

PARKMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

July 16, 2013

The regular meeting of the Parkman Township Trustees was called to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Trustees-Kevin O'Reilly, and Nancy Ferguson, Fiscal Officer-Joyce Peters, Secretary-Renee Patry, John Spelich, Kathy Preston, Kathleen Smith, Jon Ferguson, Roger Anderson, Tom Evers, Ben Byler, Dennis Ikeler, Debbie Wilson, Dennis Coz, Diane Ryder, Victoria Bacon, and John Augustine. Trustee-Don Villers was not present because of vacation.

Approval of Minutes

The July 2, 2013 regular meeting minutes were reviewed and not approved at this time. The secretary was asked to revise the minutes for the next meeting.

Requested Speaker

Mr. Ben Byler requested time to speak to the Board. Mr. Byler asked Trustee Kevin O'Reilly why his property is considered agricultural and wanted to know how this was different from Mr. Byler property where he has a hardware store. He asked if Mr. O'Reilly owns the land. Kevin O'Reilly explained that he produces feed and grows 90 percent of the feed ingredients on the farm. Mr. Byler also expressed frustration with articles published in the newspaper that he felt were not accurate. Mr. Byler had questions in regards to a document he was given regarding land usage, use variance, and building inspection. The Board suggested he consult with the Auditor Office for questions regarding the document.

Correspondence

- FCC-Request to renew our license and to verify number of units at the Fire Department. Joyce Peters-Fiscal Officer will forward the request to the Fire Chief.

Departmental Reports

- Fiscal Officer
 1. Bank Reconciliation-The Fiscal Officer presented the Board with the June 2013 Business Now Checking Account Bank Statement and reconciliation report. Nancy Ferguson made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation. Kevin O'Reilly seconded the motion. (Resolution No. 13-184) Motion carried unanimously.
 2. Gradall Repair-Tom Evers reported that the gradall had a problem with the air compressor and had to be towed for repairs. A motion was made by Nancy Ferguson and seconded by Kevin O'Reilly to approve up to 500 dollars to Harshman and Sons Towing for towing of the gradall. (Resolution No. 13-185) Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Nancy Ferguson and seconded by

Kevin O'Reilly to approve up to 1000.00 dollars to Countryside Truck Service for repair of air compressor of the gradall. (Resolution No. 13-186) Motion carried unanimously.

3. Road and Bridge Levy- The Fiscal Officer indicated the most current estimated tax revenue certified by the Geauga County Auditor Office for a .9 mill 5 Year Renewal Road Levy would be 25842.00 dollars per year at 100% collection.

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of said **Parkman Township, Geauga County, Ohio**; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the **Board of Township Trustees** of the **Parkman Township, Geauga County, Ohio**, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of **Parkman Township** for the purpose of **the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads and bridges in Parkman Township as provided in R.C. 5705.19 (G) at a rate not exceeding .9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to nine cents (9) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five years, and which levy is a RENEWAL of the 1989, .9 mill Road Improvement Levy, and commencing in 2014, first due in calendar year, 2015.**

RESOLVED, That the question of levying additional taxes be submitted to the electors of said **Township of Parkman** at the **GENERAL** election to be held at the usual voting places within said **Township of Parkman** on the **5th day of November, 2013**; and be it further

RESOLVED, That said levy be placed upon the tax list of the current year after the February settlement next succeeding the election, if a **majority** of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk or Township Fiscal Officer of this **Parkman Township Board of Trustees** and he is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections, **Gauga County, Ohio on or before August 7, 2013** and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Kevin O'Reilly made a motion to declare it necessary to levy a 5 year renewal tax of .9 mil for the purpose of Road and Bridge. Nancy Ferguson refused to second the motion. She indicated her reasoning as the lack of a plan for the Road Department and recent truck purchase.

4. Fire Levy-The Fiscal Officer indicated the most current estimated tax revenue certified by the Geauga County Auditor Office for a 1.0 mill 5 year Replacement Fire Levy would be 67,773 dollars per year at 100% collection. She read the following Resolution to Levy.

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of said **Parkman Township, Geauga County, Ohio**; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the **Board of Township Trustees** of the **Parkman Township, Geauga County, Ohio**, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of **Parkman Township for the purpose**

of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company; as provided in R. C. 5705.19 (I) at a rate not exceeding 1.0 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to ten cents (10) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five years, and which levy is a REPLACEMENT of the 1984 1.0 mill Fire Levy, commencing in 2014, first due in calendar year, 2015.

