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Urbach called the March 15, 2021 meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The pledge was recited by all present. Upon Role Call the Result was:

URBACH HERE

DEARING ABSENT

FEUCHT HERE

Feucht made the motion to accept the minutes as they have read them through email. Urbach seconded the motion. All in Favor: YES Feucht made the motion to accept the bills. Urbach seconded the motion. All in Favor: YES The bills are in the amount of \$24,460.57.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Henry Smith informed the Trustees that he has muddy water running on his property and he has mud in the culvert on his side of the road. Smith gave the Trustees pictures. The catch basin is not finished. Smith asked the Trustees if they remember when he informed them previously of the situation. Smith stated he dug the ditch out by hand. Feucht asked where this was. The response was Florence Ave. Feucht said that they would get with Strubel and assess the problem. We will see what our responsibility is and what the property owners is. Feucht pointed out that the catch basin is above grade and asked Strubel if he installed it. Strubel responded no that the resident did. Feucht said the water is flowing around the catch basin and not in it and that is what is causing the erosion around the telephone pole. Smith pointed out there is no overflow pipe on the pond. Urbach said, we will to go out and look at it. Smith wants to know when the neighbor is going to finish building and stop pumping water out on the road. Smith stated he was flooded out before and is just trying not to get flooded out again.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- a) Strubel stated they fixed some washouts on Beth and Seaman. They had to use Type D limestone due the company has nothing and until further notice they are closed.
- b) They have been working on the ditch on Riverdale. It was washing out a little toward the road so they took the backhoe out and pulled ground from the backside of the ditch toward the road and pounded it in.
- c) Strubel asked if the Trustees had gotten a hold of McBurney. The response was no. Strubel said that McBurney called him and asked him what needed to be done. McBurney gave Strubel a phone number of the company and asked that someone call to discuss it.
- d) The road crew have been patching on Beth. Strubel stated that the people driving on that road are very reckless and Strubel is concerned about the road crew's safety. Feucht asked what the speed limit is on the road. The response was 45 mph. Feucht suggested that maybe the Sheriff should be contacted to sit out there. Strubel said the problem is when they are patching on the hill, people fly around them with no line of vision of someone coming the other direction. There is nowhere for a vehicle to go except into the truck, backhoe or one of us. Feucht asked Strubel what he thought the solution would be. Strubel responded that if the road was paved, they would not have to patch it anymore. Strubel said that one time a garbage truck stopped traffic for them on the hill. Strubel said he thanked the driver. Feucht asked if a flagger would help. Strubel said it only takes about ten minutes to patch that area. Strubel said he has had Ferrell sit on the other side of the road to stop traffic. Feucht said, maybe we need to shut that road down. Strubel said that as far as shutting the road down, he never knows in advance when patching would take place. The weather determines a lot and we have to go get the asphalt and then he cannot haul barricades when he has a load of blacktop on the truck. Strubel

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asked if he could just have Ferrell dump the asphalt and then go to the top of the hill and block traffic with the truck until Strubel gets the patching complete. Feucht stated that the Fire Department does that all the time. That is a safety issue. Strubel asked if the Trustees were fine with that suggestion. The response was yes. Strubel said the two worst roads for the road department to work on is Beth, from Fohl to Haut and Brinker due to the blind spots. Urbach informed Strubel if he knows ahead of time, the Township can hire flaggers for a couple of hours. Feucht stated that Strubel reach out anytime for that. They want the road crew safe.

e) Feucht informed Strubel that he received a call from Tim Williams concerning road flooding on Biery from the pond. Williams is afraid it is going to wash out the road. Feucht would like Strubel to go out and look at it to see if we can divert the water somehow. Urbach suggested Dearing should look at it also. Strubel said they were out there last year with the ditcher head. Strubel suggested that if you would oil that road it might become a hard packed surface. Strubel said that maybe we could chip and seal that road this year. Feucht asked how much it would cost to oil that road. Strubel responded he could check with Art at 20/20 to see if they do that and get a cost. Maybe if they are in the area, they could swing by and oil it.

