

Parkman Township Trustees

Regular Meeting of September 1, 2020

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 Henry Duchscherer, Fiscal Officer- Nina Reed, Fire Chief- Mike Komandt, Stacey Raymond, Jeffrey Raymond, Dennis Coz, Bill Zeigler, Thad Wojtasik, Andy Matlack, Russell Spencer, Lance Portman, Ryan Morehead and Thaeodore Wojtasik.

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


Motions:

*D. Ikeler moved, and H. Duchscherer seconded a motion to pay the bills for the entire month of September 2020. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 112-2020)

*D. Ikeler moved, and H. Duchscherer seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 18th, 2020. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 113-2020)

*R. Anderson moved, and D. Ikeler seconded a motion to approve the bank reconciliation for May 2020 . Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 114-2020)

*R. Anderson moved, and D. Ikeler seconded a motion to approve the bank reconciliation for June 2020. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 115-2020)

*H. Duchscherer moved, and D. Ikeler seconded a motion to pay \$5380.00 to Dale -Compton to paint the community house and gazebo. Motion carried unanimously (Resolution No. 116-2020)

Fiscal Officer:

* Nothing

Zoning:

*** REQUEST FOR ZONING INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- (a) Title Professionals of Chardon for Parcel 25-052295 owner Terry Milhollan also parcel 25-052860 owners Madelyn Milhollan. Both searches pending of sale of lots on Madison Road.

* Application sent out to Andrew Matlack for small building also site plan needed and requested.

* Joseph Urban sent out second notice to remove junked vehicles on property, Mr. Urban sponged back and said he will begin cleaning up.

* Adam Soltis of Payne Road had questions on prefab recreations cabins being sold J&J Mill Works out of Middlefield. Zoning received a set of prints and forwarded to County Building to review for compliance. The proposed building is less than the one-thousand square foot required by Parkman Zoning. If the prints are OK, then Mr. Soltis may have to apply for a variance on size and location of the building and the use of the building.

* Application completed by Burnett Pools of Warren, Ohio on behalf of Justin Hemlock of Hazy Morning. Mr. Hemlock is proposing an in the ground pool. A site plan was completed along with all needed paperwork and a permit was issued.

* Paperwork was sent out to Marvin Miller of Doty Road, Mr. Miller recently purchased a two-acre parcel on Nelson Road, however it's non-conforming not meeting the two and a half acres as required with Parkman Zoning. Mr. Miller is going to request an area variance. ~~acre and (parcel 3) total acres 16.3848 acres for Mose J. Troyer and Trustees~~

Fire Department:

* Tanker is back from Annual Service, All Invoices for annual service has been turned in.

* Fuel turned into fiscal

* Multiple Fire Inspections were completed in August and More scheduled for September

*FEMA equipment has been ordered from Warren Fire Equipment

*Requested Information from two vendors about Dilution stations to be able to accurately dilute cleaning supplies and order bulk cleaning supply concentrate to further cut cost of consumable supplies for the station. I will provide quotes for the same type of systems for the Community House and Road Garage.

*Geauga building department was contacted about life safety findings found during routine fire inspections. Parkman Zoning was informed as well.

*Letter of resignation to accept from Fire Medic Fox.

*Request approval to purchase portable UV light for disinfecting surfaces within the apparatus from ClorDiSys in the amount of \$4,000. This purchase should be made from CARES Act funding and will be available to other agencies for use on a temp basis.

*I have requested information from other agencies that wish to participate in Regional FEMA grant (2020) request.

*A training burn is scheduled for Oct 10, more info when we get closer.

*Awaiting confirmation of Twp address within State of Ohio accounting system, and the OAKs system to receive our EMS Grant funds. This is a requirement from the Grant system prior to completing the process to receive the funds. Form has been given to Fiscal for completion, please return to Chief to have processed for payment.

Road Department:

* We will be starting the requested work from the county on Newcomb rd. today Sept 1 and should be complete this week.

*The area behind the garage has been seeded and covered with hay with the exception of the area in which the retention pond will be.

*Once Newcomb rd. work is complete we will begin ditching and cutting berms on the roads that need it most which currently will be Nash, Reeves, and Hosmer. This will be

done as weather permits or until October when we will take a few weeks to service, repair, and prepare the immediate trucks for the snow season so we are ready.

*I spoke briefly with Dennis on a small 2-3 year rough plan however I will work on getting something in writing. If there is something you feel should be addressed or have ideas or future plans you would like to see done as far as the road dept. please let me know soon.

