

# **Homer Township Trustee Regular Meeting**

June 25, 2018

Minutes

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## **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Homer Township Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Tommy Trout. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **Roll Call**

Township Trustees Bryan Thomas and Tommy Trout were present. Jeremy Simcox was not present.

Also in attendance were Melinda Clifford, Fiscal Officer, Nikki McConnell, Secretary to the Fiscal Officer, Ron Adamson, township employee, Wilbur Geiss, Zoning Commission member, Nancy Adkins, BZA, Ray Eichel, Zoning Inspector, and John Armstrong

## **Minutes**

Mr. Thomas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Trout to approve the minutes of the meetings held on April 30, 2018 and May 29, 2018.

Voting Aye: Mr. Thomas and Mr. Trout

## **Audience Recognition**

Wilbur Geiss gave an update on the pillars at Maple Hill Cemetery. He stated that the Ruritans received a reasonable quote for concrete pillars with a stone overlay and a cap on the top. Mr. Geiss also reported that the Ruritans would like to contribute \$20 per month toward utilities to the Township. He asked how the Township would like to receive the funds. Mr. Trout replied that it would be best to pay in one lump sum at the end of the year.

## **Building Report**

Ron Adamson reported that a Bible school will be held at the building during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July and it will not interfere with any other events.

Mrs. Clifford is following up on an estimate for the bathroom faucets, urinals and toilets. Mrs. Clifford also shared a suggestion from Mr. Adamson that if there is available grant money after the building repairs, the Township replace some of the outside analog cameras with digital cameras. Mr. Adamson is able to access the digital cameras with an app on his phone. The Trustees would be able to do this too.

Mr. Trout asked if the main door was closing properly. Mr. Eichel reported that it was. Two bolts were replaced on the door.

## **Cemetery Report**

Mrs. Clifford reported no activity for June. The Rose memorial will be held in July.

## **Zoning Inspector**

Ray Eichel gave an update on his activities as Zoning Inspector. The following were issued for the month of June: 2 Zoning permits for business, 1 for living quarters and 1 for a conditional use. Mr. Thomas noted the progress being made on outstanding issues.

A discussion was held regarding trailers, permanent structures and Ag exemptions. Mr. Eichel is currently looking into parked trailers and junk in response to various complaints. He is also following up on a conditional permit for automotive work.

Mr. Eichel would like the Trustees to review the section of the Zoning Code that deals with structures and consider a modest fee schedule. It was recommended to prepare a letter to the public to inform them what is included under structures. An example was a fence built by a homeowner. The homeowner might not seek a permit, however it would be better for the Zoning Inspector to check for set back requirements before the fence is built.

Mr. Trout asked the Zoning Commission to propose a fee schedule to the trustees.

Mr. Geiss stated that the Zoning Commission has good guidance from other townships and will pursue both a fee structure and updates to the code for junk vehicles.

Mrs. Clifford reported that the new Zoning books were at the printer. All changes are incorporated in the new version. She will distribute when complete.

## **Town and Country Report**

No report.

## **Road Report**

Mr. Trout presented an update from Matt Lawton. Mr. Lawton should be finished with the Chip and Seal as of today. A discussion was held regarding the current road levy. Mr. Trout suggested a letter to explain the amount of money it takes to maintain the roads, the expiration of the current levy and the need for a renewal.

Mr. Thomas reported that brine was spread on River's Corners road today. He drove it afterward and there was very little dust. He will drive again in a couple of days to see if the brine is still controlling the dust. Mr. Thomas would like to watch Camp between 224 and Wandel to see how the brine reacts with the limestone.

Mr. Thomas will talk with Mr. Lawton about spreading the brine south of 224 and on Camp between 224 and Wandel.

## **Old Business**

Dumpster Days – The township received \$182.40 in revenue from scrap and \$232.70 for propane tanks. The scrap was put directly into the dump truck so the Township avoided a haul fee. The Township has not received an invoice from the County yet.

Mr. Trout made a motion and Mr. Thomas seconded to approve purchase orders and blanket certificates, review and approve monthly management reports, time sheets and review and pay bills totaling \$24,411.04.

Voting Aye: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Trout

## **New Business**

Mr. Eichel reported that the BZA approved a comparable use to a conditional permit and the Trustees have 30 days to overturn if they wish.

Mrs. Clifford stated that the Township audit occurs every 2 years at a cost of \$4,000 - \$5,000 and would be occurring in the next few months.

Mrs. Clifford discussed the budget and that per the Ohio Revised Code, a public hearing is no longer necessary, however she thought it would be helpful for the Trustees. The deadline is July 20 for submission to the County. A budget hearing was scheduled for Monday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m.

## **Executive Session**

Mr. Trout made a motion and Mr. Thomas seconded to enter executive session at 8:40 p.m., personnel reasons for employment, which is required to be kept confidential by law and everyone requested to stay, are bound by confidentiality. Melinda Clifford was asked to join in the executive session. Trout – yes; Thomas – yes.

Trustees ended the executive session and resumed regular meeting at 10:10

Voting Aye: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Trout

Mr. Trout made a motion and Mr. Thomas seconded to adjourn executive session at 8:55 p.m.

Voting Aye: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Trout

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Thomas made a motion and Mr. Trout seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Voting Aye: Mr. Thomas, Mr. Trout

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Nikki McConnell, Secretary to the Fiscal Officer