

Parkman Township Trustees
Regular Meeting of March 20, 2018

The regular meeting of the Parkman Township Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Parkman Community House. In attendance were: Trustees-Roger Anderson, Dennis Ikeler, and Jon Ferguson, Fiscal Officer- Nina Reed, Zoning Inspector-John Spelich, Mike Komandt-Fire Chief, Crist Weaver, Jerry A. Miller, Ervin M. Yoder, Billy E. Yoder, John Fisher, Samuel S. Weaver, Allen R. Yoder, Allen N. Mast, Tom Samstag, Joy Samstag, Marty Troyer, Joey J. Miller, Andrew Weaver, Ivan Schmucker, Joe E. Mullet, Albert C. Yoder, Lynn Schiffbauer, Nick Gorris-Deputy Engineer, and Skip Claypool-County Commissioner

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an agenda was made available.

*J. Ferguson moved and R. Anderson seconded a motion to pay the bills. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 18-56)

*R. Anderson moved and D. Ikeler seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 6, 2018. (Resolution No. 18-57)

*J. Ferguson moved and D. Ikeler seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 10, 2018. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 18-58)

*J. Ferguson moved and D. Ikeler seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a new generator for the road department and installation cost up to \$6,000.00 (Resolution No. 18-59)

*J. Ferguson moved and R. Anderson seconded a motion to appoint Captain Russell Spencer to the position of Interim Fire Chief effective at 12:01 AM on the date of Chief Komandt's departure for deployment. Jon Ferguson will document the date of deployment. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 18-60)

*D. Ikeler moved and R. Anderson seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Mike Sestek. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 18-61)

*J. Ferguson moved and D. Ikeler seconded a motion to adopt the Red Cross Shelter agreement. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 18-62)

*D. Ikeler moved and R. Anderson seconded a motion to approve Jacob Bowden's Paramedic training at a cost not to exceed \$8000.00. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 18-63)

Special Guest:

*Road Planning Discussion: County Commissioner Skip Claypool attended the meeting to discuss road planning for Parkman Township.

Mr. Ferguson discussed the following: Budget money comes from the state but 60% comes from levy money. In the past years the general fund would give money to help fund the roads but that stopped due to a decrease in money coming in from the state. The general fund is unable to give money due to the loss. The Township has 26 miles in which 17.4 of those miles are gravel roads. The cost of gravel has gone up over 30% in the last five years along with other items needed to maintain the roads. Last year the core samples were taken on all the roads showing that there is no base on the roads. Penz Surpress was used to help stabilize the roads but this did not work. There has been a cheaper vendor found for calcium chloride for this year. The breakdown of spending was provided for all to review during the meeting showing how money is spent and where it all goes.

Mr. Claypool then stated that it is not the County Commissioners jobs to take on roads that it is up to the state, county, and townships to maintain their roads. It is up to the citizens to figure out how to get money to fix the roads. Some ideas are to pass a levy to help pay for it, look for help paying by way of grants, and call government officials. The more calls the better. Mr. Claypool stated that the state of Ohio website shows that there is 12 million dollars set aside to help roads that are a safety hazard. This money takes up to give years to get and the roads in Parkman Township do not meet the qualifications for the money. ODOT's goal is zero deaths on road ways but the Amish community is off the radar. Mr. Claypool stated that he recently went to the White House where he knows two of the top people there and he will be emailing them letting them know that the townships are struggling to keep up with the roads. Hopefully this will lead to help. Mr. Claypool spoke about NOACA as they have funding available for alternative transportation roads. Mr. Claypool stated that money was

just granted for a bike path. In his mind Amish buggies are an alternative transportation and this should be explored for funding.

*A question was asked about giving the roads over to the township and letting them pay to fix them from here on out.

Mr. Ferguson stated that the county does not want the roads. This has already been explored. The county is working with the township to get funding for the Grove Road repair that will happen this year. This project will require a loan on the township though as there is not enough money to pay for it all in one year.

*It was stated that a previous road crew worker told local residents that it costed the township about \$19,000.00 per mile.

A response back stated that this cost does not include all costs like gas, maintenance, labor, and other items.

*A question was asked if chip and seal would be more cost effective.

A response back stated that a levy was put on 4 years ago asking for money to chip and seal all roads and it failed. The trustees do not feel comfortable going back and asking taxes payers for more money

*A question was asked for permission to put something on the road by residents if it gets too dusty.

A response was given by saying that it is illegal to put things on the roadways

Another question was asked wanting to know what would be legal to put on the roads.

The response was water and calcium chloride but that has to be put on by the township

*A question wanting to know who calls the EPA when a resident does put something on the road.

A response was given stating that someone saw that there was something put on the road and called the Fire Department. The Fire Department is required to call the EPA at that time.

*A question was asked wanting to know why Hosmer Road had better dust control.

