

May 23, 2016

The April 25, 2016 regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Cheryl with the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made.

The following were present: Trustees: Cheryl Welch, Scott Markley & Kay Wright; Fiscal Officer: Kellie Light; Zoning Inspector: Lori Hartsel; Road Crew: Herb Wiles & Jimmy Hall; Guests: Chris DuRell, Roger Eichel, Kenny Howell, Jim Power, John Taranowski & Rick Witucki.

The minutes of the March 28, 2016 regular meeting were read. Kay made a motion to approve the minutes with the nine corrections. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

ROAD CREW

Kay said Herb has been working on Township Road 251.

Mr. DuRell said the French drains that were put in on Township Road 251 are working great.

Mr. DuRell said his driveway is getting washed out again. The last time this happened, Herb bermed & it kept his driveway from washing out for a couple years.

He also said the progress on Township Road 251 has been appreciated.

Kay talked about adding a proposed 1 mill tax levy for no more than 4 years to the ballot in November. The levy would mean about \$57,830 a year to aid in the repair of Jackson Township roads.

She said it would be cheaper to put on ballot this year because it is a presidential year.

Kay said they cannot really tell her how much it will cost to put it on the ballot.

Cinnamon Lake pays \$51,000 of the tax levy & they may want their taxes rescinded because they take care of their own roads.

Kay said the red truck was paid for by a levy. It took a lot of work to get it passed the 2nd time on the ballot.

Cheryl said she needs the levy tabled to the next meeting because she did not know about this & needs time to think about it.

Herb said he works to keep the roads looking good but without chip & sealing them, they will not stay good.

Herb said that Justin Rood quit today, April 25, 2016 at 1:00.

Scott said that Jimmy Hall is willing to work one more day a week since Justin has quit.

Herb said that he contacted Mowry construction for an estimate on the repairs for the cinder building & has not received one yet.

Spies Construction's estimate is \$1,600 but will want Herb's help to fix the cinder building. Simonson Construction's estimate is \$7,200.

Herb thinks if the building materials are here, the Amish would do the work for less money.

Cheryl doesn't want to go with the Amish to do the cinder building. She also does not want to go with Spies Construction because it takes Herb away from the roads.

Simonson Construction would stand behind their work.

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Kay made a motion to send the Simonson Construction estimate to the insurance company to see if they will pay for the damage to the cinder building. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

Kay said she attended the meeting for the Utopia East Pipeline project. This pipeline will run 220 miles & through 14 counties. It will be going through some farmland in Jackson Township in August. They will be boring under Township Road 1080.

County Engineer, Ed Meixner, has offered for the townships to go under a blanket bond for this pipeline with the county.

Kay made resolution T-2016-1: Jackson Township would like to be protected under the Ashland County blanket bond for the Utopia East Pipeline project that is coming through Jackson Township. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement. Roll Call: Scott Markley – Yes, Kay Wright – Yes & Cheryl Welch – Yes.

After discussion of what is budgeted for the roads, the trustees will have about 3 miles of roads chipped & sealed.

The Prosecutor's office has said that it would be at the township expense to put in culverts under Ms. Bett's driveways.

They said do not let these things slide by, get these problems taken care of when they happen.

Jim Power said that the trustees need to really think about the Bett's culverts because this will set the precedence.

Herb said he would like the negative comments about him in the past months minutes to be removed unless the trustees have proof that he is not doing his job.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report

NEW BUSINESS

None to report

ZONING

Lori reported that she issued a zoning certificate to Fred Jisa.

She talked to the people on State Route 302 about cleaning up the property. The property is not owned by them so she will contact the owner of the property.

Cheryl said the Zoning Commission is having a meeting on May 17th at 6:30 PM. She has prepared binders with copies of the township's resolution, copies of Milton Township's resolution along with the contact from Milton Township

She will be attending this meeting to give the board members direction.

Mr. Witucki from West Salem's Water & Sewer said that Roger Eichel from American Augers has contacted them about doing another preliminary report to see what it would cost to run water & sewers down State Route 42 from West Salem to American Augers. Before they can be run to American Augers, they would need to have approval from the Jackson Township trustees & the Ashland County Commissioners.

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Mr. Witucki recommends that a JED is formed which would have a board made up of a representative from Jackson Township, West Salem Village & American Augers.

There are grants available to help with the cost of running the water & sewer.

The township is not responsible for the cost of running the water & sewer.

Mr. Witucki will be talking to Hidden Acres to see about them tying into this to help with the cost to American Augers.

Roger Eichel will keep the trustees informed.

Kenny Howell told Lori that there is a new building at the one Amish farm on County Road 800. Lori said she talked with him & it is agricultural.

He also said that Jerry Smith on Township Road 251 has an addition going up.

TRUSTEE SCOTT MARKLEY

Nothing else to report

CEMETERY

Kay said that she will be throwing the decorations on graves away at the end of the week. She said that the cost for a sprinkle garden will be around \$8,000 to \$10,000. She is looking for grant money.

A sprinkle garden is a path with benches that people can sprinkle the ashes of their loved ones around instead of burying the ashes.

She wants to put it in the older section where plots cannot be sold any longer because there are no records of where people are buried & they were buried in wooden boxes so probing does not work.

The old grave stones would be incorporated within the sprinkle garden.

The maintenance of it would be the same as garden.

Kay feels that there will not be any more graves in the Polk Cemetery to sell within 5 to 6 years.

Cheryl will have to give the sprinkle garden some thought because she is not in favor of walking over the graves that are in the old section.

TRUSTEE KAY WRIGHT

Kay said she attended the annual health meeting. She passed the annual report around.

There is a new director at the health department.

At the meeting there was a lot of talk about the septic systems being checked & if they are running into any open area, the owners of the properties will be required to replace their septic system.

The Amish will be required to conform also.

There will be loans available for the people that need to replace their septic systems.

TRUSTEE CHERYL WELCH

Cheryl reported that the Polk Fire Department had 10 fire & 23 squad runs. Also, had 11 mutual aids & 1 public service. Total of \$0 loss in Jackson Township.

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She did get the donation from Wal-Mart to purchase the new Ford emblem for the fire department's truck.

PARK

Cheryl said she will be having an opening ceremony at the park. She wants to have the newspaper out to take a picture of her & children by the new swing set.

Cheryl would like a motion to move forward with using money from the \$23,000 grant she received to purchase a sign & a bronze plaque for the stones at the park.

She has found a sign for the park made out of recycled materials for about \$1,000. It will also have a sign about the farmers market that Elaine Tanner asked about.

She said the bronze plaque is in honor of the gentleman & his family that donated the land where the park is.

Kay asked if the grant money could be used to purchase stone for the parking lot at the park. Cheryl said that it could. The township is required to match 25% of whatever money is used of the grant.

If the whole \$23,000 grant would be used for the park, the township would need to contribute \$5,700.

Scott motioned to purchase the park sign & bronze plaque as long as the money is taken from the park fund. Kay 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None to report

Kay made a motion to accept the receipts as submitted. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

Kay made a motion to accept the warrants as submitted. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

Kay made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

Kay made a motion to come out of the executive session. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kay 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie Light, Fiscal Officer.

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Signature: _____ Date: 05/23/2016
Cheryl Welch

Signature: _____ Date: 05/23/2016
J. Scott Markley

Signature: _____ Date: 05/23/2016
Kay Wright