

Parkman Township Trustees Regular Meeting of October 21, 2014

The regular meeting of the Parkman Township Trustees was called to order at 7:12 p.m. at Prairie Lane School, 17190 Reeves Road. In attendance were: Trustees - Jon Ferguson, Roger Anderson, and Dennis Ikeler, Fiscal Officer - Kathy Clossin, John Spelich, Tom Evers, Paul W. Komandt, Courtney Sanders, Kathleen Bravchok, Sarah Byler, Mike Bravchok, Albert Miller Jr., Diane Ryder, Stephen E. Yoder, Peter Miller.

An agenda was made available for attendees. Checks were presented by the Fiscal Officer and signed by the Trustees. Several township employees expressed appreciation to the Amish Community for the use of their school for this outreach meeting and for making everyone feel welcome.

* R. Anderson moved and D. Ikeler seconded a motion to pay the bills. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 14-261) (Warrants 21137 – 21167)

* R. Anderson moved and J. Ferguson seconded a motion to waive the reading of the October 7, 2014 Trustee meeting minutes as written and approved the same. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 14-262)

Fiscal Officer

* J. Ferguson moved and R. Anderson seconded a motion for a line item transfer of funds for 2031-330-599-0000 Other- Other expensed for \$1,400 (to pay bills for the remainder of the year. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 14-263)

* J. Ferguson moved and R. Anderson seconded a motion for a line item transfer of funds for 2031-330-221-0000 Medical/Hospitalization for \$5,300 (to pay bills for the remainder of the year). Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 14-264)

* J. Ferguson moved and R. Anderson seconded a motion for a then and now Purchase Order to R Humr Construction Company from 2031-330-599-0000 to pay \$662.50 for services. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 14-265)

* J. Ferguson moved and R. Anderson seconded a motion for a line item transfer of funds for 1000-110-599-0000 Other – other expenses for \$10,000 (to pay bills for the remainder of the year). Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 14-266)

* J. Ferguson moved and D. Ikeler seconded a motion to accept the Bank Reconciliation for September 2014. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 14-267)

* J. Ferguson moved and R. Anderson seconded a motion to appoint James Flaiz as Parkman Township's representative for voting at NOPEC. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 14-268)

* Emailed monthly reports and miscellaneous information to Trustees

* Closed all 2013 purchase orders in preparation for end of year

* Received a rebate from Bureau of Workers compensation for some of the premiums from 2012 and they noted that there is a safety initiative program for grants. Further information is available at : www.bwc.ohio.gov Hard copies of this information given to Road and Fire departments.

* Awaiting a response from the Drug and Alcohol Consortium Committee on information request.

* Some payments for Culvert work have been received

* Northeast Ohio Township Association meeting notice – Thursday, October 30th from 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. to be held at Sagamore Hills Administrative offices on Valley View Road.

Zoning (John Spelich)

- * Robert Mast on Hosmer road requested information on set backs on a proposed fence.
- * Howard Hanna real estate requested information on the Fury property on Madison Road. Concerning gas line which runs on the front of the property
- * Department of Commerce, US Census department is taking applications for field representatives, for a housing survey.
- * D & B builders requested a meeting concerning a renovating the Parkman Video store into a convenient store. They did not show for the meeting.
- * Dan Slabaugh, Hosmer road, completed an application for an accessory building, further documents are needed.
- * CNC (lot consolidation) waiting for legal paperwork; Ted Wach property, waiting for the deed to clear and the old school – waiting for engineer drawings for all department approval.
- * Permit issued for a fence at the Lou Horvath property on Old State Road
- * Complaint received concerning junk and unlicensed vehicles located on Owen Road. property inspected and non-compliant letter will be sent to property owner after contact is made.

Fire Department (Paul W. Komandt)

- * Rescue Squad not running properly and taken to Kepich, nothing was found. Looking at replacing the squad for next year.
- * Fire Department Open House went well, looking for ways to improve attendance
- * 16 Fit tests for SCBA completed with two additional test to be scheduled
- * Need to purchase 1 or 2 fire helmets cost \$350 each
- * Possible need of the purchase of two sets of bunker gear (pants and coats only)
- * Emergency and Authorized vehicle parking only signs needed for east side of the station
- * Purchase order needed for ladder Testing \$500 to Ohio Cat
- * Applying for grant from Ohio Dept. of Workers Compensation for lift assist cot system. Cost to Parkman would be \$11,000 of the \$44,000 cost. Concerns of overweighting the squad was expressed; also \$3,000 cost to transfer the system to the new rescue squad.
- * The new five inch hose is in service
- * Former Parkman EMS member, Missy Mentor Yodes received EMS educator of the year.
- * File of Life forms were discussed and available for residents and meeting attendees

Road Department (Tom Evers)