A response was given stating that the same calcium chloride was used on all dirt roads but traffic is lighter on Hosmer so that is why it holds up longer.

*A question was asked wanting to know what the road department was doing with the grader because they were not seen using it.

A response was given stating that things have not been done properly but all work will be monitored now.

*Patch road was discussed stating that after last year's fixes and putting in asphalt grindings have helped it hold up. There were two blow outs that cost about \$1,200.00 to fix. Hosmer had a blow out and it cost about \$4,000.00 to fix. So, the asphalt grinding fixes are cheaper. Not saying it is the best way to go though at this time.

*A resident stated that they wished the township did not use limestone because it breaks apart but they should use asphalt grindings

A response was given stating that Patch Road is being watched to see if this is the best route to do to the dirt roads.

*A question was asked on why they need to spend the time and money digging the ditches.

Shane Hajjar from the county stated that the ditches should be dug prior to road work to help with the draining of the roads. This is done at the County as well

*Mr. Claypool stated that there isn't a trustee in Parkman that doesn't want to help and make everything right. Everyone needs to work together to fix the problems.

*A question was asked wanting to know if the trustees had reached out to another town with dirt roads.

A response was given stating that they have and everyone tells them to chip and seal the roads.

*A question was asked if it would save money to get rid of the road department and subcontract all the work out.

A response was given stating that Troy Township does this and things have not worked out. This would not save money.

*A question was asked stating that a horse had to be put down due to breaking its leg on the road, would that be considered a safety issue to get grants.

Mr. Claypool stated that his guess would be no. He stated that his car was damaged once due to bad road conditions and the most the state would do is maybe cover the co-pay for car insurance. It is a good idea to try though.

*Nick Gorris from the county stated that they will stake Newcomb Road for the right of ways

Fiscal Officer:

*GCTA quarterly meeting to be held at Russell Township on 04-11-2018

- *Lead custodian at the maintenance department full time position starting at \$15.15 per hour
- *Full time maintenance position starting at \$11.58 per hour
- *Part time attendant at Pleasant Hill Home starting at \$11.58 per hour
- *Position of Director at Water Resources

Zoning:

- * Received from the Planning Commission a proposed consolidation of lots C-18-018. The consolidation is a total of 7.085 acres held by BTE properties they are as follows 25-120100-025800, 060760,010860,010850,002900 and 25-003000. Parkman zoning received, reviewed and returned all paperwork back to the County.
- *Also received from planning a proposed lot split and consolidation of lots for Dan Gingerich of 16654 Madison Road 8.45 acres was split from parcel 25-061410 owner Marvin Mast, and then consolidated to parcel 25-028400 for a total of 48.93 acres for Gingerich. This information was provided by the surveyor and yet not approved by the county.
- *Received a couple of requests for zoning information (a) Jacob Miller of 16495 Hosmer Road Mr. Miller is looking to purchase land from his in-laws and wanted information on flag lots and size of structures (b) was information from the Beards at 17222 Reynolds Road they requested information on land splits and where and how to start. All information was given to them.
- *Keith Strever was sent out an application and information on swimming pools, he is proposing in-ground swimming pool, I requested a site plan with dimensions of the pool and its location. He is to come to office with the plans.
- *Nothing to report on the proposed sale of property at 15460 Main Market Road. The realtor wanted for information on sewer and the running of sewer lines to the parcels I told him to check with the County Engineer Office.
- *Jason Farrar of 16855 Main Market Road was in the office and took out an application for a detached garage and a loft over the garage. All paper work was in order and a permit was issued for the 1500 square foot garage.
- *John Fisher of Nash Road was in the office and he took out an application for an addition to his house, Mr. Fisher submitted his site

plan and building plans and all off paper work was in order and a permit was issued

Fire:

- *Engine should be back from repair this week some time.
- *Squad will be next to go in for a regular service, next week or so
- *Scheduled annual undercoating of apparatus and road department trucks and equipment, April 5 &6. No increase in price.
- *Jake Bowden Medic class approval, Course fee and all associated testing and physical if needed.
- *State EMS Grant and economic hardship for medic courses was submitted, 15k for economic hardship plus normal EMS Grant submission.

Roads:

- *We have been filling holes on gravel roads when we can
- *Plowed and salted roads
- *Started service equipment to get ready for spring
- *Got more cold patch to fill in holes on Farley, Nash, and Grove

Cemetery:

- * Looking for new sexton
- *Health District meeting coming up will be attending

Community House:

- * Good to go with Nopec Grant

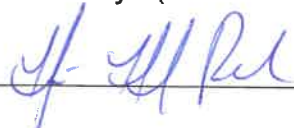
Old Business

- * Red Cross shelter agreement approved

New Business:

- * None

* D. Ikeler moved and R. Anderson seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 18-64)

Meeting minutes submitted by: 

Meeting minutes approved by: 