

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, Regular Meeting held at the Fire Co., Station 3, Jacksontown, OH at 7:30pm on May 21, 2012.

Mr. Hart called the meeting to order with the following members present: Joseph Hart, David Miller, Ron Acord, and Andrea Lynch.

Others Present: Traci Pickering, Larry Pickering, Darlene Pickering, Ray Pitzer, Ed Monroe, John Holman, Cathy Dixon, Jerry Dixon, Mary Blue (Kokosing Construction), Bill Ours, Huber Lowendick

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved, and signed by the Trustees.

The financial reports were given to the Trustees.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the expenditures totaling \$20,312.87. Mr. Acord seconded the motion. Roll call: Acord, yes; Hart, yes; Miller, yes.

There are funds on hand or in the process of collection to pay the attached listed bills. _____, Fiscal Officer.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Licking Co. Planning regarding Demolition Grant Program
2. Ohio Township News - legislation regarding fraud reporting guidelines for new hires
3. New Employee Packet - created by Fiscal Officer
4. Letter & phone call received from Jeffery & Joyce Hoskinson regarding cemetery plots and transfer of plot to Steven Hoskinson. Resolved by Fiscal Officer.
5. Phone call from Russell Allen regarding copies of cemetery deeds. Resolved by Fiscal Officer.
6. Licking Co. Computer Recycling completed on 5/19/12
7. Resignation letter from Zoning Clerk effective 6/30/12- requested run ad for both clerk and inspector

There was no Fire Co. report.
There was no Zoning report.

A brief discussion took place regarding the Demolition Grant Program letter specifically regarding a property situated on Over Drive. Mr. Hart suggested contacting Warren Weber at Licking County Planning Dept to determine if we can apply for funding under the demolition grant program and have Mike Briggs, Fire Prevention Officer take a look at the property.

Sealed Asphalt Resurfacing Bids were opened and read as follows:

The Shelly Company: Total Bid: \$238,593.90
Start Date: June 4, 2012
End Date: July 31, 2012

Kokosing: Start Date: June 1, 2012
End Date: Sept 30, 2012
Total Bid: \$240,190.00

Construction Management Services:

Total Bid: \$387,175.02
Start Date: June 25, 2012
End Date: July 20, 2012

A discussion took place regarding the road bids and asphalt resurfacing. Mr. Miller asked the Fiscal Officer if we have the money to do this project. The Fiscal Officer responded "yes". Mr. Hart asked the Fiscal Officer if we can afford the \$238,593.90, without going into the reserve that was created from the estate monies and without drawing down the carryover in the general fund. The Fiscal Officer responded, "no". Mr. Hart then asked the Fiscal Officer if we did not go into the 3 million dollar reserve, would we would be taking part of the carry-over reserve. The Fiscal Officer responded that based on our finances to date, yes. The trustees agreed that they did not want to get into the 3 million dollar estate monies to complete this project. Mr. Hart suggested long term planning for revenue expenditures and capital improvement. Mr. Miller and Mr. Acord concurred.

Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the asphalt resurfacing bid from The Shelly Company in the amount of \$238,593.90 as the best and lowest bid.

Mr. Hart seconded the motion. Roll call: Acord, yes; Miller, yes; Hart, yes.

A discussion took place regarding limestone stockpiling. Mr. Hart mentioned the potential difficulty in obtaining limestone and suggested revisiting our previous decision.

Mr. Hart reminded the board of the fire levy renewal date of August 8, 2012.

Mr. Miller thanked Steve Patterson and Rob Mills for their recent mowing. Mr. Miller will review limestone stockpiling needs, indicated that the township clean-up may be in June this year, and advised that we also may benefit from volunteers from the prison for this project.

A brief discussion took place regarding the cemeteries. Mr. Hart indicated that he will get a copy of the cemetery rules from Fairmount Cemetery and Newark Memorial Gardens to compare with ours and suggested a work session to review our by-laws. The Fiscal Officer relayed a request from an individual regarding his wish to be cremated and buried on top of his wife's casket. The trustees agreed that this was an allowable request and asked the fiscal officer to notify the individual of the decision.

Mr. Hart advised the board that he attended a meeting with the County Commissioners where a conversation took place regarding the Jacksontown Sewer Project and whether our board would contribute financially to the project.

A discussion took place regarding the Jacksontown Sewer Project. Mr. Hart indicated that he has mixed feelings about contributing while Mr. Miller indicated that he is willing to listen to what they have to say but would be more inclined to favor a low interest loan. The board agreed to invite and listen to a presentation from the commissioners or Kevin Eby on the matter.

Mr. Dixon expressed concerns about plans for the future use of the Riesbeck farm located on Licking Trails specifically the transfer and use of the farm from agricultural to commercial use for a pumpkin farm complete with concession stand, sideshow performers, nighttime musical activities, freaky forest, etc. Mrs. Dixon provided the board with

copies of an ad from Craigslist and the website for Hecker's Farm/Freaky Forest. Mr. Hart indicated that the property is not zoned agriculture and suggested contacting Zoning Inspector Joe Walker. Mr. Hart referred to a report from The Ohio State University Extension Office which outlines a list of allowable uses for agricultural properties specifically agricultural entertainment. Mr. Hart indicated that the board does not have much, if any, jurisdiction over the matter. Mr. Miller indicated he would contact Mr. Walker.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Mr. Acord seconded the motion. All in favor: Miller, aye; Hart, aye; Acord, aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Attest

May 21, 2012 minutes