

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held _____

October 20, 2021

5:30 p.m.

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session with Smith, Powell and Euler present. Chairman Smith presided. Guest in attendance were Max Bruss, Scott Greenwald, Jake Greenwald, Mark Van de Heigning, Dawn Miles, Jack Miles, Chesney Kuron, Cole Junge, Bill Gase and Chad Johnson. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

23877	Kirk Shank	\$218.73	23895	AIM Media	\$55.31	Voucher#182	Abel Euler	\$818.51
23878	Shelly Material	\$137.40	23896	Cardmember	\$110.15	Voucher#183	Ken Haynes	\$73.84
23879	Stoneco	\$186.56	23897	Waterville COC	\$130.00	Voucher#184	Chad Johnson	\$219.93
23880	Custar Stone	\$119.54	23898	BG Graphics	\$243.56	Voucher#185	Steve Powell	\$707.78
23881	Pauls Refuse	\$99.00	23899	WC Implement	\$321.28	Voucher#186	David Smith	\$889.58
23882	Northcoast	\$227.90	23900	BeeGee Rental	\$88.96	Voucher#188	Scott Alexander	\$17.40
23883	Work Leads to	\$164.00	23901	North St Truck	\$186.50	Voucher#191	School Tax	\$112.13
23884	Cindy Hofner	\$309.75	23902	Mack Indust	\$360.00	Voucher#192	State Tax	\$232.58
23885	Kirk Shank	\$184.07	23903	Vermeer	\$444.11	Voucher#193	OPERS	\$2,574.93
23886	WW Williams	\$500.00	23904	United Fire	\$1,600.00	Voucher#194	Village tax	\$257.07
23887	Custar Stone	\$1,210.70	23905	WC Hospital	\$965.00	Voucher#195	Fed tax	\$1,018.89
23888	Time Warner	\$99.99	Voucher#173	Scott Alexander	\$ 1,352.37	Voucher#196	Scott Alexander	\$1,397.08
23889	Treas of State	\$150.00	Voucher#174	Ken Haynes	\$ 143.34	Voucher#197	Ken Haynes	\$122.89
23890	Federal Field	\$900.00	Voucher#178	Village Togany	\$ 335.20	Voucher#200	Paramount	\$2,733.04
23891	Stoneco	\$384.38	Voucher#179	Edison	\$ 80.85	Voucher#201	Verizon	\$41.23
23892	Eric Palmer	\$310.00	Voucher#180	Scott Alexander	\$ 1,399.45	Voucher#202	Huntington	\$37.25
23893	WC Landfill	\$258.56	Voucher#181	Kristel Beyer	\$ 1,411.76	Voucher#203	Edison	\$79.60
23894	Forrest Auto	\$39.96				Voucher#204	Village Togany	\$314.33

Roll Call: Smith – yes, Euler – yes, Powell – yes. Motion approved. The trustees amended appropriations in the amount of \$4000 from 1000-760-740-1014 to 1000-760-730-1016, \$4,000 from 1000-760-730-1012 to 1000-610-430-0000, \$2000 from 1000-760-740-1014 to 1000-220-221-0000, \$5000 from 2191-220-740-0000 to 2191-220-323-0000 Roll Call: Euler – yes, Powell – yes. Motion approved. The Audit Committee approved the bank statements and financial reports for September, 2021.

