

March 1, 2021 Minutes

Urbach called the March 1, 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

Feucht made the motion to accept the minutes as they have read them through email. Dearing 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 \$16,922.66.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Fire Chief Rick Annen asked to get together with Strubel on Wednesday to pick a site to set up the container for training purposes. Annen also thanked Strubel for his help with salting the driveway at the fire on State Route 21. Feucht asked if there was anything the Township could do to help. Annen responded there are fundraisers being talked about for the family.

Urbach asked Annen if he saw the article about the canoe delivery going in south of us by an ODNR grant. Urbach stated that it is also so the fire department can retrieve water if needed. Urbach would like to look into that for the Riverland site.

b) Terry Fearn commended the road department on the great job they have done keeping the Township roads cleared this winter.

He said he has been on the website and read a bunch of the minutes. He cannot find the meeting dates. Matics stated that the dates are on the website. Would Fearn like Matics to call him after the meeting to inform him where they are located? Fearn responded later in the meeting that he did locate the meeting dates.

Fearn is interested on what roads are going to be paved this year. Urbach responded, that the Township will be receiving close to \$250,000.00 in grant funds that are split between Pike Township and Bethlehem Township to pave about half of Brinker. We are planning on paving the other half of Brinker along with the south end of Beth. We are working on getting culverts replaced on Brinker and Beth. We would like to get bids in around June and then see if we can financially do any other roads. Feucht stated that we have trimmed the trees also. Urbach stated that we are working together to get a projected list for next year. Fearn responded good. Urbach stated Brinker is roughly four (4) miles and Beth is about one (1) mile. Dearing stated he would like to pave five (5) miles per year. Feucht stated that Dearing's experience has helped the Township a lot. That the Trustees and Strubel have sat down and are working on that protection order. Dearing stated that they are relying on Strubel's insight due to him maintaining the roads. We are going to get the roads that are most traveled first and work our way from there. We want to get away from chip and seal due to the longevity of chip and seal.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

a) Strubel asked Dearing to get the paperwork for the placement of the road limit restrictions with the locations of installation. Dearing said he thought the roads were Hensel, Brinker and Beth. Placement on Hensel will be as you are heading east off State Route 21. Dearing did not think you would need to place one on Hensel heading west off Blough when the State starts their project on Route 21. Feucht stated we might want to think about that because when 21 gets shut down, there is going to be truck traffic to Owens Trucking from Blough to Hensel. Blough is going to get a lot of truck traffic. Dearing stated the signs only restrict truck traffic for three

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(3) months. We will have to keep an eye on that road. Urbach said it doesn't look like the State is doing that project until 2022. Dearing said we will not be paving that road until after 2022 than. Dearing informed Strubel he would get that information to him. Urbach stated he would drop the post pounder off for Strubel on Friday. Strubel said that should be good.

b) Strubel said they have been working on the v-box. Ferrell has an idea to revamp it. Strubel thinks that it will work. Bearings are ordered for it. It is going to be a minimal amount of cost for the Township compared to purchasing a new unit.

c) The last week we have been cleaning the garage and equipment. The winter road clearing waylaid this. We have put over 800 ton of salt down already this year. Most of that probably came in February.

ZONING REPORT

a) Cochran reported there have been many miscellaneous phone calls. No big issues. Cochran thinks that when the weather breaks people will start building. Mostly additions. Cochran stated that permits are needed when you change the footprint of your home.

b) Feucht asked if Ed Cain had gotten a hold of Cochran. Cochran stated he did but did not leave a contact phone number.

DEARING REPORT

a) Dearing said he did some measuring on Goodrich and he would like to jump on it this year. Goodrich is 1.6 miles. Brinker, the full amount is 4.2 miles but after reviewing the road, Dearing does not think that Brinker, from Kemary to Hudson is too bad. We have 1 mile on Beth from Brinker to Haut. Those are the three (3) roads we are looking at. Possibly Mose could be added. Feucht informed Fearn that he would be notified concerning Mose.

RESOLUTION #2021-06

Dearing made the motion for the resolution to accept Higgins Excavating LTD estimate for the culvert replacement on Brinker at a cost of \$4,920.05. The Township would purchase the forty-eight (48) inch pipe and head wall at an approximate cost of \$3,190.50. The total cost of the Brinker Culvert Replacement Project would be approximately \$8,110.55. Seconded by Feucht. Upon Role Call the Result was:

URBACH YES

DEARING YES

FEUCHT YES

b) Dearing has a meeting tomorrow with Wenger Excavating and the person who handles repairs at Lake Sherman Trailer Court, who is not educated on what to do for this repair. The pipe goes from a thirty-six (36) inch line into a twelve (12) inch line outlet line. The twelve (12) inch line also goes under a six (6) foot brick structure sign. Dearing is hoping we are going to come up with a solution tomorrow. Dearing does not want the Trailer Court to hold things up when Wenger is ready to go. We have to coordinate with our road department and the county for getting the "road closed" signs together also. Dearing is hopeful this project will start in a few weeks.

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c) Dearing reported that he was on Riverdale Saturday. He noticed that at the intersection of Beth and Riverdale, it appears that the shoulder has slid into the ditch on Riverdale. Strubel stated he would get #4 slag to install there. Dearing stated there are a few other places on Riverdale that might need that.

