

Board of Trustees of Jerusalem Township

October 27, 2015

The Board of Trustees of Jerusalem Township, Lucas County, Ohio met in regular session on the 27th day of October, 2015 in the meeting room of the Township Hall with the following members present;

Ron Sheahan, Chairman
Dave Bench, Vice - Chairman
Joe Kiss

Mr. Sheahan called the meeting to order. All present were asked to stand for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was taken.

Ron Sheahan, present
Dave Bench, present
Joe Kiss, present

Minute's approval for the October 13th, 2015 meeting was made by Mr. Kiss with a second by Mr. Sheahan with roll call as follows:

Dave Bench, yes
Joe kiss, yes
Ron Sheahan, yes

Motion carried

Fiscal Officer – Don Murray

Fund Status report has a total of \$854,631.26, with \$597,525.82 at Star Ohio, and \$257,105.44 at Croghan's.

The Payment List for today is Voucher's 102-2015, and 103-2015 plus Warrants #14015 through #14050 totaling \$14,821.81. Mr. Bench made the motion as read and Mr. Kiss seconded it with roll call as follows:

Ron Sheahan, yes
Joe Kiss, yes
Dave Bench, yes

Motion carried.

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Mr. Sheahan made a motion to accept the fiscal officer report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Kiss with roll call as follows:

Dave Bench, yes
Joe Kiss, yes
Ron Sheahan, yes

Motion carried.

Mr. Kiss asked about the status of the Cemetery deeds, and fiscal officer said the answer is yes, and no, the fiscal officer needs to get the Cemetery computer operating, and then he can print the deeds.

Mr. Kiss said that he does have some people waiting to purchase graves.

Fire Department – Assistant Chief Csehi

The Chief is at work, so there is no formal report. All the items that you approved over the last month have been moving forward, and we are keeping the township as safe as we can. We do have a levy on the ballot, and would appreciate a vote of support.

Mr. Kiss asked if the Chief was going to be working this shift for an extended period, and Chief Csehi said that he will be retiring at the end of the year, but he may be on that shift until then. Mr. Kiss said that he has an issue to discuss with the Chief in Executive session, but if the chief is not here, he cannot have that session. Mr. Kiss said that he will await the Chief's return and attendance at the trustee's meetings.

Recreation – Mike Skitowski

Mr. Sheahan said that the pavilion turned out nice, and Mr. Kiss agreed. Mr. Bench said that he thought that it was going to be a standing seam roof, but it is really screwed in place. Mr. Sheahan said that it was supposed to be lapped, and no screws would be showing, so we will check on that. Mr. Sheahan said that he would have Mike pull the specs out and see if that was changed. Mr. Bench believed that we had asked for the standing seam roof. Other than that, all agreed that it turned out very well.

Zoning – No one present

Mr. Bench said that we were working on the house on Cedar Point, but it is stalled right now because the bank is in there, so we are waiting for them.

Mr. Bench said that we are also working on the red house down on LaFountaine. We finally got a complaint on that property, and Dan has some added rules that we now have that we not available to us before, so Dan will be working on those added rules.

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Mr. Sheahan said that Mr. Buck Chevalier is present regarding the property next to him on Cedar Point, so can we go through the steps that we have taken to get that property remedied. Mr. Bench said that we have been working on it for the last two months really hard, and we are now waiting to see what the bank come up with. It is currently in foreclosure by the bank, and the owners will not even talk to us, either in person, by phone, or by letter. They will not answer us, so the bank will be making some proposal. Maybe by next month we can have some movement, but we don't want to do anything illegal, and allow anyone to accuse the township of tampering with the property, and decrease its value in any way. We do have a bid for demolition for around \$5000.00, but that is on hold. Mr. Bench invited Mr. Buck Chevalier to come into the office tomorrow around 5:00 p.m. and the Zoning Inspector will be here, and he can fill you in on all the details and options that the township has pending.

Kevin Chapman did say that someone has mowed the front of the property, but it is unknown who might have done that. It was generally agreed that the county does not mow that far back onto the property. Perhaps it was the bank that had that mowed.

Mr. Kiss said that it is a mess, and it has been brought up at the last four or five meetings, but it is a slow process. Mr. Sheahan said that if we go in there and destroy anything, that will decrease the total value, and then we are in the middle of it, so we are waiting for now. There was some discussion about vehicles on the property, and the age and value of those vehicles. Mr. Bench again invited Mr. Buck Chevalier to come down tomorrow at 5 p.m. and meet with Dan, and he is here until 7 p.m.

Road and Bridge – Kevin Chapman

The recreation had some low spots so we have dug up those and put in 12 french drains and we will see how they look after the next rain. He did get one load of 57's from Stoneco and will be getting another load to finish this part of the drainage at the recreation property. The stone in our east parking lot has been cleanup and spread out on the rec also. There have been one and a half loads on the big diamond and one load on the small diamond and spread out. We will see how far that goes for improving the diamonds. It still needs to be dragged.

