

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

May 11, 2020

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present was Frank Renn, Misty Bruser, Mitch Bruser, Cindy Cassell, Les Smith and Emily Supinger

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mr. Hinson.

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"

Department Reports: Due to the corona virus situation the fire department, maintenance department and deputies reports were all submitted in writing and are on file.

Misty Bruser spoke to the trustees about her property at 2811 SR 132 that she has power of attorney over. She is trying to sell it but found out it has liens on it. The title for the vehicle on the property has been lost and a new one cannot be obtained until the BMV reopens. Quotes are being obtained to demolish the house on the property. There was discussion by the trustees to allow more time for cleaning up the property as some progress has been made recently. Mr. Hinson asked them to keep the grass mowed while they are cleaning up the property. The consensus of the trustees was to allow another month for cleanup and re-evaluate the progress.

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file): Reported many trips to Lazy Daze campground to address various complaints by various owners. Ms. Niehaus asked about the numerous cars and boats at 2975 SR 132; Les reported that the BMV is investigating the property and that the property is zoned business. Ms. Niehaus asked if Larry Bramlage is still willing to scan the zoning resolution book; Les Smith will ask him. Emily Supinger noted that it would also be beneficial if the zoning resolution book were re-typed in word format for editing purposes. Bill Gilpin will follow up on having it typed. Mr. Vogelsang asked Les Smith if he was still having trouble gaining access at the Lazy Daze campgrounds; Emily Supinger reported that she spoke with Les Smith about communicating better with the property owners about gaining access. Mr. Vogelsang noted that the trustees will need to replace Bob McInturf on the zoning commission when he moves out of the township in the near future.

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Cindy Cassell reported that she has 4H volunteers that are willing to clean up the township park. Mr. Vogelsang noted that the cemeteries could possibly use some clean up too. Mr. Hinson will get with Dave O'Connor to co-ordinate and get back with her.

Emily Niehaus asked about the drainage issues on Petri Drive. It was noted that the township is responsible for the drainage in the right of way as it accepted the road from the county many years ago.

OLD BUSINESS:

Website Maintenance: Ms. Niehaus indicated her preference for moving forward with contracting with Will Menz of MenzMultimedia for website development and maintenance. An agreement for services was reviewed.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to contract with Menz Multimedia for website development in the amount of \$2,999 and maintenance of \$40 per month, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

2020 Road Paving Program: Bill Gilpin reported speaking with Roberts Paving following last month's meeting but have not heard from them since; will contact them about getting the contract signed.

COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Niehaus reported on a request received from the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program requesting the township's consent for Samarian Cemetery to be included in the National Park Service National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. The consensus of the board of trustees was to participate in the program.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to participate with the National Park Service designating Samarian Cemetery to be included in the National Network to Freedom, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

NEW BUSINESS:

Local Government Fund Distribution Formula Resolution: Bill Gilpin reviewed the resolution proposed by the county township association for local government distribution, being the same as last year except advancing to the second year phase-in of revenue formula changes.

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-46, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"

Nuisance Resolution for 2811SR 132: Emily Supinger suggested tabling the resolution indefinitely and monitoring the cleanup progression.

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Ms. Niehaus made a motion to table Resolution 2020-47 indefinitely, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”

2021 Tax Budget Public Hearing: Bill Gilpin reported the need to schedule the 2021 tax budget public hearing and suggested it be held on July 13, 2020 at 6pm prior to the regular monthly meeting.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to hold the 2021 tax budget hearing on July 13, 2020 at 6pm, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”

Township Hall Discussion: Mr. Hinson reported that all township hall reservations through May have been canceled and asked for input on when or whether to reopen the hall. Emily Supinger suggested keeping it closed until the state approves gatherings of larger groups of people; it was also noted that Mr. Hinson has the authority to reopen the hall at his discretion as long as the state guidelines are followed.

CARES Act Resolution: Emily Supinger explained the parameters of the proposed program that requires adoption of the resolution in order to participate in the program.

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-49, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”

Ms. Niehaus asked Mr. Hinson if he had checked further on installing permanent cornhole games in the township park. Mr. Hinson responded no since no further county township association meetings have taken place.

Mr. Vogelsang noted that there is still interest in having a pickle ball court striped on the tennis courts. Mr. Hinson replied that the tennis courts need to be repaired before anything further can be done.

Ms. Niehaus reported that her husband has volunteered to take pictures for the new website.

Mr. Vogelsang asked Cindy Cassell to report on the farm bureau meeting. Cindy Cassell reported that the farm bureau is asking for restrictions to be reduced on direct farmer to consumer sales to assist with local farming operations.

Fund balances were discussed.

The following were read and approved with warrants written for same: (payment summary on following page).

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to adjourn at 7:34pm, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”