

September 26, 2016

The August 22, 2016 regular meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Cheryl with the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were skipped.

The following were present. Trustees: Cheryl Welch, Scott Markley & Kay Wright. Fiscal Officer: Kellie Light; Zoning Inspector: Lori Hartsel; Road Crew: Herb Wiles; Guests: Roger Eichel & Kenny Howell.

The minutes of the July 18, 2016 budget meeting were read. Kay made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

The minutes of the July 18, 2016 regular meeting were read. Kay made a motion to approve the minutes with the four corrections. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

ROAD CREW

Herb reported that he has met with Phil from Melway. Phil explained their chipping & sealing process to Herb very well. Herb needs to change the markings on the roads for the chipping & sealing to fluorescent orange.

Herb thought the chipping & sealing was going to be done the week of August 15th but now it will be done the end of the week of August 22nd. Cheryl told Herb that she wants to know the day that they will be chipping & sealing.

Kay thanked Herb for the map of all the roads that will be chipped & sealed.

Herb said that he needs extra money to patch the Southern part of the township roads. He is thinking \$3,000 to \$5,000. No way to chip & seal them. They have to be patched.

Kay asked Herb if he could build a trailer on a mobile home frame. Herb said he would need to see the frame before he could say it could be done.

Kay reported that she has been approached that if any family member of the trustees would be mowing the township roads, they will file a complaint.

Cheryl asked if Kay told them that the township already found out how to hire a family member of a trustee. The township ran an ad & Jonathan submitted a resume. Cheryl said that at the meeting Kay & Scott okayed Jonathan. She sustained from voting.

Scott said he doesn't feel the township should use Jonathan.

Cheryl also told Kay that she & Scott said no to Justin at the last meeting. Now he has been hired back. Kay said it was a temporary hire because Herb needed help right away.

Cheryl said a special meeting should be called to hire someone.

Cheryl asked if Kay & Scott were aware of the Sunshine Laws. All business is to be done at a public meeting. She is not to be excluded from any of the township business.

Cheryl said there is no road committee. All three trustees make the decisions on the roads & workers.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None to report

OLD BUSINESS

None to report

NEW BUSINESS

None to report

ZONING

Lori reported that the bigger weapons at the gun club are not going to happen. She is sending a letter to Ron Workinger at Township Road 101 & Township Road 530 because he has old milk trucks piling up.

The abandoned house on County Road 620 & Township Road 580 was not the one that caught fire.

Barn at 966 Township Road 133 is agricultural.

25 Township Road 580 has a garage going up. They are getting the paperwork together. Lori has not heard any more from Steve Lybee that lives in Homerville.

She has looked at the Bed & Breakfast on County Road 175 website & she does not see any problem with it.

The meeting at American Augers is Thursday, August 25th at 10:00 AM.

Kay said it did not go well for American Augers at the meeting she attended. They submitted the same paperwork that was submitted last year.

Cheryl said that after that meeting, she received calls from the offices of Economic Development, Auditor & County Commissioners about the letter that Kay read at the meeting about American Augers.

Cheryl told Kay that nothing about American Augers was discussed at the last meeting which she indicated in the letter. The letter was on Jackson Township letterhead, it had so many grammatical errors & misspellings.

Kay said that whenever she writes things pertaining to the township, she always puts the township address on it. At the meeting, Kay did express that they were her thoughts about American Augers in the letter.

Cheryl said she did research on American Augers, had written up things to bring up at the meeting. She couldn't attend the meeting & she didn't want Kay to read it at the meeting because Cheryl did not want the letter to influence Kay's thoughts.

Scott said he doesn't think the letter Kay wrote was that bad.

Kay will rewrite the letter to say these were her thoughts on American Augers & mail it to everyone that was at the meeting because the letter is public record.

TRUSTEE SCOTT MARKLEY

Scott said he looked at Township Road 251. He did not see any damage to it from Jeff Turk.

CEMETERY

Nothing to report

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TRUSTEE KAY WRIGHT

Nothing else to report

PARK

Cheryl reported that Farmers Market has two Saturdays left.

She said the sign looked good on the pavilion but it has blown off.

Cheryl said the ball committee has been paying the electric bill at the park for the whole year. They do not want to continue paying it year round since the ball teams only use the electric from middle of May to middle of July.

The electric bill runs \$40 to \$50 a month.

Cheryl said that the money received from ball players is used to purchase uniforms & make improvements with the ballfields. This year there were 12 teams for Polk. When Cheryl was running it, they had 23 teams.

Scott said since the park has no income, the township should not pay for the electric.

Kay said the township should not pay for the electric. The ball committee should turn the electric on when they are going to use the electric & off when they are done.

Cheryl will tell the ball committee that the township is not willing to pay the electric year round. The ball committee should turn the electric on when using it & off when not using it.

Cheryl said the park sign is up, hitching post is fixed & Tim Farnsworth fixed the cemetery fence.

TRUSTEE CHERYL WELCH

Cheryl reported that the Polk Fire Department had 9 fire & 28 squad runs. Also, had 10 mutual aids & 0 public services. Total of \$0 loss in Jackson Township.

Cheryl said that Kellie & the trustees will be meeting with people from the state auditor's office this Thursday, August 25th at 4:00 PM.

They will be explaining the audit process, where the township is, how serious this is with the books not being reconciled & the plan of action.

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

Kay made a motion to accept the warrants as submitted except don't pay the Country Metals until Scott finds out if Simonson's estimate included them paying Country Metals. 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 executive session. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

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Justin Rood will be rehired. He cannot miss any work for 3 months without a doctor's excuse. Justin will need to obtain his CDL by the end of the year. If CDL has not been obtained, his job will be reevaluated for continuation of employment.

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

Respectfully submitted by Kellie Light, Fiscal Officer.

Signature: _____ Date: 09/22/2016
Cheryl Welch

Signature: _____ Date: 09/22/2016
J. Scott Markley

Signature: _____ Date: 09/22/2016
Kay Wright