

Record of Proceedings

INTERVIEW MEETING FOR ZONING INSPECTOR JULY 23, 2019 10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE: Lynn Whittlesey, Peggy Bainey, John Kovacich, Linda Allen, Jeremy Mitchell

Interview Jeremy Mitchell, questions and answers.

Adjourned @ 10:12

INTERVIEW MEETING FOR ZONING INSPECTOR JULY 23, 2019 6:30 pm

ATTENDANCE: Lynn Whittlesey, Peggy Bainey, John Kovacich, Linda Allen, John Allen, Justin Evans, Emily Lashley, Adam Martin.

Lynn made a motion to interview each applicant separately at 6:35 pm, Peggy second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes; John Kovacich– yes. Motion Carried

Lynn moved to go back in Interview session at 7:20 PM. John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes; John Kovacich– yes. Motion Carried

Lynn made a motion to go into Regular Session at 7:21 PM. John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes; John Kovacich– yes. Motion Carried

Minutes of the Atwater Township Trustees meeting held at the Atwater Town Hall located at 1219 St. Rt. 183 in Atwater, Ohio on July 23, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: John Kovacich, Peggy Bainey, Lynn Whittlesey, Fiscal Officer, Linda Allen, Walt Bainey, Phil Cox, Martha Bevard, Mel Russell, Shirley McAlicher, Dave Brannon, Wayne Robertson, Tom Nellis, Bonnie Bowker, Larry Fiegly, Michael Stankiewicz, Dan Kolasky, Bagi Emil, Rachel Willis Justin Evans, Emily Lashley, Adam Martin, were in attendance.

John Kovacich called the Meeting to order at 7:21 pm. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes; John Kovacich– yes. Motion Carried

John made a motion to approve the July 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2019 Special Zoning Hearing Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2019 Budget Hearing Minute Meeting. Lynn second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes; John Kovacich– yes. Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS

Dept. of Commerce Liquor Permit Letter

Celebrate Portage

ODOT Grant Approved

FINANCIALS

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Old Business & New Business

New Alarm System finished today, we only need County to come out and test.

Gas company marked line for new gas line.

Four probationary firefighters in process of getting physicals. Mel request sending them to Firefighter 1 class at a cost of \$1,400 per person. Mel checking to see if there is possibly a grant to cover this cost. Classes start on July 28th. Peggy made a motion for the four probationary firefighters to attend the Firefighters 1 class at a cost of \$1,400 per person. Lynn second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baine – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution No 14-2019

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 Sections 5705.19(I); 5705.191 & 5705.25 and R.C. 505.39.

The Board of Trustees of Atwater Township, Portage County, Ohio met at a regular meeting, on the 23th day of July, 2019 at the Town Hall, with the following members present:

John Kovacich;

Peggy Baine;

Lynn Whittlesey;

John Kovacich moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, on the 23th day of July, 2019, the board of trustees passed a resolution declaring the necessity, for the purpose described in RC 5705.19(I), to renew a levy of a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation, at a rate of 2.25 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 2.25 mill renewal tax levy will be \$0.225 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, based on the current assessed valuation of the Township of \$55,494,410

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 2.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.225 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 2020, first due in calendar year 2021, if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Atwater Township Board of Trustees, Portage County, Ohio, with at least two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a renewal of 2.25 mills, to constitute a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Atwater Township under RC 5705.19(I) for the following purpose:

such as providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials, therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firemen or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firefighters employers' contribution required under section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment or to provide ambulance for emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, as provided by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I) and RC 505.39 at a rate not to exceed (2.25) for each one dollar of valuation, for five years, for the tax years 2020; 2021; 2022; 2023; 2024.

Resolved, that the Township Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to certify, not less than 90 days' prior the general election, to the Board of Elections, Portage County, Ohio, a copy of the resolution

Two permits were issued one for an accessory building the other for a garage. Dan sent a letter to the landowner at 1268 Maple Street concerning the chickens, ducks. Dan will be taking this to the prosecutor. Phil Cox stated that Ohio is reworking the chicken issue, there will be controls on having chickens, ducks, etc. We are waiting for Ohio to be decided.

Dave Brannon inquired as to the fire on Oak Street that burnt the siding of the neighboring home. Homeowner is said to have taken insurance money and ran.

Peggy suggested that Zoning needs to address rental properties.

CEMETERY/REAL ESTATE/PARK

One new cemetery deed, and one adjustment from before needed to be made.

Matt from Pauli will be installing line for electric to pavilion.

Bica will be scheduled to put hardware on new doors when they arrive.

John has a young man, who has court ordered community service doing weed eating, clean up around town. He has 32 hours to do. Peggy inquired as to whether we should have voted on this. Mel says that he has used several people with court ordered community service and that the offenders are covered under the counties insurance, so there it not a liability issue for us.

