

**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 July 9, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE**

Trustees: John Kovacich, Peggy Bainey, Lynn Whittlesey, Fiscal Officer, Linda Allen, Walt Bainey, Phil Cox, Martha Bevard, Mel Russell, Dan Kolasky, Michael Stankiewicz, Shirley McAlicher, John Allen, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Lanham, Dave Brannon, Wayne Robertson, Larry Fiegly, Sabrina Christian Bennett, Steven Farhart, Neil Whittlesey, were in attendance.

John Kovacich called the Meeting to order at 6:51 pm. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes; John Kovacich– yes. Motion Carried

John asked if there were any corrections or changes to the June 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Lynn made a motion to accept the June 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes. John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes; John Kovacich– yes. Motion Carried

**COMMUNICATIONS**

PARTA Retirement celebration	Portage Recycle Letter	Portage Prepares Letter
Jones Fish Magazine	EMA flood damage grants	
EPA conference	Office Furniture Magazine	Habitat Letter

**FINANCIALS**

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Old Business & New Business**

**RESOLUTION 13-2019**

**TO BE PLACED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019 BALLOT**

Declaring it necessary to levy a renewal of a tax in excess of the Ten Mil Limitation, the Board of Trustees of Atwater Township, Portage County, Ohio met at a regular session on July 9, 2019 at the Township Hall, with the following members present:

Peggy Bainey, John Kovacich, Lynn Whittlesey.

John Kovacich moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten mil limitation will be insufficient to provide adequate amount for necessary requirements of Atwater Township, Portage county, Ohio; and

Whereas, a resolution declaring the necessity to levy a renewal of a tax under R. C. 5705.19 (G) outside the ten mill limitation must be passed and certified to the county auditor of Portage County to permit the board of trustees to consider the levy of such a tax and must request that the county auditor certify to the board of trustees and the total current tax valuation of Atwater Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the 2.25 mill tax; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, 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 2.25 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 for the purpose of Fire Protection.

Resolved, that the levy be placed upon the tax list after the February settlement next succeeding the election and the next successive five (5) tax years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021 if a majority of the electors voting thereon in favor thereof and be it further

Resolved, that the Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to certify a copy of the resolution to the county auditor and the board of elections, Portage County, Ohio. The Board of Trustees hereby requests that the county auditor certify to this Board of Trustees the total

current tax valuation of Atwater Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the tax levy if approved by the electors.

Peggy Baine seconded the motion and the roll was called on the question of its adoption. The vote was as follows: second Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baine – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Darrel Shaw from Diversified working on new alarm system. The outdoor alarm system was not included in our quote. Mel is having Darrel send us a quote for this.

All new Fire Fighters getting their physicals.

Squad 1112 down, charging problem. Going to Sarchiones next week. Lynn said that you must set the parking brake and then the truck will idle up. Mike Lanham said he has never heard of this, Lynn replied that this is a special truck not one the John Q Public could purchase.

Mel gave the gas/diesel report for June. Road Department used 70.5 gallons of gas and 203.7 gallons of diesel. The AFD used 32.4 gallons of gas and 85.0 gallons of diesel.

Mel gave the June run report, we had 28 runs. Mel stated that May was a very busy month.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Received a communication from ODOT that our sign grant has been approved. Sending us the contract to sign. Once signed we will begin getting the signs. The total cost for the signs and post is almost \$15,000. We are going to keep the old signs that we are removing and get them re-skinned when needed.

The excavator blew seal on main host, top boom. They put in new seal and we are back to good working order.

Been ditching on Virginia Petrie and Unger. Stroup at Unger washing out, this also got repaired.

Mike Lanham stated that they are still having water in the basement. John said that a pipe that we put in was over 15 feet deep. This drain needs to be open up at the railroad tracks to see if that won't help alleviate this problem. Mike Lanham said that he was waiting to fire up James Blair about this problem. Lynn said this is not a township problem. Mike Lanham said that the Township is responsible. John is meeting with Mike at 10 am on Thursday to get to the bottom of this problem. A yelling match between Mike Lanham and Lynn Whittlesey occurred. Peggy said that Lynn only interest in three houses in Atwater, his, his mothers, and his sons. John reiterated that the was not the Townships responsibility. Mike Lanham insisted that it is, and that the Township had put this pipe in originally. John said we have no record of us installing this pipe.

## **ZONING**

### **Old & New Business**

One permit was issued for an agricultural Building. Dan is currently working on various old complaints. A property owner wants to build a new home and then remove the old structure when new home is complete.

Phil Cox inquired into the chicken problem next to Martha Bevard's, Dan replied that he is still working on this. Martha said that this neighbor threatened her. Peggy told Martha to call the police. Dan said that this problem will need to go to the prosecutor.

Shirley McAlister found a Zoning Book to use, and will be starting fresh with the minutes she produces. We have not been able to find missing minutes.

### **CEMETERY/REAL ESTATE/PARK**

Pauli Electric has been here and have all replaced all the lights in the Town Hall to LED.

Peggy said that Jeremy will be starting on our new fireproof room next week.

The catch basin at the park has been repaired, hope this will stop the flooding.

Dave Brannon said that the catch basin at Oak & Whittlesey is probably 2 inches higher than the road.

Linda asked if the stray benches at the park could be moved to the town center. Also, wanted to know status of repainting the sign at the center.

### **ADMINSITRATION**

#### **Old Business & New Business**

Linda requested a motion to approve Receipts 108-2019 thru 116-2019 totaling \$10,301.61. Peggy moved to approve, Lynn second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey –yes, Peggy Baine – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requested a motion to approve Blanket Certificates 23-2019 & 24-2019 totaling \$21,000.00 Peggy moved to approve, Lynn second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey –yes, Peggy Baine – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried

Linda requested a motion to approve Electronic Funds 163-2019 thru 164-2019 totaling \$2,926.40. 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 35791 thru 35808 totaling \$6,143.15. 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 35787 thru 35789 totaling \$1,458.73. 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 149-2019 through 161-2019 totaling \$7,844.15. 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 35790 totaling \$1,579.07. Peggy moved to approve, John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baine – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

John motioned at 7:51 pm to pay bills, Peggy second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baine – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

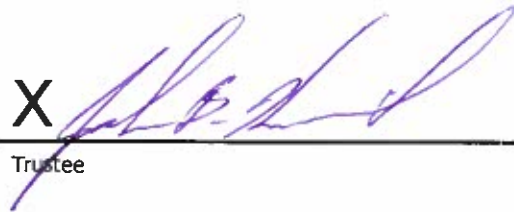

John motioned at 7:52 pm to go back into Regular session, Peggy second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey –yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.


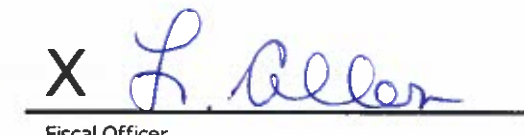
John made a motion at 7:53 to adjourn the meeting. Peggy second. second Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

St. Joes Festival July 12, 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>

Mantua Ox Road July 20th

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Trustee Trustee

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Trustee Fiscal Officer