

Record of Proceedings

Minutes of Regular Meeting Held at 1219 St. Rt. 183 in Atwater, Ohio; on July 14, 2015 at 6:45 pm. The Atwater Township Trustees held their regular scheduled meeting at the Atwater Town Hall located at 1219 St. Rt. 183 in Atwater, Ohio on July 14, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: Peggy Bainey, Lynn Whittlesey, Linda Allen Fiscal Officer, Walt Bainey, Martha Bevard, Mel Russell, John Kovacich, Wayne Robertson, Dan Kolasky, Tom Eland, Greg Jones, Jay & Vicki Brock, Tom Nellis, Earl Robertson, Ron & Emma Stanfield.

Lynn Whittlesey called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Roll Call: Peggy Bainey – yes; Lynn Whittlesey – yes.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge and the Lord's Prayer

COMMUNICATIONS

FINANCIAL

Lynn Whittlesey made a motion to approve and sign the June 23rd Minutes. Peggy second. Roll Call: Peggy Bainey – Yes, Lynn Whittlesey – yes. Motion Carried.

Lynn asked if there were any questions on the financial statements or the May Bank Reconciliation. Lynn made a motion to accept the financial statement and May Bank Reconciliation, Peggy second. Roll Call: Peggy Bainey – Yes, Lynn Whittlesey – yes. Motion Carried.

We had a moment of silence for the passing of Andy Englehart.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

New Business

Mel gave the gas and diesel report for June, 2015. The AFD used 78.8 gallons of gas and 149.8 gallons of diesel. The Road Department used 70.4 gallons of gas and 146.1 gallons of diesel.

Mel also gave the June Monthly AFD run report. We had a total of 37 incidents.

Mel stated that Kenny Ray had completed his 90 day pre-probation period and wants him to become and regular firefighter and move up to the one year probation. Lynn moved to approve Kenny Ray to the Fire Department for one year probationary period. Peggy second. Roll Call: Peggy Bainey – yes, Lynn Whittlesey – yes. Motion carried.

On July 29th and July 30th at the AFD there will be a Grant Writing class. The cost is \$399, however, since we are having the class here, Paula will be able to attend without any payment.

Last Saturday, July 11th the AFD did maintenance around the fire department.

Mel asked about the payment to Arrow Industries, Linda explained that she had sent the payment to them twice, but it was returned for incorrect address. Linda said that she had called Arrow and left a message, but no one has called her back. Mel said he would follow up on this.

It was asked if the railroad gave us any notice that they were closing the tracks on Waterloo Road. Mel responded that they did not let us know. We found out by having a call on Fairview and not being able to get through without going around which added an additional seven minutes to respond.

We discussed new copiers for the AFD and Town Hall, trying to decide if we do in fact need color copies and how the AFD is using over the allotted amount. Linda stated that she did not need color or the ability to print the 11x14 paper and could go with a smaller machine. Mel is to check on the usage of color copies. We will re-visit this next meeting.

ROAD

New Business

RESOLUTION 12-2015 TO BE PLACED ON NOVEMBER 3, 2015 BALLOT

Resolution to proceed with placing on the ballot a renewal levy for the purpose of a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 5705.19(G).

The Board of Trustees of Atwater Township, Portage County, Ohio met at a regular meeting, on the 14th of July, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at the Townhall with the following members present:

- Lynn Whittlesey
Peggy Bainey

Peggy Bainey moved the adoption of the following resolution:

- Whereas: On the 23rd day of June, 2015, the board of trustees passed a resolution declaring the necessity, to renew a levy of a tax in excess of ten mill for the purpose described in RC 5705.19(G), at a rate of 1.50 mills for each one dollar of valuation.
Whereas: the Portage County Auditor has certified to the Board of Trustees that the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the 1.50 mill renewal tax levy will be \$0.150 for each one hundred dollars of valuations based on the current assessed valuation of the Township \$51,554.180.
Resolved: by the Board of Trustees, with at least two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that the board desires to proceed with the submission of the question of a renewal of a tax levy at the rate of 1.50 for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.150 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, to the electors of Atwater Township.
Resolved: that the tax levy will be for 5 years and such levy will include a levy on the tax list commencing in the tax year 2016, first due in calendar year 2017, if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Now therefore, be it resolved, by the Atwater Township Board of Trustee, Portage County, Ohio, with at least two-thirds or all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a renewal of 1.5 mills, to constitute a tax in excess of the ten mills limitation for the benefit of Atwater Township under RC 5705.19(G) for the purpose of: general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair and maintenance of Township roads and bridges, at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each one hundred dollars of valuation and to be for five years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Resolved: that the Township Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to certify, not less than 90 days prior to the general election to the Board of Elections, Portage County, Ohio a copy or the resolution dated July 14, 2015, along with a copy of this resolution to proceed , together with the certification to the Portage County Auditor, and notify the Board of Elections to cause notice or the election on the question or levying the tax to be given as required by law

Lynn Whittlesey seconded the motion and the roll was called on the question of its adoption. The vote was as follows:

Trustee: Lynn Whittlesey _____
Trustee: Peggy Bainey _____

Peggy stated that Luli Construction will be out the first of August to start our roads.

Peggy is also going to follow up with the gentleman who has all the wood out near/on Grate Avenue. Peggy has already spoken to him, however, nothing has been done. If this does not work, Peggy will contact Chris Meduri. Martha Bevard said that there is no place to drive or to park.

