

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Greenfield Township Trustees

Meeting

April 10, 2019
Held 7:00 PM

The Greenfield Township Trustees met in regular session at the firehouse. Kent Searle called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Cotner, Lonnie Kosch and Kent Searle were present.

After each Trustee reviewed the minutes from the meeting that was held March 27, 2019, Trustee Kosch made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: yes: Kosch: yes Searle: yes. Motion Passed 3-0.

Later in the meeting, Trustee Searle stated he just realized that he voted to approve the minutes from the March 27th meeting and he was not in attendance and should have abstained. The motion to accept the minutes passed with a 2-0 vote, Trustee Searle abstaining.

FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER

Fiscal Officer Wyne advised that there has been an item that has been tabled since February. She stated that the Zoning Commission members have not been paid for a meeting that was held on February 19 which was not posted and the draft meeting minutes that were sent in, didn't show they discuss zoning changes and/or the zoning book. Trustee Searle advised that the Zoning Commission has always been paid for their meetings. Trustee Kosch asked if the meeting minutes were recorded, in which Wyne advised that the Zoning Commission doesn't record their meetings since the Trustees said that they don't have to. They quit taping the meeting the first of the year and advised that the recorder was broke. Zoning Commission member Jim Beiter advised that as long as he has been on the board, they have always held meetings at 6:00 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month. Trustee Cotner said that the Prosecutor's Office advised February 5 that there is no need for a monthly Zoning Commission meeting. Wyne also advised that the notice of the Zoning Commission meetings that had been posted on the website was removed November 30, 2018 after the Trustees advised at an earlier meeting that the Zoning Commission is not to hold monthly meetings. They were instructed that when a meeting is needed they are to email the Zoning Inspector and Fiscal Officer to have the meeting posted. The trustees feel that those members of the Zoning Commission that attended the meeting in February should be paid. Fiscal Officer Wyne said they will be paid next pay period.

Trustee Cotner stated he received an email that Jeff Bader has resigned from the Zoning Commission so they are down a member.

The Fiscal Officer passed various pieces of correspondence and the financial reports.

Trustee Cotner made a motion to approve the financial reports; Trustee Searle seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL Cotner: yes Kosch: yes Searle: yes. Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Cotner made a motion to pay the bills associated with warrants 32886 - 32913 and the electronic debits 32-2019 - 40-2019 and Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

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Fiscal Officer Wyne stated that we have an employee who needed to be cleared by their physician stating they were able to perform the duties and qualifications of their job. The employee was provided a copy of their position description to take to their physician to have the physician verify that the individual was able to perform those duties. The employee returned the signed position description. Fiscal Officer Wyne provided a copy to each of the trustees to see if the trustees were going to permit the employee to return. The doctor signed the last page saying he read the position description but never stated if the employee was released to perform these duties. Trustees Kosch felt the doctor needs to write a statement saying he is cleared to return to work and perform the duties described in the job description. After discussion the trustees agreed the doctor needs to state in writing the employee is cleared to come back to work. The Trustees advised Tom to get with the employee.

Fairfield County Engineer’s Office is holding the Annual Township Trustee Meeting on April 25, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at their office.

Fairfield County OTA Fairfield County meeting is 6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 13 at Berne Township Firehouse (5872 Sugar Grove Road, Sugar Grove). The Prosecutor’s Office will be at the meeting talking about the Sunshine Law.

FLOOR

John Reef stated that on Monday, April 8, 2019 he walked in the township office around 9:45 a.m. and interrupted a trustee meeting. Trustee Cotner stated it was not a trustee meeting. John stated there were 27 pictures on the table and documents and you were talking about the cars in Dumontville and there were 2 trustees present. Trustee Cotner stated he came in to talk to Kevin. John asked Trustee Searle if he was there and Trustee Searle said he had also come into to speak to Kevin and Dave was already there. John stated we will just let the Ethics Committee decide.

John then asked if the Zoning Committee members were going to be paid for the meeting that was not advertised (February 19, 2019). Jim Beiter stated that according to the Rules of Procedure the Zoning Commission will have a meeting every 3rd Tuesday of each month. John Reef feels they shouldn’t be paid for a meeting that was not posted and the minutes didn’t show any zoning business. He stated he is going to bring it to the Ohio Ethics Commission.

