

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____

September 16, 2020
8:00 pm

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session with Powell, Smith and Euler present. Chairman Euler presided. Guests in attendance were David Underwood, Joel Horen, Don Mears, Dom German, Orville Buehrer, Chad Johnson, and Bill Gase.

Minutes of the previous meetings were approved.

23585	James Head	\$55.18	23598	James Head	\$187.92	Voucher#147 Kristel Beyer	\$1,385.22
23586	Kirk Shank	\$257.28	23599	Kirk Shank	\$190.17	Voucher#148 Abel Euler	\$816.94
23587	Holgate Imple.	\$166.44	23600	Cardmember	\$61.71	Voucher#149 Chad Johnson	\$219.89
23588	Eric Palmer	\$175.00	23601	Time Warner	\$89.99	Voucher#150 Steve Powell	\$653.84
23589	Pauls Refuse	\$49.50	23602	Mid-Wood	\$485.43	Voucher#151 David Smith	\$889.26
23590	WC Implement	\$139.23	23603	Palmer Bros.	\$242.75	Voucher#155 Togany Village	\$317.25
23591	Bee Gee Rental	\$40.70	23604	Ken Haynes	\$600.00	Voucher#156 Paramount	\$1,980.11
23592	Unilliance	\$31,422.50	23605	Steve Powell	\$471.61	Voucher#158 OPERS	\$2,432.95
23593	Jim Palmer Exc	\$369.00	23606	WC Twp Assoc	\$300.00	Voucher#159 Fed Tax	\$981.82
23594	Steve Powell	\$29.68	23607	Fire Catt	\$2,139.50	Voucher#160 School Tax	\$103.69
23595	New Pig Corp	\$145.19	23608	Hanley Print	\$244.42	Voucher#161 State Tax	\$228.72
23596	Forrest Auto	\$23.62	Voucher#146	Scott Alexander	\$1,540.36	Voucher#165 Huntington	\$36.75
23597	WC Landfill	\$176.77					

Roll Call: Smith – yes, Euler – yes, Powell – yes. Motion approved. The Audit Committee approved the bank statements and financial reports for August 2020.

Chad stated he talked with the individual on Liberty Hi. He asked them to move the fence out of the right of way, they said they would. The guy on Brillhart that put up a lean-to, he is doing his permit next Tuesday. Chad also went to look at the weed situation and he is not sure what he was looking for. Smith stated its Canadian thistle and he is not controlling the weeds. Joel is probably the neighbor that gets the blunt of his weeds and Josh Keifer stated his pool is plugging up from them as well as his gutters. Chad asked if these weeds are throughout his field. Powell stated yes he doesn't spray for them. Powell said that noxious weeds is an Ohio Revised Code not a zoning issue. Powell stated that the trustees can send them a letter and it gives the land owner 5 days. If they don't take care of it within 5 days, then we can take care of it and assess the amount on their property taxes. Trustees stated they would draft a letter. Chad suggested drafting a standard form and then we could run with it in the future. Euler stated he was going to contact Linda so he will ask her on a format to use. Smith stated the building on Reams Rd is still in front of the house. Smith stated a house being built on Long Judson Road has a pond but we didn't see a pond permit. Chad stated yes they need to get a pond permit.

Bill said Monday night him and Steve attended the Plain Township meeting to discuss the new fire contract. The new contract got tabled. We were told that Plain Township has a large surplus just sitting in their account. They have been receiving more money than they have been paying the departments. Washington Township is the only department that responds to EMS calls in Plain Township. The others do not supply EMS support. Bill stated he thinks our department should not as well. Powell asked if other departments follow their EMS squad, Bill stated yes within their own area but not for Plain Township. Bill stated we put the 833 pumper on Gov Deals. We discussed at our meeting the other night if for some reason 835 is out for a day for repairs we will use the tanker or if it's a week we will ask for assistance with a backup pumper for someone else. Euler asked once the 833 is gone has the department thought about arrangement. Bill stated they have but are still deciding the best arrangement. Bill said he has not heard back from Downey on a new estimate. Powell stated he talked with Grand Rapids Fire Chief Eric Flora about their exhaust system and then went to see it. Grand Rapids used M & M Heating & Cooling in Toledo, Ohio. Powell asked the Trustees if they would like to get another quote from this company as well. Trustees agreed. Grand Rapids unit does not run when the doors are open. There system is only wired to a Co sensor and the same sensor does Co and Hydrocarbons. So far they have not had it go off. Bill asked Euler if he has had a follow-up from the prosecutor yet. Euler stated no but he will stay on it.