f) Strubel said he had a call from the Health Department concerning out on Beth by Soehnlens. They are putting a septic system in on the east side of Beth. They want to bore under the road to install a pipe to run from the septic to the other side of the road. Strubel stated the problem is it will run into the clinic's retention pond and Soehnlens is not going to like that. If they put the pipe in, the ditch needs to be a foot lower with two (2) feet more fall. Apparently, they are going to bore under the road lower than the ditch. Strubel stated that if this is done, we would start losing road. Strubel stated that we do not have a water problem on that road out there now. It flows off the road and into the ditch nicely. Feucht asked who said this, that the water will be diverted in the pond. Strubel responded the Health Department. Strubel said the Health Department is to call him back tomorrow. At first the Health Department informed Strubel that there were a couple high spots that he would have to knock down. Two weeks later they came back with this. Feucht asked what the ruling is on diverting water on someone else's property. Cochran responded you are not allowed. Strubel stated he really does not want a two (2) foot ditch out there. Matics stated they called her to see if they needed a permit for that. Matics informed them that the permits were on the website. Matics said she will not cash the check. Feucht asked, if we issued a permit for this and the water ends up flowing into that retention pond, is the Township liable legally for that. Cochran responded that if it is a problem, then yes. Feucht asked if that goes through the Zoning Department. Matics responded no, it concerns roads. Matics said the permit is on the website under the road department, if the Trustees want to review it. Urbach asked Strubel for the contact information. Strubel has a phone number and will get that to Urbach. Feucht asked if this was coming from Stark Soil and Water. Matics responded it is the well and septic department at the Health Department. Feucht stated that before this permit is issued, we have to be aware of all of our liabilities on this. Strubel asked what he should tell her when she calls tomorrow. Feucht said to inform her Urbach is going to check into this and he will get a hold of her. Feucht asked Urbach to get information on our legal responsibility and our legal recourse if something does not go right. Strubel said the Health Department informed him there will be more septic system installations out there. Feucht asked if the Trustees vote on these permits. Matics stated the requests she get is for gas companies. Matics gets a request, a check and then makes a copy for Strubel so he knows what is going on. Matics stated she has never gotten one to bore under the road. Strubel stated there is no problem with the gas companies. You can not tell they were even there. When it comes to diverting water that is a different situation.

g) Urbach informed Strubel that he received two (2) phone calls concerning trash on Crestline. Strubel said they picked up some on Beth. Urbach informed the residents that the road crew has been busy. Feucht asked if the trash is on the road. Strubel informed him it is usually along the side of the road. Feucht stated, so it's our

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responsibility to gather trash also. Feucht said he wants any information Strubel finds. Strubel said he would give it to Feucht. Strubel stated most of the time it is carpet, furniture and such.

h) Feucht informed Strubel that Charlie Snyder, who lives on Brinker, wanted to thank Strubel for keeping his road open this winter. The road crew did a great job.

ZONING REPORT

a) Cochran stated most of his activity has been by phone. There are, he thinks three (3) projects that will be starting. A couple of out buildings and such. Some properties have been purchased and now they want to clear the properties and put up out buildings.

FEUCHT REPORT

a) Feucht made the motion to go into executive session and invited Cochran and Matics. Seconded by Urbach. Executive session started at 6:40 pm. Upon Role Call the result was: URBACH YES FEUCHT YES
Feucht made the motion to go into regular session. Seconded by Urbach. Regular session resumed at 6:50 pm. Upon Role Call the Result was: URBACH YES FEUCHT YES
No decision was mentioned.

b) Feucht commended T. Rowley on the excellent job he does at tree trimming the Township roads. Charlie Snyder also brought that to Feucht's attention. They blow off the road and everything is cleaned up.