John Reef attended the Greenfield Estates Homeowners Association meeting because he was interested in Jerimiah Upp’s presentation. Mr. Upp said it can cost up to \$760.00 per parcel and be assessed to clean them up and is will be sending out letters on some parcels. The 2nd part of the agenda for this meeting was about Greenfield Township trustees. It was questioned where the trustees were and why no one was in attendance. John let them know that one was wintering in Florida which brought up questions of what it is costing the taxpayers of Greenfield Township

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for a trustee to winter in Florida. Trustee Cotner stated he speaks to one of the residents a couple times a month and he was busy that night and could not attend.

Monty Hayes of 690 Mt. Zion Road NW talked about the conditions on Mt. Zion Rd. with the high water. Mr. Hayes has spoken with Jonathon Ferbrache of the Fairfield County Soil and Water District who has taken over some of the duties of the Hunters Run Conservancy District and has cleared the out flow of the dam. Mr. Hayes showed pictures of the inlet after they cleared logs and debris. Mr. Hayes said that Mr. Ferbrache is working on trying to get with the Army Corps of Engineers because they are responsible for that roadway, lake and the basin for the dam. It will take a lot of money as the out flow is starting to need repair. Mr. Hayes thanked Tom for working on the road so much but questioned why the high-water signs were being left up when the water isn't over the road. Tom said he left them up because of the silt on the road which can be very slippery, so it was a precaution.

Mr. Jeffrey Fix, Fairfield County Commissioner stated he was in attendance to hear what is going on in the township and he is planning on attending all 13 townships in Fairfield County. He stated the commissioners are discussing the Hunters Run Conservancy District and Fairfield Soil and Water did step in to help out on Mt. Zion Road after being contacted by Mr. Ferbrache because of the bad conditions, but it was only a one-time deal. Hunters Run is in need of new leadership, people to be on the board and they also need financial resources. We are aware of all that and trying to recruit the right people, if anyone knows of anyone or if you want to help, please let us know. Mr. Fix said he is planning on being at the OTA meeting Saturday night and will be talking about a coalition of townships to get more things accomplished.

ZONING DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Kevin passed out the fee and permit report.

Kevin started using the new orange permit cards which are printed in house to save money.

Kevin stated he has a folder on the junk cars on 158 and it encompasses 4 parcels. Trustee Cotner contacted Julie with Brosius Law Firm and she is free Friday at 1:00 to meet. Trustee Searle advised he was not available at 1:00 p.m. but could do 12:00 p.m. Trustee Cotner will contact Julie to see if it could be 12:00. Trustee Cotner made the motion to meet with Julie of Brosius Law Firm to go over the packet for the cars on 158 at noon on Friday, April 12 at 12:00 p.m., seconded by Trustee Kosch.

ROLL CALL Cotner: yes Kosch: yes Searle: yes Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Kosch said he had been calling around on software for zoning. He talked to the company that bought out Zone Pro and they will transfer everything over and it is a \$1900.00 annual fee and they will work with you to get it set up. Trustee Kosch made a motion to go with this company, Trustee Cotner seconded.

ROLL CALL Cotner: yes Kosch: yes Searle: yes Motion Passed 3-0

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Trustee Kosch stated the zoning book is incorrect as it lists Robert Paulus and since he resigned, he doesn't feel he should be listed and Jeff Bader needs added since he had been appointed. Trustee Searle feels that we need to find out the date the book was approved and whoever was on the commission at that time needs to be listed and then Kevin is to make that change.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Chief Smith attended a community paramedic class last week which trained on how to follow up with people after they get home from the hospital, to check on them and make sure they are taking their meds or have any other needs.

Our new engine rescue is being worked on. We noticed it had an oil leak, took it to Cummings in Hilliard and they said it was a head gasket seal issue and it is being worked on. It is under warranty so all we will have to pay is the \$100 deductible.

Chief Smith said he attended the Blue Coat Awards. Firefighters Tobin and Osterman were nominated for paramedics of the year. It was a nice recognition for them.

Chief Smith stated the Fiscal Officer should be receiving a check from the MARCS radio grant shortly. He passed out a breakdown of what the grant covered and what the department will have to cover which will be about \$10,000.00 but the entire cost was \$60,000.00. Trustee Searle made a motion to pay the \$10,668.74 cost, seconded by Trustee Kosch.

