attending as their schedule permits. He feels that they are already seeing the benefit of the training at their department.

Chief Price also mentioned upcoming expenditures for the Millersport Fire Department. In the spring of 2017 they will be looking to replace medic 631. They will also be looking to remodel the station at Fairfield Beach. When that station was originally built it was not intended to be a live-in station.

There has also been discussion about potential use of Ballard Lane at West Bank during dam construction. It is thought that if this occurs, the county will bring the lane up to the county standard and then turn the road over to Walnut Township to maintain.

**Kevin Clouse, Zoning Inspector** – There was a BZA hearing to review the variance request of the Buckeye Lake Winery to place signs at 204 and Shell Beach road. The BZA approved the variance.

Randy Quillian might have an alternate for the Zoning Commission. Trustee Leith will forward Mike Berry's contact information to Kevin.

The two BZ board members whose terms end on December 31, 2015 are Dave Farrell and Roger Kilbarger.

There have been 71 permits in 2015. This is down slightly and might be attributed to minimal permits on the lake properties.

There have been several nuisance complaints in the last two weeks regarding clutter and trash. After contact with the property owners, Kevin is seeing progress on clean-up.

There is now an application for Business/Commercial zoning permits. The generic form was updated to indicate the requirement for the Knox Box and the fire chiefs names and number, along with the industrial compliance information was added.

**Mike – Recycling** - No problems currently.

There are two trucks that need repairs; Truck 6 needs a fuel sensor and Truck 5 needs a crank shaft sensor.

Mike is currently mowing the roads.

### **Old Business**

Fiscal Officer Kraner received notification that Aetna is not continuing the current plan that Tim and F.O. Kraner are on.

Trustee Yates requested that the current cost of the medical insurance be sent to the trustees. He requested that Fiscal Officer Kraner check the possibility of increasing the life insurance from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

Trustee Horn requested copies of the medical insurance resolutions be forwarded to the trustees. Trustee Horn stated Tim Morris might be the only township worker on township medical insurance effective January 1, 2016. Fiscal Officer Kraner is currently on the township medical plan and stated she plans to remain on the plan because she has no other options for medical insurance.

The township's copy of the completed Cherry Lane Phase III application for Issue 2 funds was received.

Tim will email copies of the salt contract for the other municipalities to the trustees. At this time, Thurston has not decided whether the township will be plowing and salting or whether Thurston will hiring a new driver to do their plowing and salting.

The township received information regarding the salt settlement from the state. According to the email received from Heidi Fought, the township will receive in excess of \$8,600.

### **New Business**

Rushcreek Township has contacted Tim Morris regarding purchasing emulsion from the township. The previous amount quoted to Pleasant Township was \$2.17/gallon and an addition \$.13/gallon for the cost of electricity to maintain the liquidity of the emulsion. Trustee Horn made a motion to approve the sale of emulsion of to Rushcreek Township. Trustee Leith seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 yes votes.

There has been a request to put a speed limit sign on Grove Road at Fairfield Beach. There was a discussion regarding what the process is to put up speed limit signs. How many signs will be needed? Does a traffic study need to be completed? Does this set precedence for all roads at Fairfield Beach without speed limit signs? The topic was tabled until the next meeting.

There was a discussion regarding tree trimming. The current purchase order has \$3,600 remaining for 2015.

Trustee Horn is trying to reach the Thurston council to discuss economic development.

The Trustees need to reappoint the BZA and ZC members.

Trustee Yates asked what needs to be done for the bonding for himself and Fiscal Officer Kraner as they are running for re-election unopposed.

At 8:35 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