

Record of Proceedings

Minutes of Regular Meeting Held at 1219 St. Rt. 183 in Atwater, Ohio; on November 24, 2015 at 7 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 November 24, 2015.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: Peggy Baine, Lynn Whittlesey, Danny Derreberry, Linda Allen, Fiscal Officer, Walt Baine, Martha Bevard, Mel Russell, John Kovacich, Dan Kolasky, and Wayne Robertson, Tom Eland, Shawn Rene and Scott Miller, Bob Jones, Larry Fiegly were in attendance.

Danny Derreberry called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:12 pm. Roll Call: Peggy Baine – yes; Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Danny Derreberry – yes. Motion Carried

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

Danny asked if everyone had a chance to look over the November 10th Meeting Minutes. Danny mentioned that the November 10th Meeting Minutes needed to be corrected to read: That we could still apply to NatureWorks for a grant but we had a very very slim chance of getting for at least the next five years. Peggy Baine made a motion to approve and sign the November 10th Meeting Minutes. Lynn second. Roll Call: Peggy Baine – Yes, Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Danny –yes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to Report

FINANCIAL

Danny asked if there were any questions on the financial statements. Peggy Baine made a motion to accept the financial statement. Danny second. Roll Call: Peggy Baine – Yes, Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Danny Derreberry – yes. Motion Carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Old Business

Nothing to report

New Business

Mel accompanied the new tanker that was delivered today Sutphen in New York. Mel stated that the tanker ran good and he was happy with it. Something is going on with the emergency lighting and we are having this checked out. Lynn asked if the pumps were tested and Mel responded that they were. Lynn questioned Bob Jones if the cabinetry was stainless steel or aluminum; Bob replied that it was stainless.

Mel brought up the issue of selling the old tanker, stated that we need to give this some thought. Bob Jones said that there was a company in West Virginia that might be interested in some pieces parts or would be able to advise us of the value of the old tanker. One used tanker recently sold for \$11,500; however Bob Jones thought that our old tanker would be worth around \$15,000. Suggestions were made to sale the tanker on EBay or through local ads. However, not at the Edinburg auction. Mel is to check this out and get back to us.

Mel mentioned the Indemnity Board had elections and voted again on Steve and Jesse.

Road

Old & New

Peggy stated that nothing was going on with the Road Department at this time. Peggy mentioned that the Road Department had been working on Hillcrest Road filling in the pot holes as best they could.

Lynn mentioned the FEMA letter concerning the Flood Plains, and the fact the Portage County has a new Building Inspector, Charles Corcoran. There are better techniques in place now for calculating the elevations of

the Township. Basically, all this goes back to the insurance companies. Atwater should have no changes. Charles Corcoran wants to meet with all the different townships to discuss this issue.

ZONING

Old & New

Dan gave the Zoning report: No new complaints and he is currently continuing with cleanup issues. He will be attending the Portage County Regional Planning Meeting on December 9th. Dan would like to change the Zoning Office Hours in 2016 to Wednesday Mornings 10-12.

CEMETERY/REAL ESTATE/PARK

Lynn had nothing old or new to report for the cemetery.

Danny brought up the options for the pavilion at the park. Peggy got the information and pricing about Pole Barns Direct and gave to Danny. The pricing from Pole Barns Direct was phenomenal compared to our other prices we received. Same size building with no trusses is approximately 40 x 60 price is \$20,000 and comes with a 40 year warranty. The concrete price will stay the same and is being done by Ron England. The only hiccup in this ordeal is that the plans from Pole Barns Direct must be certified by the state. This would require us to have engineered drawings drawn up by an architect and Okayed by the State. John Kovacich suggested that we contact the architect that spoke at our last Portage County Township Meeting.

Dan Kolasky inquired about having restrooms at the pavilion. Danny said that we could make the restrooms a separate building, and put them closer to the baseball field so that the restrooms could accommodate both the baseball and football fields. Danny said that the restrooms would have to be done at a later time when we had the funding.