ROLL CALL Cotner: yes Kosch: yes Searle: yes. Motion Passed 3-0

On our back up to a backup medic (Medic 563), we were contacted by a company who found someone interested in buying Medic 563 who gave us a figure of around \$10,000.00 and there is also another fire department interested plus the Road Department expressed interest. I would not feel right charging the road department the \$10,000.00 so he asked for guidance from the trustees. Trustee Cotner feels we should get the most money we can for it. Trustee Kosch feels the same. Tom said he wanted to take the box off the back and put a dump bed on the back. He will need to spend about \$15,000.00 for the upgrade and he would have to buy another truck in about 2 years for approximately \$80,000.00. Trustee Kosch advised Tom to get figures on the cost. Tabled for more information.

John Reef asked the Chief how the spaghetti dinner went. Chief stated it went well and the little girl was able to attend the dinner. Chief thinks there is a motorcycle rally also being planned to help the family. Chief thanked all that showed up.

ROAD AND CEMETERY DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

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Tom has the chip seal agreement with Liberty to be signed. All the verbiage and rates are the same as last year. Trustee Kosch made a motion to approve Resolution 2019 04 10 01, with Trustee Cotner seconding.

ROLL CALL Cotner: yes Kosch: yes Searle: yes. Motion Passed 3-0

Tom has submitted the 2019-2020 salt contract to participate with ODOT for 400 tons of salt.

Tom said he was going to also talk about Mt. Zion Road but Monty Hayes covered most of what he wanted to say. Tom stated they had also removed a mattress from the spillway which definitely held back the water.

We have been patching and berming and moving sediment around from Mt. Zion Road.

Trustee Kosch asked Tom if he had done a video inventory of the road department equipment. Tom said not yet. Trustee Kosch asked Chief if they do this, Chief said no, Trustee Kosch said that might be a good idea also.

Trustee Kosch asked about the area on Brook Road where Tom put gravel, is that drop ours or the property owners? Tom believes it is the property owners, Trustee Kosch asked if Tom would check it out and make sure whose it is.

Trustee Kosch asked if Tom had researched anymore on Havensport Road, Tom said he hadn't. Discussion followed about the situation.

Trustee Searle asked if the veteran's plaque had been put on for the lady that called, Tom said not yet as he had been working on Mt. Zion Road.

Trustee Searle also asked if the spring pour of the foundations had been done yet. Tom said not yet, but will be done by Memorial Day. Trustee Kosch stated pouring is usually in May.

Trustee Kosch asked about 3990 Plum Road, where the two driveways are on south side of road and the next one up, we need to do something with the edge where it washed out and there are drop offs. Children getting off the bus may fall in there.

Trustee Cotner was contacted by Mark Weedy of Greenfield Estates about potholes, reflective sign out front-one side is gone where it was run over and the Pat West ditch.

FROM THE TRUSTEES

Trustee Cotner said state representative, Tim Shaffer, called him back and told him he thinks House Bill 62 is a done deal (passed). Trustee Cotner said that Mr. Shaffer thought the townships and county are going to get more money than they originally thought. Trustee Cotner asked Mr. Fix if this was true. Mr. Fix said no, it is not a windfall.

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Trustee Kosch brought up Jeff Baders' resignation and said the trustees needed to make a motion to accept his resignation. Trustee Cotner made a motion to accept Jeff Baders' resignation, seconded by Trustee Searle.

ROLL CALL Cotner: yes Kosch: yes Searle: yes. Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Kosch asked Kevin if there was an alternate for the Zoning Committee. Several people spoke up and stated Lacey is an alternate.

Trustee Searle said he was asked who is responsible for the ditch/creek by Bazell's residence on Coakley. Tom said it is the landowners.

Trustee Searle said the neighbors on Coakley wanted to know if the township could reduce the speed limit in that area. Trustee Cotner told him they have to contact the state; we have nothing to do with that. Tom said they need to contact the county first and then ODOT determines the speed limit after a speed study is done.

Trustee Searle stated he had a medical bill he recently received from a visit last year. He contacted Burnham and Flowers and they told him the deadline for turning in bills was 3-31 and he didn't get it to them by that date, but they could pay with approval from the board. He is asking that they allow this bill to be paid thru the 2018 HRA account with a motion by the other two trustees. Fiscal Officer Wyne stated that the accounts have been closed out for 2018. She also stated the invoice was dated 3-2-19 and she knows he was out of state but he could have accessed his account thru the computer. No motion made, bill will not be paid.

Trustee Kosch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Cotner.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: yes Kosch: yes Searle: yes. Motion passed 3-0

Business concluded; meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.