RESOLVED, That the question of levying additional taxes be submitted to the electors of said **Township of Parkman** at the **GENERAL** election to be held at the usual voting places within said **Township of Parkman** on the **5th day of November, 2013**; and be it further

RESOLVED, That said levy be placed upon the tax list of the current year after the February settlement next succeeding the election, if **a majority** of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk or Township Fiscal Officer of this **Parkman Township Board of Trustees** be and he is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections, **Geauga County, Ohio on or before August 7, 2013** and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Nancy Ferguson made a motion to support the levy and Kevin O'Reilly seconded the motion. (Resolution No. 13-187) Motion carried unanimously.

5. Report Distribution-Fund status, and appropriation status reports were distributed to the Board.

Resident Discussion

Resident Jon Ferguson suggested Nancy Ferguson reconsider the road and bridge levy. He suggested the revenue could be used for truck replacement in the future. Nancy Ferguson refused stating that there is no willingness or discipline for saving.

Resident Roger Anderson asked Trustee-Nancy Ferguson to reconsider and second the motion. She did not second the motion.

Resident Dennis Coz suggested the Trustees have a discussion and come up with a saving plan for truck replacement to resolve the issue and get back on the right track. It was decided this could not be done in this meeting because of philosophical differences on how the Township money is used, Kevin O'Reilly indicating General Fund money is a permitted use for Road Maintenance, and Nancy Ferguson's position that each department should be self-sustaining.

Joyce Peters-Fiscal Officer pointed out that the mandated inside millage for the road department in the General Fund generates approximately 90,000 dollars per year. She said according to the Appropriation Status report, currently this fund has 152,000 dollars appropriated for roads, with approximately 43,000 dollars of that currently encumbered and there is 48,000 dollars of estate tax which was previously set aside in a Capital fund for a truck purchase.

A resident questioned the cost effectiveness of overtime worker pay for Township Meetings. She suggested better time management so mandatory meeting attendance would not require full time workers be paid overtime.

Approval of Bills and Wages

A motion was made by Nancy Ferguson and seconded by Kevin O'Reilly to pay the bills and wages from warrant # 19994 through warrant #20015. (Resolution No. 13-188) Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Ferguson reported that she had prepared a letter from the Parkman Board of Trustees to be sent to the Geauga County Engineer Office requesting a speed study for possible speed reduction for Farmington Road. This is in response to residents concern about the speed limit on Farmington Road expressed at the July 2, 2013 regular meeting.

Departmental Reports

- Zoning
 1. Main Market Motors-The Zoning Inspector reported that Main Market Motors complete the needed paper work to move forward to apply for a conditional permit.
 2. Hauser Landscaping-The Zoning Inspector reported that there was nothing new in regards to a complaint from resident Mr. Fish about possible contamination of water from Hauser Landscaping.
 3. New Construction-The Zoning Inspector reported that he received information on a new construction on Tavern Road indicating the resident was putting up a 40 by 60 tool shed. The resident will be coming in to the Zoning Office to complete a pre-application on the building.
 4. New Construction-The Zoning Inspector received two complaints of building on Nash Road and both had zoning permits. One neglected to display his certificate and was told to do so.
 5. Vacant House-Investigation on a vacant house on Bundysburg Road. The Zoning Inspector is looking into the mortgage holder and will follow up with a letter of noncompliance to the bank or current owner.
 6. Geauga County Planning-Prepared Geauga County new housing startup based on permits issued for 2012 and the first two quarters of 2013. Copy of this distributed to the Board.

7. Complaint of Fence-Zoning Inspector received a complaint of fence line on Old State Road. Pre-application was completed and permit was issued.

8. Complaint of Junk Vehicles-Letter sent for junk vehicles Old State Road.

- Road Department

1. Equipment Maintenance-Tom Evers reported that the Gradall broke down because of the air compressor and he expects it to take 4-5 days for repair.

2. Road Repair-Nash Road and the alley beside the old bicycle shop is being repaired with asphalt grindings. Nancy Ferguson asked about the alley repair and Tom Evers indicated it was needed repair in the space between the alley and the sidewalk due to snowplow scraping of material during plowing.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Kevin O'Reilly and seconded by Nancy Ferguson to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. (Resolution No. 13-189) Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

Joyce Peters

Kevin O'Reilly

Fiscal Officer

Chair