

Record of Proceedings

Minutes of the Atwater Township Trustees meeting held at the Atwater Town Hall located at 1219 St. Rt. 183 in Atwater, Ohio on August 13, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: John Kovacich, Peggy Bainey, Lynn Whittlesey, Fiscal Officer, Linda Allen, Walt Bainey, Martha Bevard, Mel Russell, Shirley McAlicher, Dave Brannon, Wayne Robertson, Tom Nellis, Larry Fiegly, Dan Kolasky, Bagi Emil, Rachel Willis, Emily Lashley, Mike Lanham were in attendance.

John Kovacich called the Meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes; John Kovacich– yes. Motion Carried

Lynn made a motion to approve the July 23, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes; John Kovacich– yes. Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS

NOTA Meeting	IPA Conference
OPWC Subcommittee Meeting	
Health Dept. Community Assessment	Monument Leveling Pamphlet
Safer-Futures Newsletter	Board of Elections looking for workers

FINANCIALS

John Kovacich asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Financial Statement. Lynn made a motion to accept the Financial Statements. John second Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Old Business & New Business

The new recruits are done with their physicals. One needs to retest, all the others passed.

Ambulance back from Myers, voltage regulator meter was bad, now fixed, and they topped off the A/C as well.

Mel gave the gas/diesel report for July. Road Department used 92 gallons of gas and 129.8 gallons of diesel. The AFD used 39.5 gallons of gas and 79.8 gallons of diesel.

Mel gave the July run report, we had 28 incidents.

Mel took the Maltese Sign down off the AFD building as paint is peeling. Hart Sports will be making this sign out of vinyl for an estimated cost of \$250.

Mel requested to go into Executive Session to discuss AFD new hire and one resignation.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

John will be meeting at the Engineers office to discuss OPWC grant to see how we placed on grant list for walking trail for park.

John waiting on estimate from Henry Luli for chip & seal.

All the paperwork is completed for the road signs. They should be here in October.

Tim is getting prices to add a thumb for excavator.

The Dodge truck is around 11 years old and in bad shape, needs to be replaced.

Could possibly need new Road building, humidity big problem. There is no heat or a/c in this building. The roof has been repaired 4 times in the last 8 years.

Crack sealant done on Moff road plus a few hot spots on Laubert Road.

ZONING

Old & New Business

Issued two permits both for new residence. It appears that the chicken, duck, turkey issue at 1268 Maple Street is resolved.

The manufactured home at 1072 State Route 183 has been abandoned. Dan is waiting for a bank to take possession so that we can address the cleanup and removal. Sending this issue to prosecutor's office.

The Cadwallader property at 6825 Waterloo Road is in the process of being sold. They have received 3 bids at this time.

The new Habitat for Humanity home is located at Stroup & Weber.

Folks interested in old Duncan land, John to talk to Janet at Auditors office to add removal of trailer and animals to homeowner's tax bill.

Dave Brannon inquired into the status of the gas meters at the properties where the trailers were removed. John spoke to Dominion Gas and they said gas shut off.

John reviewed old property on Elm Street. Land Bank does have this and they are responsible for the mowing.

1405 Whittlesey has someone interested in this property. Dave Brannon said this property is unbuildable as Weber Road has never been vacated.

Lynn made a motion to make Emily Lashley's pay begin on August 1, 2019. John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – no, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

CEMETERY/REAL ESTATE/PARK

John questioned if Joe Duval was still president of the Waterloo Youth Football. No one knew the answer to this question. Larry Fiegly asked if the Waterloo Youth Football did the mowing at the field. The understanding is that they would take care of the field.

Bica coming out next Tuesday to install hardware on new doors.

Waiting to hear from Pauli Electric as to when the pavilion would start.

Walt Bainey asked about having the Cemetery Road done again, as it has been better than 5 years. We need to redo to keep this road nice.

John said we will have to do a Resolution soon to put the signs up at Stroup Road Bridge.

Lynn made a motion to have fire detection system installed at the Townhall at a cost of \$9,000. John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baaney – no, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Tim & Milt picked up a gun safe to store maps, cemetery records, etc. in the Road Department.

ADMINSITRATION

Old Business & New Business

Lynn made a motion to accept 1 LifeForce Resident waivers totaling \$135.60. John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey –yes, Peggy Baaney – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried

Phil Cox sent the following letter to be read concerning Lynn Whittlesey.

7/29/19

To The Atwater Water Trustees & the Citizens:

On July 23rd the Trustees appointed a new Zoning Inspector for the Township. When asked about the new inspector's qualifications a smart mouth answer, from Lynn Whittlesey, was returned "she applied". I don't know who Lynn thinks he is but his smart mouth, arrogant attitude towards the citizens of this community is uncalled for. He seems to forget that he is paid by the citizens of Atwater and therefore accountable to them! As I requested on the 23rd, I want to know what credentials the new Zoning Inspector has and I want to know how many applied and what their credentials were. I expect to receive this information no later than the Sept. 27th Trustee meeting.

Philip T. Cox

John went to UH Hospital for a Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Seminar.

Tom Nellis thanked the Trustees for sending him to the Ohio Arson School.

Bagi Emil asked John about the pipe across the road at his property on Porter. He wanted to know what the purpose and intent of this pipe was. He would like to meet with Portage County officials to discuss this problem. John to put together.

Linda requested a motion to approve Receipts 135-2019 thru 140-2019 totaling \$10,410.63. Peggy moved to approve, Lynn second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey –yes, Peggy Baaney – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requested a motion to approve Blanket Certificate 25-2019 totaling \$7,000.00. Peggy moved to approve, Lynn second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey –yes, Peggy Baaney – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried

Linda requested a motion to approve Purchase Order 24-2019 totaling \$10,400.00. Peggy moved to approve, John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey –yes, Peggy Baaney – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried

Linda requested a motion to approve Electronic Funds 189-2019 thru 190-2019 totaling \$2,582.67. Peggy moved to approve, Lynn second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey –yes, Peggy Baaney – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requests a motion to approve Warrants 35818 thru 35849 totaling \$28,121.17. Peggy moved to approve, John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baaney – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requests a motion to approve Payroll Warrants 35850 thru 35852 totaling \$1,364.13. Peggy moved to approve, John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baaney – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requests a motion to approve Direct Deposit Payroll warrants 175-2019 through 187-2019 totaling \$8,309.70. Peggy moved to approve, John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baaney – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requests a motion to approve Road Department Payroll Warrant 35853 totaling \$1,579.07. Peggy moved to approve, John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baaney – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Lynn motioned at 7:54 pm to pay bills, John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baaney – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Lynn motioned at 7:55 pm to go back into Regular session, John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baaney – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

John made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:03 pm to discuss AFD new hire and one resignation. Peggy second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baaney – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried


Lynn made a motion to go back into Regular Session at 8:06 pm. John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baaney – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried

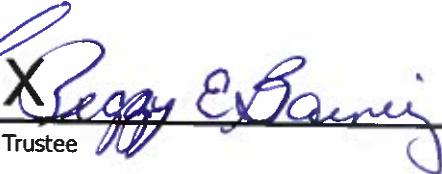
Peggy made a motion to hire Michael Leigh to AFD as a firefighter and paramedic, by passing the 90-day probationary period and going right to the one-year probationary period. Also to accept Rodney Myers resignation effective July 26, 2019 from the AFD. Lynn second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baaney – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried


John motioned at 8:08 to adjourn. Peggy second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baaney – yes; John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randolph Fair starts next Tuesday, August 20th

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Trustee

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Trustee

X 
Trustee

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Fiscal Officer