

April 25, 2016

The March 28, 2016 regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Cheryl with the Pledge of Allegiance. Cheryl made the introductions.

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: Kaye Crawford, Lewis Crawford (Mayor of Polk), Roger Eichel, Kenny Howell, Jim Power, Glen Thomas, Lori Thomas & Elaine Tanner.

The minutes of the February 15, 2016 regular meeting were read. Kay made a motion to approve the minutes with the six corrections. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

ROAD CREW

Herb reported that Jeff Turk wants to doze down all the trees & the hill on his property at Township Road 251 & Township Road 902. Herb is hoping he doesn't do this because it will cause bad drifting of snow.

Herb & the trustees have had many conversations with BJ Bett who owns the property on Township Road 101 with all the rocks by the road.

She wants the speed limit changed on Township Road 101. The trustees cannot change speed limits on the roads. County Engineer can do speed tests but at the most it would be 5 mile reduction if the test warranted that. County Engineer, Ed Meixner said the township could put up yellow speed sign but it would not be enforceable.

BJ has put the rocks out by the road to keep the Amish from driving on her yard. The rocks are dangerous & need to be removed. She has been told that if someone hits the rocks, she could be liable. Herb said couple weeks ago, a bus driver said a rock from there flew up & hit the bus. He talked to the driver but no report was made.

BJ has 3 driveways & none of them have culverts which they should. Cheryl will check to see if culverts can be enforced since she has been without them for so many years. Cheryl will get all the facts for BJ's property before the trustees approach her.

Herb looked at the stone test done on Township Road 902 & wants to go with the blue limestone.

The 1994 truck bed is deteriorating. Cheryl told him to look on gov.deals & e-bay to see if he can find a bed to replace the one on the 1994 truck.

Mowry Construction was out & looked at the cinder bay damage but hasn't had time to write up an estimate. Cheryl told Herb to get 3 estimates for the repairs to the cinder bay. Kay said that American Augers needs crosswalks on Township Road 133. Herb has the signs for the crosswalks & the paint is coming next week.

He said the railroad track signs are illegal. Cheryl said that the railroad puts those signs up. She said when he gets complaints on these signs; he should refer the people to the railroad.

Herb wants to know why it has been in the last few month's minutes that he is not doing his job.

Cheryl said she has told him in the past number of years that he has never had any plans written down for the roads.

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He is to be writing down on the calendar what he is planning to do & what has been completed. At least 1 culvert a month should be on the calendar to be replaced. If it doesn't get done for the month then he has 2 to do the next month.

Cheryl said to use Justin or Jonathan 3 days a week to help him.

Jimmy said he will work Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Scott said give Jimmy certain days to work & Justin the other days.

Cheryl told Herb to put a schedule together. Also, he should have a notebook with him at all times to keep track of what he has done on what roads. If he would have had the notebook, he could have written down about talking with the bus driver.

Herb read what Allen said at the December meeting, read what Cheryl said at the January & February meetings & read the duties of the road guy. Herb said he does all the duties so why is it being said he is not doing his job, that he is going to be written up.

Mr. Thomas said that he lives on Township Road 251 & works for Kokosing. His ditch has not been touched. The one time he saw the township truck spin tires to make the water run from the ditch.

The catch basin by his property is 4 inches too high so water doesn't go in catch basin.

Mr. Thomas said road guy came to his house, put Xs on trees to cut down & then told his wife what he was going to do. Did not ask to take trees down.

Mrs. Thomas said road guy doesn't maintain the road so don't come on his property to take down trees.

The wood was supposed to be left when trees were taken down & it was not left. Kay said it was her fault that the wood was not left but she will get the wood replaced.

Kay said she drove the township roads to check signs & then drove in Orange Township to check their signs. She found a few of the township signs that had to be replaced which Herb did replace.

Kay said the Cinnamon Lake sewer line is in the future so don't hold up repairs on Township Road 251.

Herb said the French drains are in on Township Road 251, he needs to ditch it.