Don Mears with the Legion Post #441. We came to the Trustees a year ago on this same topic. They are all here to make sure the Legion property becomes a part of Township property. This would make sure the facilities would be of use for the Township. The Legion would still maintain the building. Smith asked the reasoning that the Legion wants to do this. The reason is that when the post ceases to exist, which would be when we get below 25 members, then we lose our Charter and then we have to liquidate. The Legion wants to be proactive so the property does not get lost. Don sent the trustees a sample document and the yearly expenses on the building. Orville stated we want to make sure it stays within the community and want it to remain as an active community center and park. The building is also an emergency shelter, which is beneficial to the community. David Underwood stated we want to make sure that the next group of Trustees does not decide to sell it either. Powell stated that's not listed in the agreement you sent. The Legion members stated that is something they would like to add. Powell stated he isn't sure if we can legally enter into an agreement like that. We will have to ask our legal advisor. Smith asked how that would affect the lease we have now. Powell stated we have a 99-year lease

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on the ballfields to be used for youth sports. This agreement wouldn't be a lease; it would be an ownership. Orville said we are trying to keep the property from being lost to the State Legion and we do not want future Trustees to sell it either. We are trying to protect this property. Powell stated we have a responsibility to the tax payers of the Township, so he has a lot more questions with the financials. Orville stated that the Ball Park lights went in by the Township putting a one-mill levy on the ballot to pay for it. David Underwood said our wish is that the property stays in the community and the community still has use of it. Don stated it could be designated as a Park. Powell said one thing he has thought about, is that maybe it needs to be a separate entity that owns it, and then the Township leases it from the separate entity. Powell asked what has other Legion Posts done. Orville stated Waterville Legion Post had to give up all their assets. Powell stated he would like to figure out a way this could work but does not know if we can until we investigate. We have to be careful since we are stewards of taxpayer's money that we do not get a white elephant that ends up costing the taxpayers a lot of money. He doesn't want to see us do that. Don said their fear is nothing is done and the property liquidates. Don mentioned our idea is to protect it for the community. You guys see what you can do or you want to do and we will go from there. Smith said he is willing to pursue investigating it. Euler stated he is also interested in finding out more information on it. Euler asked if we want to discuss the shelter house there. Powell said we have been talking about raising the roof a bit and make sure the wiring works. Euler stated it also needs a new pad. Orville said people were using it over the weekend, so it is being used. Smith stated we need to raise the roof and put new lighting in there, this would make it nicer. Don stated three of the five trustees of the Legion are agreeable on helping with this project.

Powell said Jeff Williams contacted him when the CSX was working on the crossings. The crew did some damage to the abutment on the south side of Tuller Road. Powell emailed pictures and complaint to Jeremy Carnes the contact Mayor Matt Shanahan gave us for CSX. Jeremy responded to Powell that he forwarded this information to his crew boss. Powell stated the Health Insurance estimates came back higher than our current Paramount renewal. So we will be staying with our current Insurance provider with an increase of 72%.

Smith talked to Scott Domer about foundations for tombstones. Foundation pours for most cemeteries is right before Memorial Day and right before August. Smith told Scott Domer about them wanting to have them done within 30 days and Scott Domer came back and stated if you can that would be great. The Oak Grove Cemetery is a 36" base and they charge \$550 to the person buying the grave. Beaver Creek in Grand Rapids is 4" to 6" with rebar and Weston is 24" base. Powell stated one in Tontogany Cemetery is 3 1/2" thick. Smith stated he and Powell went to look at some new pours and they were around 3". Smith stated we need to address this, he thinks we will have problems. Powell stated that down the road we would have to fix these. Scott Domer told Smith that he is surprised the foundations have not cracked yet. Euler asked if any of the new foundations have headstones yet. Smith said no. Euler stated maybe we need to go back and redo these foundations at 6" with rebar. Trustees agreed.

Powell received a call today from Darin Johnson which is Dan Johnsons son. They will be planting their maple tree. Powell told him there will be a pilot hole to where it can be planted. The tree will be planted between grave one and two. Powell said Scott told us at our last meeting that Dan Johnson was buried between grave two and three and he is not. He is buried on grave four. Powell asked Kristel if she received an order for a deed for Mike Pitchford. She said not yet.

