

November 27, 2016

The October 24, 2016 regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 & Jimmy Hall; Guests: Kenny Howell, Gloria Ickes & Kevin Lewis.

The minutes of the September 26, 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 the fall mowing is being done.

Several culverts have been replaced this month. Two on Township Road 902, one on Township Road 700 & two on Township Road 251.

He has been leveling the grindings on Lovers Lane & filling in the ditches.

Herb said he has taken trees down on Township Roads 133, 580, 53 & 251.

The backhoe had a dead battery.

The one ton truck quit working so he towed it to Andy Wright's shop.

The winter maintenance has been done on the vehicles & equipment.

He is rebuilding the broom.

Blich's ditch on Township Road 101 is too deep. Scott will contact Mr. Blich.

Herb said that the next time it rains, he would like the trustees to go look at Township Road 810 & see that the water is not flowing correctly by the storm sewer.

Herb does not feel Mr. Meixner's water flow fix will work on Township Road 810 because of the raised driveway at the camp grounds.

On Township Road 1080, there is a disabled Veteran that has had concrete poured to make it easier for him to get to the mailbox. The concrete goes out into the road which is affecting the water flow. He will try talking with him about it.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kevin Lewis said he is able to help township's get more competitive contractor bids.

Cheryl told Mr. Lewis that the only items Jackson Township needs to get bids for is chipping & sealing the roads & stone. She also said that the bridges in the township are taken care of by the County Engineer.

Mr. Lewis said that he could get bids for the chipping & sealing.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report

NEW BUSINESS

None to report

ZONING

Lori said that Gloria Ickes put a travel trailer on her property at the corner of State Route 42 & State Route 302. She has even hooked it up to water & septic.

Mrs. Ickes said she is a 75 year old asking for a variance to allow her to live in the travel trailer which she is willing to park behind the outbuilding & put up a privacy fence. She will make it look as nice as she can.

She said she will be going to TN soon to spend the winter at her daughter's home.

Mrs. Ickes said the basement from her house that burned down is a storm shelter for her tenants across the road.

Lori explained to Mrs. Ickes that the Zoning rules state that a dwelling or modular home in Jackson Township must be at least 800 square feet & put on a permanent foundation.

Cheryl told Mrs. Ickes that trustees cannot make decisions on Zoning. She would need to present the variance to the appeals board to see if they will approve it.

Lori explained to Mrs. Ickes how to proceed with the appeals board. She told her that she really does not see the appeals board approving this.

Ken said that the appeals board has to follow the zoning rules.

Mrs. Ickes asked why Jackson Township is so different from Orange & Perry Township.

Lori said that Jackson Township has a mobile home park to put these in. Perry Township does not allow mobile homes.

Cheryl told Mrs. Ickes that she has been told what direction she needs to go. There is no changing anything unless the appeals board approves it. As Lori told her, it is unlikely that the appeals board will approve it.

Lori then explained to Mrs. Ickes that she has 30 days to remove the travel trailer from her property.

Lori said that Kobersteins put a travel trailer on their property until their house was completed & then the trailer was removed.

Mr. & Mrs. Schrock have moved into the barn so they have applied for a permit to live in it. They also applied for a permit for the wash room that they are now building.

Lori said that the property on County Road 175 is licensed by the state as a dog rescue.

Dog Warden said they are very legal with what they are doing.

Lori said she cannot tell them they cannot have the dogs because the township does not have an ordinance for dogs.

The travel trailer on their property is a house for the small dogs.

Jimmy Hall said that it is ashamed that the dogs can live in a travel trailer but they cannot allow Mrs. Ickes to live in a travel trailer on her property.

Lori told the Amish with the portable sawmill on County Road 175 that they need to get a zoning certificate. They asked if they took the sign down, would they still need a zoning certificate. She told them that they did.

She will look into the Amish bakery with the sign that says order on Wednesday, have by Friday.

Jimmy said 123 Township Road 700 close to Township Road 101 has semi & trailer bodies piling up. He said it is out of control. Lori said she will look into it.

Lori said she is doing her best with seeing everything happening in the township.

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She said Rudy Koberstein is building an outbuilding. He has the zoning certificate & money for it but she just hasn't been able to meet up with him for it.

Lori said the gentleman that owns the property on Township Road 1080 with all the trucks has read the zoning resolution. When she stopped to talk to him about all the trucks. He told her what the zoning resolution said about vehicles.

He told her that all the vehicles are titled.

Jimmy said that in the zoning resolution under junk, you cannot have no more than one unlicensed vehicle. Lori should ask for the documentation to show that all the vehicles are licensed.

He rebuilds the trucks for demolition derbies as a hobby.

Lori said that Jessica Miller is still the appeals board secretary. She's not sure if she is still living in the township.

Cheryl thought she could still be the appeals board secretary even if she lives out of the township.

TRUSTEE SCOTT MARKLEY

Nothing else to report

CEMETERY

Herb said there are a couple stones at the cemetery that he is going to try fixing.

Kay said weed killer has been sprayed at the cemetery & it is working.

She has contacted Carl Richert about the front fence being damaged by the mower. He said he will go look at the fence.

Cheryl told Kay to let her know what Mr. Richert says. She could get Mr. Farnsworth to fix the fence & send the bill to Mr. Richert.

Kay said she is now wondering if the side fence was hit by a mower but they were able to stop the mower before it chewed up the fence.

There are a few stones that are still tipped.

Kay said she has some appointments to show cemetery plots.

She said the township is supposed to have a cemetery board.

TRUSTEE KAY WRIGHT

Kay said Herb will let her know when he needs supplies for the township house & she will go pick them up.

PARK

Cheryl told Herb that he could spread the stone at the park when the work on the roads is done.

She said that she has told Tonya Welch the trustees decision on not paying for the electric at the park.

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TRUSTEE CHERYL WELCH

Cheryl did not have her notes to provide a report for the Polk Fire Department.

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.

Kellie said the auditors are auditing the 2012 & 2013 records. She said the auditors are working on getting the books balanced for 2014 & 2015.

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

Respectfully submitted by Kellie Light, Fiscal Officer.

Signature: _____ Date: 11/27/2016
Cheryl Welch

Signature: _____ Date: 11/27/2016
J. Scott Markley

Signature: _____ Date: 11/27/2016
Kay Wright