*We have been starting to receive the hardware for the 250 signs that we are getting on the sign grant. As time and weather allows we will be replacing these thru out this winter season and will finish in the spring.

*The road grader will be Out of service for about a week once Tony Zalar is available to replace a shifter cable as well as servicing and adjusting the clutch and making some other repairs. The grader is going to be fully serviced left available all winter. I would like to try a new system of keeping up with the roads after talking to many other road superintendents so we can try and maintain better roads during the worse time of the year.

Community House and Overlook Park:

* Blood Drives: Sept. 12, Nov 14th, Dec. 11th..... Wedding: Sept. 26th.....Election Day Nov. 3rd.....Turkey Bingo Nov 8... Fire Association Meeting...Nov. 21st.....Breakfast with Santa Dec. 5th.

*We are going to disinfect and deep clean the Community House the day before those events. Alan and Dawn Mighton from Smylies here in Parkman are doing the work

*The quotes are in for painting the Community House and Gazebo and we will make a decision at the Sept. 1st meeting

*We received the Go Green Grant for two additional cameras and 2 surveillance signs for the Community House parking lot and for 7 "pitch in and help" signs for Overlook Park.

*We have hired Bill and Paul Brode to service our furnaces, air conditioning and water heaters.

*We purchased eight cases of disinfectant wipes from Smylies for the Fire, Road and Community House

*We have had a few small non booked parties at Overlook Park. The Amish kids are still playing softball on Sundays and continue to leave the place a mess.

Old Business:

*PARKMAN PARAGRAPHS- still waiting on a couple more people to submit their articles

*CARES ACT- Quote received for items that are needed for the garage. Items needed are masks, gloves, goggles, cleaner, hand cleaner, sanitizer, towels and face shields. Quote is from J & B Fleet and will be looked over and compared.

Will book Smylie's to clean the community house before and after all events that will take place there. Will also book for them to clean the fire department, road department and zoning and fiscal officer offices.

Look at purchasing two fogger machines for the school. These are used to sanitize the busses between routes.

Spoke with one of the Amish Bishops and they stated that their schools don't need anything at this time.

Will be getting a quote to install UV lights to the furnaces to help clean the air

A more solid list of needs and wants will be gone over at the next meeting to finalize what will be purchased.

*2020 PLANNING: Budgets were presented to the trustees showing spending from levy's that are 4 mill, 4.5 mill, 5 mill and 5.5 mill. Same as previous meeting but with corrected numbers

Mr. Duchscherer asked why there is a problem filling shifts right now at 15 hours a day

Mr. Komandt stated that he is not sure, he has people leaving higher paying jobs to come work at Parkman and some leaving.

Mr. Anderson stated that the entire state of Ohio is having a hard time staffing

Mr. Komandt stated that the number dual certified individuals in the state has decreased

Mr. Duchscherer asked if a levy will help increase the staffing

Mr. Komandt stated that if there is no levy there will be no fire department

Mr. Duchscherer asked how many staffers they are short

Mr. Komandt stated that the board has never set a number

Mr. Duchscherer asked if there are two people every day

Mr. Komandt stated that other departments aren't fully staffed on a daily basis either

Mrs. Raymond asked why they would put another 4-5 mill levy on when the residents already voted it down

Mr. Anderson asked how many times the school put their levy on before the residents approved it

Mrs. Raymond stated that the fire department has only 275 calls year to date and was at 433 last year, they don't run enough calls to ask residents for them to pay for it.

Mr. Anderson stated that Troy has the same issue

Mrs. Raymond stated that it is a ridiculous amount to ask for

Mr. Komandt stated that it would cost the average homeowner \$175.00 a year per \$100,000 market value

Mrs. Raymond asked if he was sure of that number and asked if they have looked at other township budgets who are similar to Parkman

Mr. Anderson stated that it varies as they looked at West Farmington

Mrs. Raymond stated that West Farmington is able to staff a third person off of calls that are responding to in Parkman. Wants to know why no one around Parkman is responding to calls

Mr. Komandt stated that the board set response time of 10 minutes and it takes 5-6 minutes to get the station. Not enough time to respond

Mrs. Raymond responded asking if no one is supposed to respond then

Mr. Komand asked who would respond

Mrs. Raymond stated that other departments do this

Mr. Komandt stated that almost all other departments have staffers that work 24 hour shifts else where

Mrs. Raymond asked if they all work somewhere else every day. No need to make the department full-time

Mr. Komandt stated that it was not his idea to make it a full-time department

Mr. Anderson stated that they need 24/7 coverage and originally would looked at hiring three paramedics full time because we only had 5 paramedics. The rest will be filled with part time employees. We now have 7 paramedics and all positions are part time. There will be no full time positions.