Smith stated we talked about spraying the cemeteries again in the fall. Smith also asked him about spraying the ball diamonds. The quote for cemeteries is \$1988.36 and ball field is \$919.10. Powell stated we discussed making the infield smaller; we would not want to spray if we are planting grass seed. Euler will get estimates on making ball infield smaller and will talk to Brian about it. Powell moved to have DLP Landscape spray the cemeteries and ball park, seconded by Smith. Roll Call: Smith – yes, Powell – yes, Euler – yes. Motion Approved.

Euler asked if we want to talk about priorities to get done prior to the first of the year and just make a list. Smith stated he has some pictures that he would like to put on a projector to show Scott what needs done. He went through the roads, parks and cemeteries and these are things that need to be done. Smith has pictures of road signs that you can't see until you pass them. Powell stated we need to paint or tear down building at Washington Township Cemetery. Powell feels we need to keep the building and paint it. We need to finish brush on Tontogany Creek from months ago. Door at Tontogany Cemetery still needs repaired. The stone/rocks and debris behind little ball diamond needs removed. Both driveways at Otsego Cemetery need trimmed back. The brush is hitting vehicles, he just needs to take a couple hours with a chainsaw and trim it back. Smith said that there is a dead tree/stump that needs removed, it looks terrible. Euler stated he did seed the ballpark and put rebar at the cross creek basin. Euler said we did ask for an estimate for a berm box that is something we still need.

Fiscal Officer presented the County Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission. Also explained to the Trustees that we need to amend our current Certificate of Estimated Resources

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to include the second round of Cares Act funds and then we will also need to amend our Appropriations to be able to spend this money. Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution accepting the amounts and rates, Powell seconded. Roll Call: Euler – yes, Powell – yes, Smith – yes. Motion Approved. Powell made a motion to amend our current Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to include the 2nd round of Cares Act money, seconded by Smith. Roll Call: Powell – yes, Euler – yes, Smith – yes. Motion Approved. Smith made a motion to amend our Appropriations for 2020 to include the Cares Act Funding, seconded by Powell. Roll Call: Smith – yes, Powell – yes, Euler – yes. Motion Approved.

Kristel said she received a piece of paper that Scott wrote on stating we owe Andy Moser \$15 for straw. Trustees said to have Andy Moser send us an invoice. Powell said Ken Haynes finished the cabinets we asked him to make. Powell made a motion to pay Ken Haynes \$600 for materials and labor for our three cabinets in the Township office building, seconded by Smith. Roll Call: Euler – yes, Powell – yes, Smith – yes. Motion Approved. Powell made a motion to reimburse Scott Alexander \$130 for his CDL certification, seconded by Smith. Roll Call: Smith – yes, Powell – yes, Euler – yes. Motion Approved. Kristel asked if she needed to invoice the Legion for the landfill invoices. Powell asked her to invoice the Sons of the American Legion.

Kristel stated Powell was going to bring up the right of way permit. Powell stated the Engineer wants the project to start at the project level and the Township needs to do a right of way permit first. So the Engineer suggested for us to start a right of way permit. This way the County knows that the Township is aware of the right of way work. We just need to let Scott know about this permit. Kristel asked if the Trustees want to continue the Farm Lease with the same farmer and price. The Trustees agreed to keep it the same. Kristel will bring the farm lease to the next meeting.

Euler said there is a County meeting on Thursday at 6:30 pm. Euler said we will be getting a new person to update the website. Euler thanked Powell for doing the fair auction this year. Euler stated Jason Brown asked if we want to do an OPWC project on Poe Road from Rt 235 to Rangeline. Trustees agreed. Euler said he discussed with Powell about going to a different company on fixing our vehicles. We need to get a competitive price the next time we need service done. The Trustees agreed.

Smith said we still have not heard from the Zoning Commission on the changes we need. Euler said we can look into finding new zoning members if people are not showing up to the meetings. Smith would like to amend the zoning rules to charge twice as much for a permit when people do not get their permit prior to their project starting. He asked the other Trustees their thoughts. Trustees agreed.

Smith stated we need to talk to Scott at the next meeting about taking a half hour lunch and using the time clock and not writing it in. Euler received an email from Scott today. There were some funeral plot sales Thursday, Friday and Monday. As you know by now these cemetery items listed take time away from other things but must come first. I have done grass seeding, road mowing, signs and basin repairs, cemetery cleanup, along with regular mowing and maintenance. Hope to have truck back by the first of the week. There are some areas that I noticed that need trimming back on roadsides, along with patching roads and completing more sign work. He wanted to note, that both Otsego and Washington cemeteries were not done due to the breakdown of the truck. These will be taken care of as soon as its fixed.

Because of no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

St Powell
John W. Euler
Don C. Smith

Approved by:

Kristel Beyer