Cheryl told Herb to make a 3 year plan on how to fix Township Road 251.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report

NEW BUSINESS

Cheryl said she is unable to attend the Health Department's yearly meeting. Scott said he is also unable to attend. Kay will attend the Health Department yearly meeting on March 31st.

The two mowing bids were opened. NLCI Property Managements price was \$1,440 & Carl Richert's was \$160.

Kay motioned to use Carl Richert for this year's mowing at \$160. Scott 2nd it & Cheryl in agreement.

Cheryl will notify NLCI that they did not get the bid & notify Carl Richert that he has the mowing job again this year.

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ZONING

Lori reported that Noah Host that had temporary housing got a permit

Mike Donatini said 50% of Meyers Hatchery is agricultural. Lori has copy of his letter.

Lori said she is bothered by her mileage reimbursement being cut. Since this has been cut, she will need to use the township vehicle for township business. Kay told her that she can use the white truck after Herb is done for the day. Herb will make sure it is filled up with gas.

For 8 years she has not asked for more money, she sits at the township once a week & she was zoning secretary for years. She is told that she didn't give it 100% when she had her knee replaced.

She wants FMLA papers filled out because she may have to have surgery.

Lori said she didn't turn in mileage or postage because she felt she was helping the township out but she now has turned in all her mileage & postage from last year.

Cheryl said she re-evaluated the township budget & looked to see what other townships were paying their zoning inspectors.

Cheryl said everyone else only gets mileage reimbursement if miles are outside of Ashland County.

Lori said she was insulted by organizational meeting minutes.

She took township calls while in the hospital for her knee surgery. When she got her cancer, she didn't skip a beat.

She thought the four years of micro managing with Allen was going to stop in January but it hasn't.

Kay motioned to amend Organizational meeting minutes to remove the 100% from both Lori & Herb, reinstate the mileage reimbursement or use township truck for Lori & write citations as needed under Lori. Scott 2nd it.

TRUSTEE SCOTT MARKLEY

Nothing else to report

CEMETERY

Cheryl said the township website says the cemetery cleanup is April. All decorations are to be removed.

She replaced the flag.

Kay said she showed a couple plots but they thought \$350 was too expensive.

She is working on blue prints for the sprinkle garden to spread ashes after cremation.

Herb said there is not enough grass seed for the cemetery.

TRUSTEE KAY WRIGHT

Nothing else to report

TRUSTEE CHERYL WELCH

Cheryl reported that the Polk Fire Department had 8 fire & 26 squad runs. Also, had 10 mutual aids & 0 public service. Total of \$0 loss in Jackson Township.

She has sent in grants to purchase a replacement emblem for the Ford truck and to purchase a suite case generator.

She is working on a grant to purchase hazardous waste containers.

PARK

Mr. Crawford asked if Polk Village could use the park at Halloween. They are going to do a hay ride & have a hot dog roast in addition to trick or treating.

Cheryl told Mr. Crawford that there is documentation with the pavilion guidelines that he needs to print; sign with the date he would like to use it & return the completed form.

Elaine said the Amish would like to start the Farmers Market on May 28th and end them on August 27th. The times will be 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Elaine would like the sign that was approved for the Farmers Market to be purchased 6 years ago looked at again.

Cheryl said she would like to use about \$5,000 of the grant money she received to purchase a sign for the park that would read Jackson Township Community Ballpark.

Elaine said the Farmers Market could be put on this sign. Cheryl said she would not want anything about the Farmers Market on this sign because there would be no way to remove it if the Farmers Markets stopped.

Scott said that the trustees should wait to see what money the township has before they decide on using some of the grant money for sign at the park.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Crawford said they will be planting flowers, painting crosswalks, cleaning manholes out and replacing signs in Polk.

Polk will be hiring a maintenance person.

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

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

Kay asked Kellie to run an ad in the newspaper looking for part time seasonal help.

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.

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

Respectfully submitted by Kellie Light, Fiscal Officer.

Signature: _____ Date: 04/25/2016
Cheryl Welch

Signature: _____ Date: 04/25/2016
J. Scott Markley

Signature: _____ Date: 04/25/2016
Kay Wright