URBACH REPORT

a) RESOLUTION #2021-07

Urbach made the motion for the resolution to submit these measurements to the Stark County Engineers for them to prepare an estimate for 1 ½" 448 Type 1 asphalt for Bethlehem Township's Road Paving Project for 2021. Measurements are as follows:

Brinker Street SW

Limits: From Shepler Church Rd SW to Kemary Ave SW

Length: 2720' Width: 20.5'

Beth Ave SW

Limits: From Brinker St SW to Haut Ave SW

Length: 5212' Width: 21'

Goodrich Rd SW

Limits: From State Rt. 21 to the Township Line

Length: 8163' Width: 20'

Mose St SW

Limits: Riverland Ave SW to Blough Ave SW

Length: 5280' Width: 17.5'

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Grand Total length for all four (4) jobs: 21,375'

Seconded by Feucht. Upon Role Call the Result Was:

URBACH YES

FEUCHT YES

b) Urbach did the Stark County Health Department meeting. He stated most of it was concerning COVID-19 and a little on septic systems.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

a) Matics asked if Feucht would contact the Prosecutors concerning the bid package and whether we can put it on our website. Feucht asked Matics to email her questions to him and he will forward that on to the Prosecutors. Matics said she will. Feucht said he will also ask about emailing out the bid package.

b) We did receive the new laptop. Matics has not transferred information yet.

c) Matics received notice on March 8, 2021 from ODJFS stating that one of our employees was filing for unemployment and is laid off. Matics informed the AG, ODJFS and the Fraud Department at the Federal Government. Matics also informed the employee of the situation and gave him paperwork on all notifications that they had to do. Matics informed the Trustees, that since we are a reimbursing employer for unemployment due to the Township not laying employees off, the Township will be responsible for any payment that OJI pays to this hacker. If OJI catches the hacker and gets reimbursed the funds, the Township will be reimbursed their funds they had paid. Feucht asked if we are insured for that. Matics said that would be a question for Joel Bender. Feucht asked if Matics would contact him and find out. Matics said she would.

d) Matics received an email from Stark County Engineers concerning the Township to request speed studies on any of our roads. Do you want any speed studies done? A response needs to be submitted by April 5, 2021. The Trustees will think about this for the next meeting.

e)

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - February 2020			
BANK INSTITUTION & ACTIVITY			
HUNTINGTON BANK			
Previous Month Balance In Checking	\$721,142.74		
Receipts	\$23,632.89		
Total		\$744,775.63	
Payments	\$50,276.62		
HUNTINGTON BANK TOTAL			\$694,499.01

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STAR OHIO			
Shetler Cemetery	\$3,624.08		
Interest Earned	\$0.25		
TOTAL		\$3,624.33	
Sherman Cemetery	\$6,290.11		
Interest Earned	\$0.44		
TOTAL		\$6,290.55	
Cash	\$224,070.56		
Interest Earned	\$15.61		
TOTAL		\$224,086.17	
STAR OHIO TOTAL			\$234,001.05
Subtotal			\$928,500.06
Outstanding Checks	\$7,422.87		
			\$921,077.19
Other Adjusting Factors	\$0.22		
UAN TOTAL			\$921,077.41

f) Mail received: SCRP meeting notice, SCRP public hearing notice on CDBG and Stark County Health Department 2020 annual report.

g) Emails received: NEFCO, Sessor Insurance Agency joining One Digital which is a strategic advisory firm and notice and copies of the letter for the electric aggregation from Energy Harbor.

Emails forwarded to the Trustees: OTA Legislative Alerts, OTA notice of no funding to Township and letters to send to our State Representatives concerning this and Ohio Auditor of State notice of the Local Government Officials Conference.

Urbach said the next meeting would be Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Feucht made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Urbach. All in Favor: YES

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

James J. Urbach - President

Mark Dearing- Vice President

Ronald Feucht – Trustee

Jody Matics – Fiscal Officer