

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

*Minutes of*

**Greenfield Township Trustees**

*Meeting*

*Held 7:00 PM  
2-10-16*

The Greenfield Township Trustees met in regular session at the firehouse. Dave Cotner called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Cotner, Lonnie Kosch, and John Reef were present. After each Trustee had reviewed the minutes from the 1-27-16 meeting, John moved to approve the minutes; Lonnie seconded, and all voted yes. After each Trustee had reviewed the minutes from the 2-1-16 meeting, Lonnie moved to approve the minutes; John seconded, and all voted yes. After each Trustee had reviewed the minutes from the 2-9-16 meeting, John moved to approve the minutes; Dave seconded, and all voted yes.

## **FROM THE FLOOR**

Scott Hall asked about the township Noise Ordinance and whether it was discussed with Prosecuting Attorney Jason Dolin. The trustees did not talk with Prosecutor Dolin in regards to the Noise Ordinance. Scott Hall stated that he was dismayed that the trustees did not take his complaint seriously about the Rockmill Brewery noise and other issues. Mr. Hall presented several signed complaints from other neighbors stating their complaints. Mr. Hall wants the noise complaints addressed and will forward the complaints to the Sheriff and the Prosecutor. Mr. Hall stated that Kevin Yeaman has stated several times that he doesn't think the Noise Ordinance is worth the paper it's written on. Mr. Hall is concerned that the Sheriff has been told not to enforce the noise ordinance by a representative of the township. Dave Cotner explained that during his tenure at Village of Carroll that he's found the Sheriff Deputy or Officer on duty enforces the noise ordinance as the officer sees fit. Mr. Hall asked if the township has any right to control noise at a commercial/business property. The trustees will review and find out. Mr. Hall wants to make sure the noise ordinance will apply to commercial/business properties.

## **ZONING BUSINESS**

The Zoning Secretary and Zoning Inspector position description were discussed between Kim Wickham and the trustees and has been tabled until there can be discussion with Gary Smith at the March 15, 2016 meeting at 6:00PM.

Peg stated that Bryan Searle has been the only interested applicant that is qualified for the Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals alternate positions that are open.

The Strohmeyer Property was discussed, and it was decided that Kevin needs to send a letter to Mr. Strohmeyer informing him that he will need to either remove his employees or apply for a conditional use within 30 days of notice.

The Parker Property was discussed, and it was determined that the Parkers need to apply for a variance due to building size. Kevin will send a letter to the Parkers stating that they need to apply for a variance within 30 days of notice. Further action on this will be decided by the Zoning Board of Appeals if it becomes necessary.

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Kevin suggested that the township refund the \$360.00 PUD fee to Rockmill Brewery. Dave made a motion to refund the fee, John seconded, Lonnie voted no.

John asked if the other trustees are aware of the term *ex parte* and its meaning. John wants to make sure that both Lonnie and Dave look into it and understand it. John stated that one of the Zoning Commission members received a letter from Scott Hall and distributed it to the commission members and that is not legal. John also stated that two trustees attended a Zoning Commission meeting, and that became part of the minutes, and that this cannot happen. Dave and Lonnie stated that they attended the meeting as residents and did not participate as township trustees.

Kevin asked about refunding Tracy Harding the \$800.00 she paid for the variance on Child Care A. John moved to refund the \$800.00, Dave seconded, Lonnie voted no.

The FCRPC Community Development Block Grant Program was discussed. Kevin suggested applying for funds to update the bathrooms in the Civic Center. The trustees agreed that it was good idea, and Kevin could pursue it.

Kim asked if Kevin was coming to the Zoning Commission meeting and Kevin stated no. This is tabled until discussion with Gary Smith.

Kim stated she is not comfortable with receiving payment for being a liaison between the Zoning Commission and the trustees. The trustees felt this should be discussed with Gary Smith. There was discussion of part-time hours for the Zoning Inspector.

Lonnie stated that at the OTA seminar they talked about Zoning Fees they are supposed to be approved each year. Lonnie made a motion to adopt the Zoning Fees from May 14, 2015 for 2016, John seconded, all voted yes.

Lonnie stated that the Zoning map does not have the church on it and asked if it is current and updated. Lonnie made a motion to check on the Zoning Map and make sure it's updated. Lonnie will work with Kevin to make sure updates are current, John seconded, all voted yes.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Chief Morris presented two verbal resignations, Joshua Ampsbaugh and Heath Meyer, John moved to accept the verbal resignations, Dave seconded, all voted yes.

