

September 7, 2021 Minutes

Urbach called the Tuesday, September 7, 2021 meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The pledge was recited by all present. Upon Role Call the Result was:

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DEARING HERE

Urbach made the motion to accept the minutes as they have read them through email. Dearing seconded the motion. All in Favor: YES Urbach made the motion to accept the bills. Dearing seconded the motion. All in Favor: YES The bills are in the amount of \$25,903.83.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) Carol Capritta addressed the board concerning the ditch along her property on Brinker. She stated there is a lot of small gravel and leaves piled up in that ditch. She gave the Trustees pictures of the ditch. Dearing asked if she had an erosion problem? She said she does when there is a severe rain. Dearing asked if she had pictures of that. Capritta said she brought those in the last time she was in. She also stated that she was told the ditch was cleaned out but you can clearly see it has not been. Dearing stated that looking at the pictures, you do have some debris in there but the majority of our ditches do have some. Capritta asked them to look at how high the weeds are in the ditch. Dearing asked Strubel if they have been out with the road mower on Brinker. Strubel stated they have mowed there twice this year. We are on the other side of the Township now and when we are done we will start on that side again. Dearing asked what she wanted. Capritta stated she wants the leaves, branches and gravel cleaned out. Dearing stated that we have had a tremendous amount of rain this year and I don't see an erosion problem. That ditch is doing what it is supposed to do. We only have two employees on the road department and thirty-five plus miles to take care of. Dearing said it is up to the homeowner to keep litter cleaned out. Capritta said the sticks need cleaned out. Strubel stated they were out there the same day last time she called and cleaned it out. We had the backhoe out there and hand shoveled that ditch due to the shrubs being in the way. We cleaned sticks and leaves out then. If there is more debris there, Strubel said he does not know where it is coming from. Capritta asked where the fine gravel comes from. Strubel said that is grit from the winter. Dearing said that when he went out and looked at the ditch, it looks like someone is depositing clippings there. Dearing asked Strubel to contact Ferrell and have him look at that tomorrow and clean that out. Dearing also stated that he contacted the Sheriff's and they are watching for people dumping and will fine them. The Trustees thanked Capritta for coming in.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- a) Strubel stated sometimes the lights on the outside of the building are working and sometimes they don't. Strubel stated he doesn't know if it is the panel or at the fixtures. He would like an electrician called to check it out and repair it.
- b) The scag would not start. The battery was replaced and still wouldn't start. Strubel took it to Winesburg for repairs. The ignition switch was not making contact. Strubel needs to pick it up.
- c) The cemeteries are mowed for the holidays. Strubel thanked Urbach for mowing SmokeTown.

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- d) Strubel said he has received a few calls from residents concerning grindings on Brinker and people driving too fast now that it is paved. Urbach said he is having the light up speed sign put up on Brinker after the rest of Brinker is paved. They are going to move it to different areas on Brinker.
- e) Motrim called and said there is a recall on the blades. They sent the blades and Ferrell is going to replace them. Strubel needs to send the old blades back. Matics stated that she received a bill from Motrim for the blades and bolts. Strubel said that should be credited once they receive the old parts back. Matics said she will hold that payment.
- f) A tree came down on Riverland. It was laying on Massillon Cable and phone lines. It was blocking the south lane of Riverland. Strubel called Massillon Cable and they sent out a truck. After a lengthy time, and a conversation the employee had with Feucht on Strubel's phone and then a conversation the employee with his supervisor, he informed Strubel that they would cut the line and then attach it above the tree. Strubel was not happy with Massillon Cable's employee's attitude or language and the employee left. Strubel said he called AT&T and got the run around but finally got a person. This gentleman said that unless the line is broken, AT&T will do nothing if it is just laying on the line. Strubel called T. Rowley per Dearing and they cleared the tree. Urbach informed Strubel to call T. Rowley the next time it is a safety situation. Not to even contact the utility companies.