Danny mentioned that last year when several Atwater residents came out to put in the playground. They donated their time and or equipment. Danny wants to put up a plaque to list all that donated their time or equipment to commemorate all that was done for the Township and to permanently thank these individuals. Danny will get the price to do this and have more information at the next meeting.

Lynn mentioned the three trees planted at the park in memory of three people from long ago, and suggested a plaque for them also, as well as a plaque recognizing the cemetery improvements.

Danny said that the last phase of the Township Park will be the walking track.

Lynn was sent an email to Danny and Peggy concerning the Girl Scouts having a sleep over at the Townhall. Lynn was asking for Peggy & Danny's opinion. John Kovacich said that the Girl Scouts carry a million dollar liability package. Danny to check all this out.

Lynn stated that the \$100 received from Anna Eland was for the rental of the Townhall not to pay for the repairs to the wall where removal of tape damaged the wall in the Townhall. The contractor painted all three walls to make them match. Anna only wants to pay for one wall that was damaged. Lynn has all paperwork and phone calls documented about this. Anna Eland agreed to pay for the repairs; she knew what the price was up front. Anna thought that this price was too expensive. Tom Eland said that Anna had a painter to do this work, Lynn replied that he had made arrangements to meet with this painter a couple of times, however, the painter never showed up. Danny said that he would research all of this as Anna wants to get this resolved.

ADMINISTRATION

Old & New

Linda requested a motion to approve Receipts 190-2015 thru 195-2015 totaling \$4,327.58. Peggy moved to approve, Danny second. Roll Call: Lynn – yes, Peggy – yes, Danny - yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requested motion to approve Blanket Certificates 32-2015 thru 33-2015 totaling \$10,00000.00 for Operating Supplies and R&M. Peggy moved to approve, Danny second. Roll Call: Peggy – yes, Lynn – yes, Danny - yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requested a motion to approve Purchase Orders 55-2015 & 57-2015 totaling \$99,975.25 for the tanker and vision. Danny moved to approve, Peggy second. Roll Call: Lynn – abstain, Peggy – yes, Danny - yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requested a motion to approve Warrants 33765 thru 33775 totaling \$107,364.92. Peggy moved to approve, Danny second. Roll Call: Lynn –abstain, Peggy – yes, Danny - yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requested a motion to approve Payroll via warrants 33763 totaling \$402.88. Peggy moved to approve, Danny second. Roll Call: Lynn – yes, Peggy – yes; Danny - yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requested a motion to approve Payroll Direct Deposit EFT's 105-2015 thru 109-2015 totaling \$2,615.13. Peggy moved to approve, Danny second. Roll Call: Lynn – yes, Peggy – yes; Danny - yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requested a motion to approve Road Payroll warrants 33762 and 33764 totaling \$2,576.75. Peggy moved to approve, Danny second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – abstain, Peggy Baine – yes, Danny Derreberry - yes. Motion Carried.

Danny motioned at 7:45pm to pay bills, Peggy second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baine – yes; Danny Derreberry - yes. Motion Carried.

Danny motioned to return to regular session at 7:45 pm, Peggy second. Roll call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baine – yes, Danny - yes. Motion Carried.

Announcements:

Shawn Renee Miller spoke about the email that she sent to all the Trustees and to the Fiscal Officer concerning the letter she received from the Auditor of the State of Ohio requesting payback of her 2013 payroll overpayment. Shawn wants her name cleared as she feels that she did not do anything wrong. Shawn also stated that there was a lack of follow up on the Townships part. Shawn feels that the letter from the State Auditor attacks her personally and that she did nothing wrong during her time as Fiscal Officer. Shawn gave us a check in the amount of \$1,414 that the letter said that she owed. Danny said that all of us are in a panic over this.

Danny motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Peggy Baine second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey –yes, Peggy Baine – yes, Danny Derreberry - yes. Motion Carried.

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Trustee

Danny Derreberry

X
Trustee

Lynn Whittlesey

X
Trustee

Peggy E. Baine

X
Fiscal Officer

L. Miller