Chief Morris has the trip scheduled to Sue Falls, SD next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday for the final truck inspection. John Schwinne and Corey Spires will be going and the Chief will not be going due to personal reasons. The Chief invited one of the trustees to go if they would like, no one thought they were available.

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Chief Morris asked how the trustees felt about the discussion of the Chiefs replacement. Dave stated he is still reviewing the possibilities with Ohio Fireman’s Fire Chief’s Association. Chief Morris stated his last day is proposed to be April 22, 2016 he is willing to help for a while longer but he doesn’t want to stay too much longer on a full time basis. John made a motion to go with Ohio Fireman’s Fire Chief’s Association, #1 through #8, minus step #7; Dave seconded; all voted yes. Dave will contact the Ohio Fireman’s Fire Chief’s Association and discuss proceeding with the hiring process. Dave stated that the Chiefs position will be locally distributed and John Schwinne would have an equal opportunity to participate in the review process.

John wanted to make sure the two new trustees were aware that the township has an EBOLI squad. The Chief stated there has been watch cases even in the last month and this vehicle would be used if necessary. Chief Morris stated he feels it’s a good idea to keep it until the threat is no longer viable.

**ROAD AND CEMETERY DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

Tom discussed replacing one of the plow trucks soon. He has a 20 year old truck and a 16 year old truck.

Tom has a new truck from Brech Buhler Mack Trucks he’s interested in. This vehicle is part of the state bid. The purchase amount is \$145,000.00 Tom has talked with American Road Machinery and may be able to trim \$10,000.00 from that price by replacing the plow. Tom stated the money is available currently for this purchase in the Capital Project Fund, but he would prefer to finance the purchase to be able to keep the Capital Project Fund for future equipment needs. Tom feels the backhoe will need replaced in the next couple years. Tom discussed a lease purchase with 3.49% for five years, the lease purchase would allow for any mechanical problems with the truck to be covered. John asked Tom how much truck 5 is worth. Tom stated that it would sell for approximately \$30,000.00. An extended warranty can be purchased on the new vehicle. The trustees would like to see several different proposals prior to approval. Tom will get the proposals for review.

Tom talked about the 2016 Township Safety Sign Grant Application and feels that the township currently does not need signage upgrades due to the recent replacements.

Lonnie asked Tom about the trees that are currently in the Townships right of way and felt they should be removed due to liability issues. Lonnie suggested Tom get a price for removal of the trees from the right of way. The other trustees agreed. Tom will price the trees in the right of way and the additional trees he feels needs removed and provide a proposal to the trustees for review.

Lonnie discussed Cemetery fees and those were just recently updated and the trustees felt no changes were needed at this time.

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Lonnie made a motion to change the cemetery rules and remove the section that says no funerals on Sundays or Holidays, Dave seconded, all voted yes.

**FROM THE TRUSTEES**

John got a letter from Fairfield County Regional Planning in regards to the Stake Holder Committee for land use analysis and the possibility of the township participating for a comprehensive plan. The trustees will review and discuss this at the next meeting.

John discussed Minutes, Motions and Resolutions that was presented at the OTA conference. He stated Peggy should keep doing what she is doing.

John discussed Senate Bill 75. It's an Agriculture and Viticulture Bill, and he wanted the trustees to be aware of it. This bill permits any buildings or structures that are used primarily for Viticulture to be unregulated by zoning.

The meeting for the Rockmill Brewery PUD is scheduled for March 8, 2016, 7:00PM at the firehouse.

**FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER**

The Fiscal Officer passed various pieces of correspondence and the Financial Reports.

The trustees signed the Carroll Cemetery Deed for Gary Collins and Xantha Collins, Lot 191, Section E, Graves 1&2.

John moved, Dave seconded, and all voted yes to approve financial reports, and all Then & Now Purchase Orders.

Lonnie moved, Dave seconded, and all voted yes to pay the bills and the Payroll Electronic debit associated with warrants 30749 through 30778 listed on the attached Check Register.

Business concluded; meeting adjourned.

*John Reef*  
*Dave R. Cote*  
*Lonnie G. Hamel Jr*  
*Peggy Arnett*