ADMINISTRATION

Old Business & New Business

Lynn made a motion to accept 7 LifeForce Resident waivers and one nonresident bankruptcy totaling \$2,353.20 and one nonresident waiver to the OAG for collection totaling \$211.12. John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey –yes, Peggy Baine – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried

Linda asked for signatures on the 2017-2018 Audit.

Linda requested a motion to approve Receipts 117-2019 thru 130-2019 totaling \$8,356.05. Peggy moved to approve, John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey –yes, Peggy Baine – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requested a motion to approve Purchase Order 23-2019 totaling \$8,200.00. John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey –yes, Peggy Baine – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried

Linda requested a motion to approve Electronic Fund 173-2019 totaling \$5,949.63. Peggy moved to approve, John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey –yes, Peggy Baine – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requests a motion to approve Warrants 35809 thru 35826 totaling \$13,634.48. Peggy moved to approve, Lynn second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baine – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requests a motion to approve Payroll Warrant 35827 totaling \$457.08. Peggy moved to approve, John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baine – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requests a motion to approve Direct Deposit Payroll warrants 165-2019 through 171-2019 totaling \$4,228.51. Peggy moved to approve, John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baine – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requests a motion to approve Road Department Payroll Warrant 35828 totaling \$1,579.07. Peggy moved to approve, John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baine – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

dated July 23rd, 2019, along with a copy of this resolution to proceed, together with the certification on the Portage County Auditor, and notify the board of elections to cause notice of the election on the question of levying the tax to be given as required by law.

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

Trustee: Lynn Whittlesey ~ YES

Trustee: Peggy Baine ~ YES

Trustee: John Kovacich ~ YES

Adopted July 23rd, 2019

Mel said that the EMA and FEMA were trying to get the reverse 911 calling in effect for Portage County to warn residence of potential danger.

Larry Fiegly inquired into the charging problem with fire truck, Mel said that Sarchiones could not get to it and he has taking it to Myers to be repaired on August 1st..

A resident inquired into the Township getting tornado sirens. Larry Fiegly said that we tried this years ago and turned out to be too costly

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Tim and Milt have been out crack sealing. Hoping to get most of Moff done if the weather holds out. They have been keeping up with mowing.

Wayne Robertson inquired about the status of the Lanham house on Bank street with the flooding. John said that he has not been able to find the end of the pipe, and the Railroad has been working on the tracks where the drain comes out and he has not been able to clean out yet. Peggy stated that where the drain is, is not RR property. Water Resources needs to get involved as this is a homeowner's problem not Township.

ZONING

Old & New Business

The trailers and out buildings at 1405 & 1435 Whittlesey Avenue have been removed. Found that there are cement pads under the Duncan trailer that will need to be removed A neighbor a few doors down from 1435 Whittlesey Avenue wants to know who gave us permission to remove. She contacted the Auditors Office. Homeowners on each side of the removed trailers are interested in purchasing. Portage County owns properties now. John said that there will be an added cost to the demo for the trapping of wild animals. 14 were removed from the demo properties. The gas meter at 1405 Whittlesey Avenues is still live and possibly still on at 1435 Whittlesey Avenue. Edison came out and removed lines.

Walt Baine asked for an update on the property at 1499 Whittlesey Ave. Ralph has not taken possession as of yet. Dan said there was no transfer, and someone has put the camper back on property. Dan will check on this.

Martha Bevard said that the ducks and chickens at her neighbor's house are still causing problems, now the feed is attracting rodents.

Lynn motioned at 8:26:46 pm to pay bills, Peggy second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Lynn motioned at 8:27 to go back into Regular session, Peggy second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey –yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Lynn made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:27 pm to discuss hiring of a Zoning Inspector. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey –yes, Peggy Bainey – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried

John made a motion to go back into Regular Session at 8:33 pm. Peggy second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey –yes, Peggy Bainey – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried

Lynn made a motion to hire Emily Lashley as Zoning Inspector for a 90 probationary period at a rate of \$600 monthly. John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey –yes, Peggy Bainey – no, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried

Peggy told that she didn't have anything against her but Peggy didn't think Emily was qualified for the position of zoning inspector and that Peggy had to do what she thought was best for the township.

Bagi Emil inquired about the property at 1934 Porter Road. A pipe runs under ground and spews about 4,200 gallons a minute. Erosion is noticeable. This could not be farmed until the end of June due to the water. He would like to know what study was doen for installing this pipe. John suggested that he contact Water Resources as this is a County Road and not a Township Road. John said he would take to Mickey Marozzi about this issue.

Phil Cox addressed Lynn saying that he was way out of line in his treatment of Mike Lanham at the last meeting, and that Lynn owes Mike an apology.

John motioned at 8:45 to adjourn. Peggy second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes; John Kovacich– yes. Motion Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Historical Society Meeting tomorrow at 7 – Iceland

July 30th @ 7 School Levy Meeting

X

Trustee

X

Trustee

X

Trustee

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Fiscal Officer