

October 23, 2017

Regular Meeting was called to order by Scott Markley with Pledge of Allegiance.
Present were Fiscal Officer Cheryl Welch, Trustees Scott Markley, Kay Wright, Jim Power
Road Crew Herb Wiles
Guests: Shirley Bixby, Kenny Howell, Ed Burkholder

Minutes of 10/9/17 meeting read; Jim motioned to accept, Kay 2nd. Scott in agreement.

ROAD REPORT

- Township south of 42 has been bermed
- Tree trimming around stop signs and intersections is done
- Final mowing will begin this week
- Patching on Twp Roads 900 and 902 will continue
- Trash at park was emptied- no problems with trash overflow or liter
- Holes at 101 and 700; 53 and 604 were reported: Herb will evaluate and take appropriate action

ZONING REPORT from Interim Zoning Inspector Herb Wiles

PROPERTY VISITS:

- Mahlon Lehman on 812 CR 175 is in compliance. Received check for \$100.
- Aaron Shrock with bee business will have appeals board meeting October 26th.
- Ennis Hershberger on Twp Rd 133 and Toby Hershberger on 302 and Ab Schlabaugh on 101 have signs off of utility poles.
- Containers at the storage facility by Cinnamon Lake are only temporary as Mr. Zupan undergoes site improvements.
- Still unable to connect with the Millers who live at the old Bennet property on St. Rt. 89 in regards to the possibility that building sheds being too close to property lines.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Trustee Scott Markley

- 9 fires, 24 squad calls, 9 mutual aids, 2 public service, no loss to township.
- Chief Randy Goon and Fire Fighter Kenny Howell are retiring December 31, 2017.

CEMETERY Trustee Kay Wright

- Sold 2 lots.
- Kay presented mowing contract between the township and Turks to the trustees. No discussion.
- Utility member at Cinnamon Lake indicated the Utility Board moved forward with sewer project with LARKO. This was reported in the TG on Oct.4th. West Salem, LARKO and Cinnamon. Lake are currently checking on the best routes for the piping. This piping is of concern to Jackson Twp. because it may be running along Twp. Rds. 251 and 530, Co.Rds. 500 and 620.
- Annual American Auger abatement hearing was held 10/13 – no trustees attended – Outcome of the hearing was that American Auger tax abatement will continue as written.
 - ✓ Concern with the abatement is that the company is not meeting employment expectations as stipulated by terms of the abatement contract. According to Kay, while attracting skilled workers is nothing new for them it remains a continuous challenge due to the shortage of experienced welders and fabricators.
- Contacted Carl Richert to mow the cemetery.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Receipts totaled \$5,391.68; Expenses totaled \$7,499.24; Fund balances totaled \$80,123.30.
- Kay made motion to accept the financial reports as submitted and discussed; Jim 2nd; Scott in agreement.

PARK

- Guest Kenny Howell wondered if the lights on the pavilion were to be on – Cheryl responded – The trustees voted to turn off electric to the park as a cost saving measure; therefore, the lights work but don't have the electricity to make them functional.
- Jim thought the grass needed cut – he will take care of since Carl Richert services were discontinued for the year.

Guest Shirley Bixby (resident from 251)

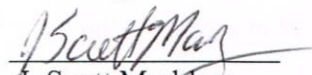
- ✓ Complimented the road crew and township trustees for doing an outstanding job with regards to road maintenance and improvement and the current fiscal officer, Cheryl, for managing the funds needed for the roads.
- ✓ She equated driving on the roads to that of a beautiful boulevard.
- ✓ She also suggested trustees entertain the idea of a road tax of which she would be in favor.
- ✓ Discussion took place on an idea of having Amish contribute to road maintenance on a voluntary basis.

Kay made motion to go into executive session; Jim 2nd; Scott in agreement.

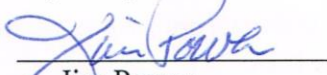
Kay made motion to come out of executive session; Jim 2nd; Scott in agreement.

Kay made motion to adjourn; Jim 2nd, Scott in agreement.

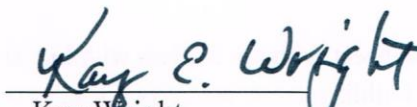
Meeting minutes submitted by Cheryl Welch



J. Scott Markley



Jim Power



Kay Wright