- * D. Ikeler moved and J. Ferguson seconded a motion to purchase 200 tons of asphalt grindings to patch holes on all of our roads. (cost \$16 a ton from Ronyak Paving) Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 14-269)
- * Gradall - installed Hydraulic Cylinder, replaced rear slack adjusters & battery
- * Topsoil and seed placed on Hosmer & Newcomb roads & erosion fabric, Newcomb Rd
- * Topsoil & seeded at the Park and Cemetery
- * Filled in holes on Nash / Newcomb / north end of Hosmer Roads
- * Repaired brake lights; replaced body build computer and front fender on Freightliner. Experiencing continued problems with the brake lights, it was taken to Cleveland for repairs

- * Cleaning up the garage yard for winter
- * Load of scrap metal culvert pipes to scrap yard, received \$321 dollars
- * Install Rip Rap on problem spot on Shedd rd – clean ditch in same area
- * Discussed water line replacement to garage and needed materials
- * Discussion concerning obtaining prices for 1,000 tons of limestone from three sources before purchase. T. Evers indicated prices from Arms trucking: 57 limestone -\$18.75/ ton and 411-limestone \$16.95/ton. Several other companies were mentioned and a resident said that he would give an additional contact for limestone.

Community House (R. Anderson)

- * Discussion on allowing Beltone to use the Community House free of charge to conduct hearing tests for residents. It was determined that this was not a Parkman resident and a fee should be charged for use of the Community House.
- * Sale of items at Ledgemont High School in Thompson this Saturday. R. Anderson will be attending to purchase items for the Community House and other supplies and materials. Costs are \$5 an item.

Cemetery (D. Ikeler)

- * Overlook park – Several head stones are loose and need to be repaired.
- * Requisitions for funeral costs were discussed and D. Ikeler indicated that he will approve and sign requisitions over \$500.

Old Business

- * Bills for driveway culverts were discussed; two of the delinquent bills will be mailed in a last attempt to obtain payment before further options are taken.
- * Detonation of Tannerite usage in Parkman was discussed. There is a concern with a resident on Hobart Road detonating tannerite. J. Ferguson indicated that there have been discussions with the Sheriff's office and the County and State Prosecutors concerning this. He also praised the Maple Leaf for their recent article concerning tannerite.
- * Tower usage, there have been calls by companies wanting to have a lease arrangement with the township. It was determined that it was not in the best interest of the township to enter into any of these types of agreements. It was decided not to follow up on these types of calls.
- * Budget Information – J. Ferguson: Parkman Township received additional funds due to payment of delinquent taxes and these payments assisted with the forecasted spending this year. However, funds will be very tight in 2015, but we will continue working on cutting spending and goal setting to avoid deficits.

New Business

- * Insurance Renewals- J. Ferguson is looking at the cost of Property and Causality Insurance premiums and the best policy for the cost. He will be meeting with several companies to discuss options. He will write a letter to OTARMA concerning the possibility of changing insurance companies and/or policies.
- * Purchasing Procedures will be discussed next month due to some concerns and problems
- * D. Ikeler will send a letter to the Geauga County Engineers, inviting them to the November 18th Trustee meeting to discuss Parkman Roads.

Public comments

* Resident inquired about an exposed gas line in the ditch on Reeves Road. D. Ikleler indicated that the Road Department would remove the exposed dead lined on Reeves Road

* Resident expressed concern about lack of snow plowing the roads on weekends. T. Evers indicated that there is a road priority according to amount of traffic and the depth of snow determines when a road is plowed. He indicated that they start at the other end of town; Nash, Newcomb and Patch get attention first.

* Resident inquired about the installation of driveway culverts and costs. T. Evers said that all pipes are now a minimum of 30 feet in length. 12" plastic culvert pipe and gravel cost \$280 and 15" plastic culvert \$310, and that they no longer install steel pipe. He further indicated that there is no charge for installation and that the charge for pipe and stone is at cost price.

* Resident inquired about filling the holes in the road with 57 limestone and that within 1 to 2 weeks, all of the limestone is in the ditch. He further indicated that the 57 limestone was hard on the horse's hooves and asked if they could use smaller stone. Different options were discussed, but no decision was made.

* Resident inquired about Owen Road and the use of Asphalt grindings. It was determined that asphalt grinding held up better for holes, but not necessarily better for the entire road. All was dependent on the weather, not hot enough and the asphalt grindings don't work as well and wash boarding occurs if not packed down tight enough. It was determined that we have to figure a better way to do things until it can be done correctly.

* Resident inquired about a list of the roads that Parkman Township maintains; due to the lack of attention given to the part of Reeves Road east of Bundysburg Road. The resident indicated that he would like the holes to be patched with asphalt grinding if possible.

* Residents inquired about the depth of ditches and standing water. T. Evers said that some of the driveway pipes were placed at the incorrect slope, directing water in the wrong direction. He further stated that the ditches were to be 30 inches deep with an 18 inch pipe.

* Resident inquired about Zoning. It was stated that there is a legal separation between the Trustees and the Zoning employees. The Trustees appoint them, but do not tell them what to do. J. Ferguson indicated that there are openings on the Zoning committees and applications are being accepted.

* R. Anderson moved and J. Ferguson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy Clossin
Fiscal Officer

Approved by:



Jon Ferguson
Trustee Chairman