There is a culvert issue off of Moff Road, Peggy spoke to Mark Smith and he will see what he can do to help alleviate the problem.

On Wilson there is just a utility building on it, the other has a trailer on it. One on Elm Street with a building, it might be a well building. Going Forward Program.

ZONING

New Business

Dan Kolasky, Zoning Inspector gave his June report: He issued three permits, and is working on the complaint of pigs on Ash Street.

Dan Kolasky and Lynn Whittlesey attended the Neighborhood Development Services meeting to review vacant and tax delinquent properties in Atwater. Dan has inspected three and has another 8 to inspect. This is an effort to rehab these properties into usable land through a grant in conjunction with the Portage County Land Bank.

Ron Stanfield questioned the high fence surrounding a property on Stroup Road. Dan to follow up on zoning codes pursuant to fencing.

Dan is working on our website and has received maps and land use info from Portage County Regional Planning to use on our website.

CEMETERY/REAL ESTATE/PARK

Before Danny left for vacation he made a request for a motion to add wood chips for our playground as the current chips are getting thin in spots. Without replacing the wood chips we could potentially tear the plastic under the wood chips. We are going to join forces with others getting wood chips to get a better price. The estimate for this job is between \$600 and \$800. Peggy made a motion to put our order in for the wood chips for the park. Lynn second. Roll Call: Peggy Baine – yes, Lynn Whittlesey – yes. Motion Carried.

Lynn mentioned that two cemetery lots were sold and he is waiting to type.

ADMINISTRATION

Old Business & New Business

Medical Mutual is increasing our hospitalization rate by 9.18%, this renews on August first. Lynn suggested that we wait until Danny returns to get this approved. To tell insurance company not to panic, the approval is on the way.

Linda stated that Danny was taking the Leadership Academy Classes and would like us to consider paying the \$20 fee for him to take the Ohio Township Association Leadership test. Lynn moved to okay the \$20 fee, Peggy Second. Roll Call: Peggy Baine – Yes, Lynn Whittlesey – Yes. Motion Carried.

Linda Allen requests motion to accept Receipts 99-2015 thru 107-2015 totaling \$14,893.50. Peggy moved to approve, Lynn second. Roll Call: Peggy Baine – yes, Lynn Whittlesey – yes. Motion Carried.

Linda Allen requests a motion to issue Blanket Certificate 22-2015 for Cemetery operating supplies in the amount of \$800.00. Peggy moved to approve, Lynn second. Roll Call: Peggy Baine – yes, Lynn Whittlesey – yes. Motion Carried

Linda Allen requests a motion to issue Purchase Orders 41-2015 & 42-2015 for Powers Oil and Medical Mutual in the amount of \$6,319.00. Peggy moved to approve, Lynn second. Roll Call: Peggy Baine – yes, Lynn Whittlesey – yes. Motion Carried

Linda Allen requested a motion to accept Electronic Funds 43-2015 totaling \$1,047.78 for Chase Card. Peggy moved to approve, Lynn second. Roll Call: Peggy Baine – yes, Lynn Whittlesey – yes. Motion Carried

Linda Allen requests a motion to accept Withholding Vouchers 45-2015 and 47-2015 thru 48-2015 totaling \$6,981.73 for Federal and State taxes and OPERS.. Peggy moved to approve, Lynn second. Roll Call: Peggy Baine – yes, Lynn Whittlesey – yes. Motion Carried

Linda Allen requests motion to approve Warrants 33483 thru 33510 totaling \$12,615.68. Peggy moved to approve, Lynn second. Roll Call: Peggy Baaney – yes; Lynn Whittlesey – yes. Motion Carried.

Linda Allen requests motion to approve Payroll via warrants 33461 thru 33481 and 33512 totaling \$8,719.46. Peggy moved to approve, Lynn second. Roll Call: Peggy Baaney – yes; Lynn Whittlesey – yes. Motion Carried.

Linda Allen requests motion to approve Road Payroll warrants 33460 and 33482 totaling \$2,574.23. Peggy moved to approve, Lynn second. Roll Call: Peggy Baaney – yes; Lynn Whittlesey – yes. Motion Carried.

Lynn motioned at 7:20 pm to pay bills, Peggy second. Roll Call: Peggy Baaney – yes; Lynn Whittlesey - yes. Motion Carried.

Lynn motioned to return to regular session at 7:21 pm, Peggy second. Roll call: Peggy Baaney – yes; Lynn Whittlesey - yes. Motion Carried.

Lynn Whittlesey wanted the minutes to show that he did not do his normal habit this meeting, but voted to pass the motions as Danny was not here and he wanted to facilitate the paying of bills and payroll.

Lynn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:22, Peggy Baaney second. Roll Call: Peggy Baaney – yes; Lynn Whittlesey – Yes. Motion Carried.

Announcements:

On June 22th the Atwater Historical Society will have the Portage County Sheriff’s Department demonstrating their dogs at 6:30 on July 22, 2015.

Martha Bevard stated the UMC church would be having a Vacation Bible School this Wednesday through Friday from 6:30 to 8:30.

John Kovacich stated that St. Joe’s Festival would be July 10, 11 and 12th. And he would be hanging flyers in the Townhall.

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Trustee

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Fiscal Officer