DEARING REPORT

- a) Dearing said he contacted three contractors to give estimates on crossings that need repairs. He gave them the length, width and locations of the crossings. He is waiting on cost estimates.
- b) The dip on Riverland at Dutton's driveway is from a pipe that shoots straight across the road. We need to fix that before we put a patch in. Strubel asked if Dearing wanted an extension put on that. Dearing responded that you can clearly see the inlet. The outlet is smashed. You just don't get a void in a road for no reason. Dearing said he will get together with Strubel and see what can be done. He would like to do this sooner than later.
- c) Dearing was running some numbers on the Shelter Allotment for the ODOT Township Grant. Dearing came up with a cost of under \$100,000.00. The grant is for a total of \$250,000.00. He is considering a different area, the northern end of Beth. Strubel asked what was going on with the Beth Trailer Park. It seems there is no activity going on there now. Dearing said if the road gets repaired and they damage the road, Beth Trailer Park will be responsible for repairing it. Dearing also stated that the grant states that if a Township is awarded the grant and the full amount is not used, the Township can use it toward another project as long as Township project manager is contacted for the use of the additional funding. Dearing also stated we need a letter from your County Engineers supporting the project.
- d) Dearing said he checked out roads for canopy overhang for next year. He thought that Seeman needs trimmed. Strubel suggested the southern end of Beth also. Strubel said that keeping the trees trimmed along the road really makes a difference.
- e) There was some conversation on what roads to pave for next year. No decision was made.

URBACH REPORT

- a) Urbach is working on the golf scramble.
- b) Urbach said he will contact Reggie for a letter also for the ODOT Township Grant.

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FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- a) Matics stated that she attended a function at Navarre Bethlehem Park and everyone was impressed with the closed pavilion and the restrooms. They were very satisfied. Tiffany is doing a very good job at the park.
- b) We received \$34,000.00 from MWCD for the log jam grant and the check was deposited on September 1st.
- c) We are registered with SAM for the American Relief Plan Act (ARPA) funds. On September 1st \$184,518.99 is in our bank account from them. Matics stated that since the Stark County Auditor reevaluated the properties in Stark County and raised our property taxes, it could impair us recuperating lost funds of our property taxes from the ARPA.
- d) Matics filed the 2022 Street Lighting Assessment with Stark County Auditor.
- e) We need to vote on the candidates for the Districe 19 Public Works Commitee. Urbach made the motion to vote for Ralph DeChiara, Perry Township Trustees with alternate Craig Chessler, Perry Township Fiscal Officer and Doug Baum, Pike Township Trustee with alternate Paul Mosberger, Pike Township Trustee. Dearing seconded the motion. All in Favor: YES
- f) The Engineers annual meeting is Thursday September 9th at 5:30 pm at the Plain Townsip Fire Station #1.
- g) Matics completed a UAN update for the State of Ohio withholding tax.
- h) Matics received an estimate form T. Rowley for tree removal at the Blough Cemetery in the amount of \$2,500.00. Urbach made the motion to accept T. Rowley's estimate for tree removal at the Blough Cemetery. Dearing seconded the motion. All in Favor: YES
- i) Matics gave the Trustees info on our Ohio Plan insurance for them to look over and see if the estimates are correct or should be adjusted. The Trustees agreed to the figures from Bender for the Ohio Plan. Strubel verified the equipment, vehicles and drivers. Matics will email Bender on this.
- j) Mail Received: NBTHS newsletter, Star Ohio updates and SCRIP meeting notice.
- k) Emails forwarded to the Trustees: Stark Soil and Water September-December newsletter, various OTA legislative alerts and workshop information (ODOT Grant workshop is September 23rd), Procured Weekly concerning broadband access, Stark Health Department on COVID , AOS Local Government Officials Conference survey and the IPA Auditor of State asking if we want to stay with Charles E. Harris for 2 more of our audits. The Trustees said to stay with Charles E. Harris.

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - August 2021			
BANK INSTITUTION & ACTIVITY			
HUNTINGTON BANK			
Previous Month Balance In Checking	\$840,527.49		
Receipts	\$21,433.90		
Total		\$861,961.39	
Payments	\$74,227.82		
Service Charge	\$10.00	\$74,237.82	
HUNTINGTON BANK TOTAL			\$787,723.57
STAR OHIO			
Shetler Cemetery	\$3,625.52		
Interest Earned	\$0.24		
TOTAL		\$3,625.76	
Sherman Cemetery	\$6,292.60		
Interest Earned	\$0.41		
TOTAL		\$6,293.01	
Cash	\$224,159.43		
Interest Earned	\$14.62		
TOTAL		\$224,174.05	
STAR OHIO TOTAL			\$234,092.82
UAN TOTAL			\$1,021,816.39

Urbach said the next meeting would be Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Urbach made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dearing. All in Favor: YES

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

James J. Urbach - President

Mark Dearing- Vice President

Absent

Ronald Feucht – Trustee

Jody Matics – Fiscal Officer