

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 October 22, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: John Kovacich, Peggy Bainey, Lynn Whittlesey, Fiscal Officer, Linda Allen, Walt Bainey, Phil Cox, Martha Bevard, Shirley McAlicher, Larry Fiegly, Mel Russell, Mike Lanham, John Allen, Tom Nellis, Emily Lashley, Wayne Robertson, Dave Brannon, Mike Stankiewicz, 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

Peggy made a motion to approve the October 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey yes, Peggy Bainey – yes; John Kovacich– yes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Portage County Reutilization Blight Elimination Letter Bobcat Booklet NOPEC
Assembly Meeting

FINANCIALS

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scott Miller finished the gas line for the AFD. Mike Lynn to finish the hook up tomorrow.

We had two new fire fighters enrolled in the Fire I class, one had to drop out as she was not making the grade. She wants to stay on at AFD, and retake the class in the spring at her cost not the AFD's.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Road Department crew will be purchasing their yearly clothing soon.

Chip and seal done on Moff Road. Tim and Milt finishing ditches for fall. There is a little boom mowing left to do.

John said that the new road signs had been ordered and we should expect delivery next month. The road Department will be installing when they can.

ZONING

Old & New Business

Four permits issued, two permits for 1512 Porter Road to add a mudroom/entry way and also a pole building. One for 2285 Stroup Road for a front and back porch, also for 2590 Stroup Road for a front and back porch.

Had complaints about 1351 & 1361 Fairview Road, trash and over grown back yards. Also about 1367 State Route 183, yard overgrown, homeowner states entire yard is for "pollinators" and will not be mowing/maintaining the property in any way. Emily will be getting the Health Department involved in this.

1468 Stroup Road – Jim Sherbaugh stated he no longer owns home (refuses to admit he has any connection to it anymore) will have to wait for home to go into foreclosure and resolve issue with bank or new owners.

2587 State Route 183 – Contacted the Electric Company, the home has 2 electric meters attached to the account. Temp poles can only be removed/replaced by home owners request. The electric company allows temp poles and does not require them to be replaced in any specific time frame. Walt Bainey suggested that we get the Portage County Commissioners involved in this issue.

Lynn stated that Brok's time is up in 2020 not 2019 for the Zoning Commission. Peggy stated it is up the end of this year. We are tabling this until next meeting.

CEMETERY/REAL ESTATE/PARK

Letter from Portage Land Reutilization Board. NDS giving up the Land Bank. Trying to get grant for commercial buildings. Jennifer @ NDS said John could have a few more days to compose the information on Atwater blighted homes.

Pauli done with all lights, working on bill to send us.

ADMINSITRATION

Old Business & New Business

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RESOLUTION 15-2019

John Kovacich made the following resolution

WHEREAS, Atwater Township, Portage County is a member of the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a political subdivision risk pool established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code hereinafter ORC 2744.081;

WHEREAS, House Bill 291 was signed into law on December 20, 2018 and became effective March 20, 2019; authorizes the use of an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy, instead of individual surety bonds, for trustees, employees, and appointees who are otherwise required by law to acquire a bond before entering upon the discharge of duties; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with ORC 3:061, the township must adopt a policy by resolution to allow the use of an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty coverage document, rather than a surety bond, to cover loss by fraudulent or dishonest actions of employees and failure of employees to faithfully perform duties; the following shall apply to the policy:

- 1. An officer, employee, or appointee shall be considered qualified to hold the office or employment, without acquiring a bond, on the date the oath of office is taken, certified, and filed as required by law.**
- 2. An officer, employee, or appointee shall have the employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy in effect before the individual's term of office or employment and the officer, employee or appointee shall not commence the discharge of duties until coverage is documented.**
- 3. All officers, employees, or appointees who would otherwise be required to file a bond before commencing the discharge of duties shall be covered by and are subject to the employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy instead of a surety bond requirement.**
- 4. The coverage amount for an officer, employee, or appointee under and employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy shall be equal to or greater than the maximum amount of the bond otherwise required by law.**
- 5. Elected officials, prior to taking the oath of office and holding office, shall obtain approval of the intent to use the township's OTARMA coverage agreement and affirm that the township's coverage complies with ORC 3.061. Said approval shall be obtained by the Atwater Township, Portage County.**

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Lynn second.

Roll Call: John Kovacich – yes, Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Baine – yes.

John stated that we opted for free gas from Pin Oak in lieu of payment.

Our application to OPW for funding did not score well, we can transfer this grant application to Small Government to see if we can get funded. The resolution that we passed for round 34 will suffice for this grant.

John stated that we received the paperwork from Chris Meduri to remove the structure (Flamingo) at 6893 Waterloo Road. We need to have a title search done, we also need to contact the sheriff's office to get all calls made to this establishment.

RESOLUTION 16-2019

John made the following resolution:

Requesting the inspection of the building/structure located at 6893 Waterloo Road, Atwater Township, Ohio and a title search of such real estate for purposes of proceeding under Ohio Revised Code Section 505.86

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Linda requests a motion to approve Direct Deposit Payroll warrants 240-2019 through 246-2019 totaling \$4,839.97. Peggy moved to approve, John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Linda requests a motion to approve Road Department Payroll Warrant 35942 totaling \$1,579.07. Peggy moved to approve, John second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

John motioned at 8:01 pm to pay bills, Peggy second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

John motioned at 8:02 pm to go back into Regular session, Peggy second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey –yes, John Kovacich – yes. Motion Carried.

Last minute stuff: Larry Fiegly wanted to know if anything was found out about the Waterloo Youth Football. Is it still an active organization? Who is liable if other communities use the field. John to contact president to get answers.


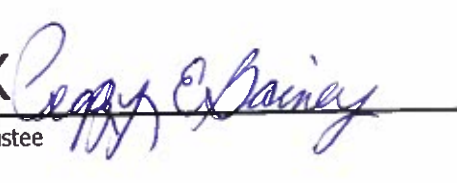
John motioned at 8:29 to adjourn. Peggy second. Roll Call: Lynn Whittlesey – yes, Peggy Bainey – yes; John Kovacich– yes. Motion Carried

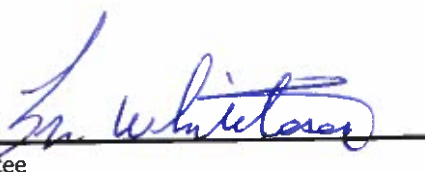

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mogadore Community Center to honor Veterans November 7th @ 5:30 pm

Methodist Church Harvest Dinner November 9th 430-630

Veterans Service having a Vet Appreciation on October 26, 2019 from 11 am to 2 pm at
1060 East Waterloo Road

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Trustee Trustee

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Trustee Fiscal Officer