Mrs. Raymond stated that by doing this they are alienating people who want to volunteer

Mr. Komandt stated that he has not turned anyone away that no one is applying

Mrs. Raymond reiterated that the amount is of a levy is ridiculous

Mr. Komandt stated that they are not the most expensive in town

Mrs. Raymond stated that the stations that are full time are the ones that are most expensive

Mr. Anderson stated that Parkman started out with funding a volunteer department, but volunteering isn't getting the job done. Calls go unanswered or answered too late. With staffing calls are being answered in less than a minute. It could take over five minutes to get a volunteer to get to the station and may be too late

Mr. Coz stated that last year his wife had an asthma attack and would have died if the fire department was not staffed. He stated that he would pay \$100 a month to make sure she could be saved

Mr. Anderson stated \$1.00 a day is not bad come on

Mr. Komandt stated that a house at \$150,000 would cost \$250.00 per year

Mr. Duchscherer stated that they should let people decide

Mr. Komandt stated that there was a kitchen fire and they had it out in 36 seconds

Mrs. Raymond stated great you did your job

Mr. Ikeler questioned if anyone knows why the first one was voted down 2-1

Mr. Anderson stated that he had various answers

Mr. Ikeler stated that it was not because of misinformation and the turnout was about the same as it always is. There has to be an underlying issues

Resident- stated that he does not have a problem with the levy just that it wasn't communicated on what all it was going towards.

Mr. Komandt stated that it goes towards everything

Resident – stated that it is more than doubling the amount they work off of now. He respects the fire department but stated that this is a huge jump in funding and money

Mr. Coz stated that when you call 911 you expect someone to show up

Mr. Komandt stated that if you put a 4 mill levy on you will be out of money by 2024 and a 5 mill levy will last until 2035

Resident stated that he is not arguing the amounts

Mr. Komandt stated that those numbers will change if they buy just one truck

Resident asked if this levy passes are, they done and not ask for any more money

Mrs. Reed stated that no one can promise that because new trustees can come in and go for another one at any time

Mr. Ikeler asked how he can purchase and go to just one truck

Mr. Anderson stated that they would buy a multi functioning truck 2 in 1

Mr. Komandt stated that he ~~can not~~cannot guarantee that he would not ask for more maybe in 14 years

Mr. Anderson asked if they should put it in the Parkman Paragraphs that they will be putting a levy on in the spring amount to be determined

Mr. Komandt stated that the three trustees have to decide what direction the fire department will take

Mrs. Raymond asked why the trustees don't look into why people left the fire department

Mr. Anderson stated that they know why

Mrs. Raymond stated there you go

Mr. Ikeler stated that he does not want to come back with a 5-mill levy and cram it down the resident's throats after they are already voted no. We need 24/7 coverage but not full-time staffers. And then he questioned why they need a new squad

Mr. Komandt stated that it is 10 years old and has 75,000 miles on it

It is stated that residents should come to the meetings to talk about why they voted no and work with the trustees to figure out the path of the fire department. Must make a decision by November

Mr. Wojtasik asked what a resident pays in taxes right now per \$100,000

Mr. Anderson stated \$378 per year \$100,000 for all levies

Mr. Wojtasik stated that maybe that is why if they are already paying \$378 a year why add more to that

Mr. Komandt stated that 17% of the taxes that you pay comes back to the township

New Business:

*Community House and gazebo will be painted. Received two quotes.

Mr. Wojtasik asked how many bids there were, and it was stated that only two people placed bids and one could not do it until next year.

Resident Comments:

*Mr. Zeigler asked if someone can go down to dead end Shedd and fix the holes

Mr. Ikeler stated that the township is ready just waiting on the company who is coming in to chip and seal

Mr. Zeiger stated that the township is losing the road to semi-trucks that go down there to the Amish store

Mr. Ikeler stated that he knows of the problem

D. Ikeler moved and R. Anderson seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:19 pm. Motion carried unanimously (resolution no. 117-2020)

Meeting minutes submitted by: _____

Meeting minutes approved by: _____