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Kevin has backhoe purchase with the three bids. Kevin is recommending the elimination of CAT since that will not hold the price. This is a State bid price in 2015, but CAT will only guarantee the State bid price at delivery, which could increase between the order placement and the delivery time. The other two bids will hold the firm price. So that leaves John Deere and Case. The latest bid from Murray, which is John Deere, and the Case bid are about \$1000 apart, maybe less. Kevin will start demos next week or so on the two pieces of equipment. Some options will still be needed but the cost will be minimal. Full hydraulic power pressure at idle is a very good option and we want to get that on the next backhoe. It is a different type pump assembly than we have on the current Ford.

Mr. Sheahan said that Kevin should start the demos, and make the recommendation to the board, and then we will figure out the financing, once the demos are done.

Van Dyke road is done, and stripped. We will be getting the bills shortly.

Two meetings ago, we discussed the roof on the salt shed, and Kevin would like to move forward with that, and he is recommending Mike and Sons to get the roof and dormer repaired.

Mr. Sheahan made the motion to repair the roof and dormer on the salt shed not to exceed \$4000.00. Seconded by Mr. Bench with roll call as follows:

Joe Kiss, yes
Dave Bench, yes
Ron Sheahan, yes

Motion carried.

On the Cemetery, Kevin said that all footers are installed for headstones, and he is still working on the plaques.

Mr. Brian Conway is here from Waste Management with a letter, and Mr. Sheahan said that he thought that we are good with the letter, but he would like to verify the description and locations for the dumpsters. Kevin did go down to the described sites, and they are all correct. Waste Management would like to have the dumpsters in place by the 9th of November since winter weather is coming. There was a notification needed for the affected residents. Mr. Sheahan recommended at least two flyers to be distributed by Waste Management along with the keys to the dumpsters. Kevin inquired if any handicapped or disabled residents will be given special consideration. Mr. Conway said that we can work that out, but right now, we have no residents in that condition in the affected area where the dumpsters will be located.

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The township dumpster in our lot does not need a lock, since we have put signs up, the dumpster has not been overloaded, and so can we pass on the locking system for our dumpster in this lot. Mr. Conway said that we can hold off on that lock.

Trustees Reports

Cemetery – Mr. Kiss had nothing at this time.

Web site for the Christmas Party is supposed to be on the web site, along with the Christmas Party and the Halloween Party.

Pictures of the new Recreation Pavilion are also over at the web site.

Mr. Kiss asked if the county Jet Truck was never sent over to Brown and Turnau according to the Batch's, and Kevin said that it had been and had identified a couple of partial blocks, but the creek being up was the primary reason for that lack of drainage. The fiscal officer also observed the jet truck operating at that location. Kevin also said that he had attempted to contact the Batch's on three separate occasions, but no one was home.

Mr. Kiss said that he has received complaints on speeding vehicles of all sorts at the end of Dyke by Migliori's, where the blockade was at Kenny King's property.

Mr. Kiss still needs to get with Kevin on the Freher's and graves.

Hall – Mr. Bench said it is busy, but mostly Boy and Girl Scouts, but at least it is getting used, and a lot will be in December.

Road and Bridge – Mr. Sheahan asked if we had set a date for tire recycling. Kevin will check, but this is paid for by grant money from "Keep Ohio Clean" and Lucas County Sanitation. Kevin wants to get it on the web site.

Kevin said that we had a community service worker that will be helping over the next couple of weeks. She has 40 hours to do, so painting and cleanup will be her jobs.

Mr. Sheahan said that of course, we have the new Road and Bridge Levy on the ballot for next Tuesday.

Kevin said he would like to have the Recreation Pavilion on the home page for better exposure. He thought Shannon might be able to get that moved. Mr. Kiss said that he believes that might have already been done.

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Old Business –

Mr. Bench said that he has something on the Eastern Lucas County Bikeway Project. Pearson Park to Maumee Bay to Howard Farms along the lake to the wildlife part, then to Crane Creek, and then back.

He has also received a State permit to get into the Mallard Club if necessary to get the flapper installed on the pipe. We might need to purchase a tractor to run the pump, but we will see. Maybe a setup like Gradel has with the Christ Foley pump would work for the township. There was some discussion about the water pumping on Cedar Point Road.

Public Participation

Cindy Bench said that the Holiday Festival meeting will be on November 11th to go through all the stuff. We have a lot of young energetic helpers, and the Christmas Party will be on December 6th at the Fire Station from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

With nothing further before the board, Mr. Kiss made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Bench with roll call as follows:

Ron Sheahan, yes
Dave Bench, yes
Joe Kiss, yes

Motion carried at 6:54 p.m.

Attested

Approved