Chad stated there has been three variances granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals. One was for the house on Cross Creek and Tontogany Creek, they wanted to put a roof on a porch. The porch was too close to the road so they had to get a variance. A variance was granted in the Lady Glen area they wanted an 18 x 24 garage. Smith stated he heard about this one the issue was the vehicles would be in the Route 65 right of way when not in the garage. Chad stated they all are now. A variance was granted on Brillhart where old river old sits, someone wanted to build a new house so they needed a front setback. Chad did a permit for Speegle for an inground pool, Brad Billard House Permit, Claussens barn permit. Powell stated he went to the Planning Commission meeting on the Williamsburg subdivision and they tabled the project. They have asked the developer to make some changes. The homeowner's association is having a meeting at the school tomorrow starting at 6 pm to discuss this. The subdivision will be on the agenda for the November Planning Commission meeting. Smith asked if the cul de sacs were clear of the middle circles. Smith stated we should give input on eliminating the middle circle. Powell thinks there needs to be a utility access off route 235. Powell stated he will be there tomorrow night so he will be suggesting that there should be some way to get emergency vehicles out there. Smith thinks they should be using another way to get construction vehicle back in there as well. Chad asked if the trustees talked about the 80-acre property last meeting. Powell stated yes about the ditch, he sent an email to Sisco yesterday for an update but hasn't heard back yet. Chad stated they came in for a house permit but shown two houses on the property. Smith stated they are using the frontage off of Tontogany Creek to get the required 330 feet. There is not a driveway there except for on Robinson, his question is how long do we let this go before they start putting a driveway in and utilizing the frontage off of Tontogany Creek and not Robinson Road. Chad stated he thought the current driveway was temporary for that house, they want to build a bridge across to Tontogany Creek. Chad stated this could be a problem. Chad hasn't given them a second permit since they haven't parceled it off. They will have to bring the new survey for another house. Powell thinks they plugged up part of Larry Asmus's ditch, with all the rain we had the water went down very slow. Powell thinks we still need to have them fill it in.

Bill Gase said we have a couple fire fighters in higher level training. They need a more in depth physical to do this, cost is around \$1,000/per physical from Wood County Hospital. Bill asked if we should start testing our new fire fighters this way. Trustees agreed to start this for new fire fighters. Bill stated last month we assisted Middleton Township with a fatal accident after homecoming. We went through peer review and stress briefing after this. The December Christmas dinner is set for Dec 13th. Bill asked who we should invite. Trustees think it is a good idea to invite the Zoning Boards and employees. Bill stated this Friday night at the football game we will be doing a recognition for years of service for Orville Buehrer and Kirk Shank. Also, the Grand Rapids department has three to recognize Dick Keifer, Steve Parsons and Jim Kepling. We will make a certificate to give them. Bill stated engine 835 got AC repaired cost is approximately \$3,000. Tomorrow night the high school will be having a bon fire, so some of our guys will be there to light it and watch over it. Last month he sent an insurance quote to the trustees, he would like to update the fire department policy. Trustees will look over it. Powell asked if Bill talked with Becky Ames Otarma, Bill stated yes. Powell stated he has a list of things he will bring up at next meeting.

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Euler received an email from Eva Vasher. There was some farm equipment parked on Tyler Road and the bus couldn't get around. Euler stated something we need to think about. Smith stated possibly signage that this is a bus route or talk to the farmers. Powell explained to the attendees that Otsego wouldn't pick up some of our students except for at the corner which is about a half mile away. The kids are pretty young to do this and the parents asked us if we could do something about this. So, the trustees talked with the school and the transportation department and they said that if we paved the road or tarred and chipped it they could get a bus down the road. So, we did and they started picking the kids up and now this time of year we have farm equipment in the way. Euler received an estimate from Brian Lorenz asking for a power grader to drag the fields, he will forward to the trustees. Euler stated Scott got the supplies for seeding the infield. Euler thinks we need to get a bigger roller for the outfields they are starting to get pitted, possibly doing this before next spring's sports. Brian had talked to Dan Sheppard and he is interested in maintaining the fields during the summer time. Powell asked if he would do the whole park or just the fields. Euler thinks the whole park but would be something we would have to talk about. Also, if the power grader could be hooked up to a mower that would be nice. Trustees asked what the power grader was, Euler stated it has a tiller and drag so we don't continually push the dirt out of the field. Euler stated we talked about the bridge in Williamsburg, he was going to reach out to County Engineer on this. Smith stated he was going to meet with Terry Hummel on the washout on the east bridge culvert, Terry told Smith that if we do something now we are going to have to tear all that out if we do the guardrails. Smith said there is a Department of transportation grant and this grant money has to be specific. Smith feels we need to apply for the grant to see if we can get money for this project. Euler and Smith stated they will contact Sisco on this.

