

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Greenfield Township Trustees

Meeting

Held 7:00 PM

2-24-16

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 previous meeting, John moved to approve the minutes; Lonnie seconded, and all voted yes.

FROM THE FLOOR

Scott Hall discussed the previous minutes, and he said he was misquoted. The corrections are as follow. Mr. Hall stated that he was concerned about the sheriff being influenced as to whether or not the noise ordinance is legal and is to be enforced. Scott Hall stated that on several occasions in the December meetings that the inspector (Kevin Yeamans) expressed his opinion that the prosecutor and the Sheriff’s Department may not be interested in enforcing the noise ordinance. Mr. Hall stated that if the words came out of someone’s mouth that the noise ordinance was not worth paper it’s written on, it was not him. Mr. Hall feels the noise ordinance is just fine. Mr. Hall asked how he should distribute any letters for the Zoning Commission; the trustees stated it should be given to the office for distribution. Mr. Hall asked if the trustees had discussed the noise ordinance as its written now, and if they have the authority to regulate the noise on a property zoned commercial or business. Dave stated that the Prosecutor was so busy that he was not available to discuss this situation.

ZONING BUSINESS

Kevin Yeamans stated he is working on a couple permits.

Kevin distributed a letter from ch2m in regards to Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC gas line installation.

Kevin stated that the variance hearing was held on the Cupp’s property and it went very well. The ZBA did an outstanding job.

Dave discussed the dog barking issues and stated that the kennel license is distributed by the auditor’s office to anyone over 5 dogs. This is not a license for a kennel business, but for owners with multiple dogs. There is a tab on the auditor’s site in regards to barking dogs, to file complaints.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Chief Morris stated that due to Rosenbauer having to cancel the truck inspections last week, Rosenbauer flew out John and Corey at their expense to inspect the truck.

The Ohio Fire Chiefs’ Association was discussed and the proposal of \$3125.00 was included for review. Dave talked with several references in regards to the interview process and they were very happy with the results.

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ROAD AND CEMETERY DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Tom Shafer discussed the three proposals for the cemetery mower. Distinctive Truck is lower than state bid, \$5743.00 and the other two proposals. John made a motion to proceed with McGuire's Distinctive Truck, Dave seconded, all voted yes.

Tom talked with Eric McCrady at the County. They are currently doing a speed study for Bloom and, he stated it would be just as easy to include the small portion of Coonpath Road in the township to reduce the speed limit to 40mph. Kim Wickhim asked how you go about having a study done on a road. Tom told Kim to get with him and he would discuss the options with her.

Tom went ahead and ordered the last 150 tons of salt which is the balance of the allotment.

Tom discussed the final proposal from Brechbuhler Truck Sales for the truck in the amount of \$151,789.00. This includes all additions and warranty. Lonnie made a motion to purchase the truck and increase appropriations by \$85,000.00 from Capital Projects and the remaining \$66,789.00 in 03-B-04. Dave seconded; all voted yes see Resolution 2016 02 24 01R. One of the old trucks could be sold for approximately \$20,000.00 as a complete snow plow truck and will be held onto short term to make sure there are no issues. Tom stated that if we had to have this truck built next month it would be an additional \$3000.00.

FROM THE TRUSTEES

John asked about the maximum premium cost for participants in the United Healthcare Plan. John stated he thought the trustees had established a maximum of \$1200.00. Peg did not know, but will check minutes and let them know.

John asked about representing the trustees on the Stake Holder Committee at the Regional Planning Meeting to discuss the possibility of participating in the discussions for the Comprehensive Plan. The trustees agreed to have John be the representative.

John asked if the trustees wanted to discuss the fire contract. John made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the fire contract; Dave seconded, all voted yes. John moved to come out of executive session; Dave seconded; all voted yes. No action taken at this time. John asked about the contract being sent to the township with attorney client privilege on it.

John attended the State of the City address and there was discussion of a new fire house in the River Valley Project close to the new Tarhe School.

Jim Sabin, Editor of Eagle Gazette, contacted John about his interest in producing an article on Greenfield Township Trustees and Zoning Commission. John stated that Mr. Sabin has

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documentation that the trustees have done away with the Zoning Commission. Mr. Sabin has other documentation that the trustees would not allow the Zoning inspector to attend any more meetings. The trustees will take this under consideration.

Kim stated that Jim Beiter stated that the notice in the paper was not correct that was posted in the paper on the Rockmill Brewery and other items posted in the paper is incorrect. Kim said another item that was discussed that the Commission would like to call the Zoning Book the Zoning Code. Kim stated Mr. Hall was concerned about three minute time limits being set at the March 8, 2016 meeting. Kim stated that it was also discussed as to why signs posted throughout the township stated Zoned for your Protection. Kim stated that the one of the biggest issues with the Zoning Commission is that Kevin does not attend the Zoning Commission meetings.

John talked with Jeremiah Upp in regards to the Conservancy District and the Rockmill Dam on Mt. Zion Road. John stated that he and Jeremiah had discussed going to the prosecutor in regards to the Conservancy district flooding the roadway. John asked if the trustees want Jeremiah and John to pursue the discussion with prosecutor to eliminate the flooding by the Conservancy District. The trustees agreed it was a good idea to proceed.

John stated Fairfield Medical Center put on a wonderful presentation on a medical center that will be in the Village of Carroll.

Lonnie asked if Tom would provide a list roads that will be worked on. Tom stated he will have a list to distribute.

FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER

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

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

The trustees signed the deed for Carroll Cemetery Lot, Beverly Thorne Uther, Lot 32, Section E, Grave 1.

The trustees signed the deed for Carroll Cemetery Lot, Travis Heimlich, Lot 17, Section E, Graves 3, 4.

John moved, Dave seconded, and all voted yes to pay the bills and the Payroll Electronic debit associated with warrants 30779 through 30806 listed on the attached Check Register.

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Peg and Mary will be leaving at the end of November, and the hunt for suitable replacements should commence as soon as possible.

Business concluded; meeting adjourned.