URBACH REPORT

a) Urbach reported he spoke with Doug Baum concerning the joint grant with Pike Township for Brinker. Baum informed Urbach that Regional Planning is estimating we will receive \$250,000.00 that will be a 50/50 split between the townships. We will not bid it until July. It has to go to the State. The State Transportation Budget has to pass first. Urbach stated that the budget usually passes. The paving will not happen until after September 1st if everything goes through. Urbach stated that in July, when we get notice that we are receiving \$125,000.00 for the grant then we will have a better idea of our budget for road paving. We should get a couple roads lined up that we know we want to pave and just bid everything at once. We do not have to accept all the roads we ask for bids for. Dearing stated that we would do alternate one and alternate two on the bid. Feucht suggested asking for paving full width. Dearing said that would be in the bid. It will be a little more hectic for the residents but you will not have the seam in the middle of the road. Urbach also suggested that we keep in mind this joint paving grant and possibly converse with Sugarcreek Township to have Lawndell paved in a couple years. Matics asked what the percentage was that the State is paying on the Grant project. Urbach stated he would find out that information. Matics said that we would probably pay Pike Township and not the State for the grant.

c) Urbach asked Matics if he informed her concerning the Easter Egg Hunt at the Park. Matics responded yes but you did not have a date yet. Feucht asked Urbach to inform Annen. Urbach stated that there is going to be a drive thru Easter Egg Hunt. We will hand the bags out to the kids in the car. Urbach said will contact Annen and the Police Department with the time and date. Matics will post it on our website. Urbach stated that volunteers to fill bags will be appreciated.

d) Urbach asked Annen if they are still planning on their golf scramble this year. Annen responded, yes.

e) Urbach said he will be attending the zoom Health Department meeting this Thursday. Urbach asked if anyone had any questions for the Health Department to email them to him.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

a) Matics said she noticed that our Monday July 5th meeting is on the observed legal holiday for July 4th. Do you want to keep the Monday July 5th date or change it to Tuesday July 6th. The trustee agreed to meet on Tuesday July 6th. Matics will inform the newspapers of the revision and change it on the website.

b) Matics informed the Trustees that MCTV donated \$2,500.00 to the Township. The Trustees signed the thank you letter.

c) Matics had to raise the credit limit on the Marathon gas credit card due to the limit only having approximately \$100.00 left on it. Matics did not want the road crew out plowing and need to refuel and be denied. The limit went from \$2,500.00 to \$4,000.00. Urbach responded that was good.

d) Matics asked if anyone received and estimate to from McBurney for the bridge cement work at the park that still needs done. Urbach said he left a message, but has not received a response. He will try again.

e) Matics asked if the Trustees are planning to do the resolution for Stark County Engineers to give their estimate for the road paving project for 2021. Dearing said he is going to get the measurement and have that information for the next meeting. Urbach said that Pike Township would be taking care of Brinker. Dearing

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asked if that was all of Brinker. Urbach stated no, just what is covered by the grant. Matics said Pike has already done that.

f) Matics received notice from Ohio Department of Commerce. We need to update our cemeteries that have had burials with in the past 25 years. Matics asked Strubel if Smoketown has had any in that time-frame. Strubel said he thinks that a Maxwell was the last burial there. Strubel stated it is a flat stone by the mausoleum. Matics will go and check the date on that. Matics stated the Ohio Department of Commerce needs the contact information on who is permitted to sell lots. Matics stated that she and Strubel will be listed.

g) Mail received: Notice of SCRIP meeting. Emails received: Ohio Dept. of Commerce to update cemeteries, UAN laptop delivery date of March 11, 2021. Emails forwarded to the Trustees: Combined Health Dept. and District Advisory Council Annual Meeting, Stark County Prosecutors warning of phone scam, which Matics emailed them to see if she could put that on our website. The Prosecutors office confirmed this. Also, our Health Plan benefits which Matics gave a hard copy to the employees. Matics asked if any of the Trustees wanted a print out of this. The response was no.

h) Matics handed out paperwork concerning Zoning Minutes per the ORC to the Trustees that she came across while cleaning her office. The ORC states that the Commission needs to follow 519.01-519.99. The ORC 519.15, the Rules of Meeting and Procedures which states they need to be kept, typed immediately, which Matics stated that we all have other jobs, and filed with the Board of Township Trustees for public record. Feucht stated that is after the minutes are approved. Matics said the ORC does not state that. Feucht said he does not want any minutes going out that are not approved. Matics pointed out that this is the State law and she just needs them for the file for audits. Matics asked the Trustees to look at the next page, which is the Ohio Open Meeting Act. Matics also pointed out the last paragraph of the letter for the Prosecutor she typed up states “Again, I am assuming that if the minutes of any board are not approved before the public records request, that should be noted at the time the public records are given out and the minutes could be subject to change.” Cochran stated that Colucy could add a statement that like and send them on to Matics. Matics asked to email this information to the Prosecutors. Feucht said he would call them. Matics asked for a vote on that. Urbach made the motion to have Feucht contact the Prosecutors on getting the zoning minutes to Matics before approval and public records verification. Dearing seconded the motion. All in Favor: YES

Urbach said the next meeting would be Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Urbach made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Feucht. All in Favor: YES

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

James J. Urbach - President

Mark Dearing- Vice President

Ronald Feucht – Trustee

Jody Matics – Fiscal Officer