

August 16, 2021 Minutes

Urbach called the August 16, 2021 meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The pledge was recited by all present. Upon Role Call the Result was:

URBACH HERE

DEARING HERE

FEUCHT HERE

Dearing made the motion to accept the minutes as they have read them through email. Feucht seconded the motion. All in Favor: YES Feucht made the motion to accept the bills. Dearing seconded the motion. All in Favor: YES The bills are in the amount of \$51,935.85.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- a) Strubel checked Brinker. They started the paving of the Pike Township Joint Paving Project. The north side is paved as of Saturday.
- b) The culvert on Beth is done. Last week we changed out the one on Brinker. We are caught up on culvert replacements for this year. Feucht stated he was at the culvert replacement on Beth and was impressed with how efficient the road crew worked together.
- c) Dearing asked Strubel if we were going to scrap the pipe that was replaced on Mose. Strubel responded he is scraping it.
- d) Strubel said they scrapped out the pipe from Beth and turned a check to Matics in the amount of \$306.42.
- e) Strubel said he replaced the speed reduction signs on Brinker. Dearing asked how many signs were put up. Strubel responded two (2). Dearing said that Brian Cole from Stark County Engineers said there should be one up both east bound and west bound at the Kemary intersection. Strubel said there is one about a half mile off Hudson Drive going east on Brinker and one by the church at Shepler. Dearing said we need to put up two (2) more at the Kemary intersection. Once those are up we need to get the paperwork into ODOT and also copy Cole on that. Strubel stated that he needs to get more signs.

COCHRAN REPORT

- a) Cochran said he has been getting calls on land splits.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) Terry Fern said it has washed away a little where the culvert was replaced on Mose. Dearing stated that Strubel is aware and is keeping an eye on it. When the road gets paved, it should take care of that. Fern stated that people are traveling faster and faster on Mose. Dearing suggested that Fern pay attention to the times people are speeding on Mose and then call the Sheriffs and fill them in to sit on Mose around those times. Fern said he likes the painting on the roads stating the culverts are going to be replaced. Fern said there is a place on Mose where the water always crosses the road. The road seems to deteriorate there first. There is no drainage there. Dearing said he will take a look at that.

DEARING REPORT

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- a) Dearing stated he has been working on the ODOT grant of \$250,000.00 for Townships. He is going to submit for the Shetler Allotment roads to be milled and paved. Matics suggested submitting for another road to be paved to use the full amount of the grant. If it goes over, we will just get some paving done via the grant and the Township will cover the rest. Dearing stated that there is a grading system and other criteria that needs to be met for this grant and the extra road would have to meet that criteria.
- b) Looking ahead at our paving project for 2022, he is considering paving with 405 for Redmont and Beth from Haut to Hudson.
- c) The County is going to be replacing a culvert on Blough just north of Hensel in September.

URBACH REPORT

- a) Urbach received a call from 6600 Shepler Church that people were pulling in her yard by the people who were directing traffic for the paving. Urbach took pictures. There is a collapsed pipe there. Dearing asked if that was a County problem. Urbach responded yes and that he had contacted Stark Soil and Water before about this. The pipe used to run down through the middle of her yard. The pipe does not go into her yard now. Dearing said they may not have capped off that pipe. Urbach will call Torrance tomorrow concerning this.
- b) T. Rowley did an excellent job clearing the log jam and trimming Redmont.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- a) Matics asked if any of the Trustees know of an insurance agent who deals with dental, vision and life. There are very few providers for Humana in our area. Matics did contact Sessor to see what he could come up with. Feucht suggested getting a hold of Michelle for a list of providers.
- b) Matics increased our budget revenue and appropriations by \$34,000.28. The \$34,000.00 is to cover the MWCD Log Jam Grant and the .28 is the interest we have earned this year on the CRF fund. We still have under \$200.00 in the CRF fund. Anything left I have to send back. Matics has been taking any supplies purchased for sanitization out of the CRF fund.
- c) Matics suggested applying for the ARP funds due to the Township being short on our first half installment on property taxes this year. We can use the ARP funds to reimburse us for any loss until 2024. Anything left over, we would send back. Urbach asked what would happen if we get reimbursed for those back taxes? Matics stated she did not know. Dearing said we would cross that bridge when and if we cross it.

RESOLUTION #2021-18

Urbach made the motion for the resolution that Bethlehem Township apply for the American Relief Plan Act funds. Feucht seconded the motion. Upon Role Call the Result was:

URBACH YES

DEARING YES

FEUCHT YES

Matics said the first payment will be in the amount of \$184,518.99 this year.

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- d) Our budget for next year with the ARP is going to be under \$1,500,000.00 so our salaries will be going down. The Trustees will receive \$1,013.17 monthly and the Fiscal Officer will receive \$1,671.84 monthly.
- e) Mail received: Stark Health Department on Overdose Fatality Review and a Class Action Settlement for the Epi Pen
- f) Emails forwarded to the Trustees: FEMA/FCC concerning a test on August 8th, ODOT's 2022 construction projects for route 21 bridge replacement just north of Hensel, Stark Health Department on masking in schools, Star Ohio monthly report and OTA legislative alerts.
- g) Emails received: Star Ohio will be utilizing 5th 3rd Bank, Ohio Deferred Comp and NEFCO meeting notice on August- 18th at 8:30 am.
- h) Matics said that Dave Miller from Fohl Extension stopped her at the post office and he stated he had not heard from any of the Trustees about designating that road. Urbach said it was decided not to go forward with that due to the expense. Feucht made the motion not to designate Fohl Extension as a township road. Urbach seconded the motion. All in Favor: YES Matics asked if one of the Trustees would call him since at the meeting he was at, he was informed that one of the Trustees would call him. Urbach said he will call him tomorrow.
- i) Matics asked the Trustees if they noticed the email from the Zoning Secretary concerning the Appeals meeting. Dearing stated yes. Feucht stated we should have brought that up when Cochran was here. He needs to handle that. They can't be having meetings if the members do not show. He also stated that Colucy sends out emails and calls the members to notify them when the meetings are. The minutes were from May 8th. Matics asked if any of the Trustees had contacted the Zoning Secretary concerning what the Prosecutors had stated that the minutes need to be filed with the Fiscal Officer in a timely manner per the ORC. She did have on the minutes that they were not approved minutes. Urbach said he will call Cochran to see if there is a problem.

Feucht made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Seconded by Urbach. Upon Role Call the Result was: URBACH YES DEARING YES FEUCHT YES
Executive session started at 7:52 pm

Urbach made the motion to resume regular session. Seconded Dearing. Upon Role Call the Result was:
URBACH YES DEARING YES FEUCHT YES
Regular session resumed at 7:01 pm with no decision being made.

Urbach said the next meeting would be Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Urbach made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Feucht. All in Favor: YES

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

James J. Urbach - President

Mark Dearing- Vice President

Ronald Feucht – Trustee

Jody Matics – Fiscal Officer