Powell got an email from Rick Grimm. When the County tar and chipped Reams Road it was soft at the end of it and they turned around there. This is where he lands his Para plane. He asked if we could place some private property/no trespassing signs out there. Powell asked Kirk about it today and we have private property/no trespassing sign and he also changed a no outlet sign by Long Judson Road that was covered by vegetation and was none reflective. He will be installing the sign at the end of Reams Road. Powell stated Scott seems to think that it takes two trucks and two guys to berm. Powell wanted to ask Scott and the other trustees about it. Powell said Scott thinks we need to have the other truck with stone in it to lay down the berm and then follow with the truck with the berm box to spread out the berm. Smith stated we got the berm box to utilize one truck and one guy. Smith thinks berming should be done by mid-November, Scott has been out mowing and doesn't feel he needs to do that. If we leave the grass a little bit high you can see the different depth and the edge of the road better. Smith will meet with Scott sometime this week to let him know we need to get this berming done. Powell stated have him explain to you why he uses two guys to berm. Smith stated the other two guys should be mowing the park and cemeteries. Powell stated all of our cemetery deeds are on an excel spreadsheet and about 1/3 of the interments. We have several people buried in our cemeteries that are not in our interment book. He would like to make a dedicated project to first get all the interments in the book and to the spreadsheets. Then go to the cemeteries and go grave, lot by lot to identify who is out there. Then this would go into the book and on the spreadsheet. We could then put this online. The genealogical society suggested that you take a section of steel rebar drive it into the ground right beside the numbered markers. We then get a metal detector to find them very easily. Then once we have the markers numbered then go back and identify lot number by lot number with head stones and make a list of who is buried out there. We would compare to the book and put into the spreadsheet. Powell talked to Kirk and he is interested in doing the rebar. Powell thinks we need to do this in all three of our cemeteries. Powell stated Cindy is interested in helping with the paperwork part. He would like the trustees okay to start this project with Kirk and Cindy. Trustees agreed this is a great idea. Powell and Dave talked about planting grass behind the little diamond. Powell talked to the lady with ODNR about trees and she stated if we don't take care of it with grass and keep it mowed then it will grow a bunch of volunteer trees. Smith suggested having Buddy Vollmar slit seed it. Powell stated there are still some stones, chunks of brick and wood that we need to get out before he seeds it. Powell met with Stephanie Miller with ODNR and she gave him a list of trees that would be good to plant. Powell thinks we should talk to North Branch and plant more trees for shade for both diamonds. Powell stated we still have dead limbs and trees at the legion park and in the cemeteries, Scott should be able to remove and chip. Smith asked if anyone talked to Rowe Tree Service, Euler stated we could look at other options it has been a while. Euler will look for other tree services. Powell thinks we need to hire the winterizing of the concession stand since we updated everything. Powell emailed the right of way permit to the trustees. Smith asked about the boring permit. Powell thinks we could use the same permit for boring. Trustees agreed. Kristel will put permit online. Powell stated we will make sure Sysco knows we have one. Smith called Eric Palmer about Cordy's but hasn't heard back. He thinks we need to dig it out to the catch basin and put rip rap. Trustees agreed. Powell asked about the email on insurance and asked if it made sense, Trustees stated yes. Powell said Liberty Hi Road ditch cleaning, Sysco said the county will pay for the culvert under Liberty Hi Road from the edge of the road to the other edge of the road. Powell stated we will have to pay for part of this just like the Conklin ditch cleaning. Powell was out on Tuller Road by the railroad track and the west side is eroding. We should have someone look at it. Powell will contact B. Hillz. Powell had a brief discussion with Linda Holmes about the Legion property. She is looking at what deed restrictions we can put in to ensure the property stays in the public domain forever. She was going to investigate what the black swamp conservancy is doing for the Fox Shank property. They are putting a conservation easement where it can never be developed which will eventually be Otsego Schools. The School will use it for Ag., FFA, Science classes and probably Art and History. It will be a park, living lab and the students will be able to use it at some point. Powell will make a list of the Otarma items that need addressed for the next meeting.

Because of no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

At Powell

Approved by:

Kristel Beyer

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