

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held _____

October 19, 2022

6:30 p.m.

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session with Powell, Euler and Smith present. Chairman Powell presided. The guests in attendance were Hudson Thomas, Markel Aranbarri, Trenton Euler, Cohen Feehan, Heidi Feehan, Brad Feehan, Brooke Hahn, Diane Myerholtz, Bill Gase and Scott Alexander.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

24159	Kirk Shank	\$187.08	24171	Power Tools Sales	\$60.97	Voucher#199	Suburban	\$214.00
24160	Pauls Refuse	\$52.65	24172	Cardmember	\$2,674.23	Voucher#200	Paramount	\$2,094.64
24161	Custar Stone	\$166.43	24173	Deere & Company	\$46.08	Voucher#202	Fed Tax	\$943.41
24162	Mack Industries	\$1,150.00	24174	Gatchell Grant	\$4,543.69	Voucher#203	OPERS	\$2,534.24
24163	Cindy Hofner	\$246.75	Voucher#183	Daniel Sheperd	\$151.45	Voucher#204	Village Tax	\$259.68
24164	UIS Insurance	\$758.00	Voucher#186	Scott Alexander	\$990.69	Voucher#205	School Tax	\$113.24
24165	Kirk Shank	\$301.59	Voucher#187	Kristel Beyer	\$1,440.67	Voucher#206	State Tax	\$223.99
24166	Holgate Imp	\$203.79	Voucher#188	Abel Euler	\$877.50	Voucher#207	Scott Alexander	\$1,204.84
24167	Time Warner	\$99.99	Voucher#189	Chad Johnson	\$219.93	Voucher#208	Daniel Sheperd	\$66.25
24168	AIM Media	\$35.96	Voucher#190	Steven Powell	\$953.79	Voucher#211	Verizon	\$51.16
24169	Forrest Auto	\$4.48	Voucher#191	Daniel Sheperd	\$160.91	Voucher#212	Huntington	\$37.25
24170	Mid-Wood	\$1,457.29	Voucher#192	David Smith	\$ 952.70	Voucher#213	Edison	\$68.13

Roll Call: Smith – yes, Euler - yes. Motion approved. The Audit Committee approved the bank statements and financial reports for September, 2022.

Scott was trimming up Cemeteries today. They will be doing Village Brush Chipping next Tuesday. Scott met with Dan and the tree's in the park that need trimmed is higher than his pole saw can reach. He was thinking Travis can get the limbs either this fall or next spring, there are also dead tree's that need removed. Powell asked Scott to check with Travis to get this done this fall. Scott stated we need to keep up on the back area so it doesn't grow up again. We should not take our mower or tractor back there. Smith asked what the long-term goal is, he thinks we need to get to where we can mow it. Scott stated we need to bring in some dirt and level it out to get there. Powell stated it would be nice to make a nice walk path back there. Scott stated Dan mentioned Denny Polter is done spraying the parks and cemeteries, so we may need to look into someone else next year. Scott got with Eric Palmer about the swale over on Tontogany Creek Road that we want to install a new basin in. The cost for the basin is \$2,000 to \$2,500 or both the swale and the basin cost is \$3,010. Smith asked for something in writing first. Trustees asked for him to do the swale and catch basin both. Scott said the Sterling dump truck is at North Street Repair for the parking brake that will not work. We will probably mow the cemeteries one more time. All cemetery foundations are done for stones. Smith asked about Williamsburg Leaf Pickup, Scott said it is every Tuesday in November. The Village is Mondays. Smith asked about wood chipping in Williamsburg, Scott said we should not do that. Trustees agreed. Smith said road side tree limbs, Scott said he has been cutting them back. Smith stated Scott Road needs it between Sugar Creek and Rangeline, Robinson Road between Cross Creek down in the valley and east of Tontogany Creek on Robinson Road. Smith stated if it looks like we need to get the County arm mower let us know. Powell got a call from Jason Sysco, they put up another stop sign on Rangeline Road coming up to Kellogg. The tree's in that intersection are blocking the stop sign and asked Scott to trim them back. Powell stated where the county mowed Tontogany Creek Road ditch bank there is quite a few stumps left all chewed up that need trimmed down. Powell stated a tree in Tontogany Cemetery a limb needs removed, Scott thinks the whole tree needs removed. Powell stated at least the limb needs to come out or remove the tree this fall. Powell read in the minutes that the fireman's mounds will be seeded, Scott said he is planning on it, it just needs leveled more. Powell read in the minutes about string trimming in cemeteries do we need to have another conversation on this. Euler talked with Scott and thinks we have it figured out. Powell asked about the bridge in Williamsburg. Smith talked to Terry Hummel about putting a cage with riprap there and Terry said we would have a lot of expense. Terry thinks we need to replace the guardrail and then install the cage with riprap. Smith stated we need to make a decision on this. Powell has talked with the CSX railroad and they asked if the trustees would consider closing the first Tuller Road railroad crossing, if they would fix the other one. Powell talked with Jeff Williams because he farms in that area and Jeff asked us not to close that crossing. Powell asked Scott to keep an eye on the riprap by the crossing when he goes by it. Powell also talked to CSX about the permit for working by the railroad and he stated they have had a lot of issues of previous road work effecting their crossings and this is why they have gone this way with more engineering required before work is done. Powell stated the work that needs done is in your right of way so why can't CSX fix it and CSX stated they fix the railroad and the township are responsible to fix the roads. The guy stated Powell will be receiving an email with these items from Rusty Orben. Smith stated maybe we could just put some riprap in there then. Euler told Scott the trustees approved an Eagle Scout project for benches to be placed in Washington Township Cemetery.

Brooke Hahn came to introduce herself, she is the current seat holder on the Northwest Water & Sewer District Board and she is the Zoning Inspector for Troy Township. Her seat is up this December and she is rerunning for the board seat.

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Diane Myerholtz asked if anyone contacted Mr. Speegle about getting rid of some of his cars. Diane said there were 9 cars in the driveway the other day and she thinks he is running a business out of there. Smith said the way our zoning is you can have as many licensed vehicles. Diane thought it was three. Powell stated Chad our zoning inspector says there isn't anything. Smith thinks that is for unlicensed vehicles. Diane doesn't know why something cannot be done and they cannot call the sheriff because we do not have a noise ordinance. Powell stated he talked to Fred Vetter Middleton Township Trustee and they have a noise resolution but its only in a residential district. They put this in place for builders making noise too early or late. Their resolution does not cover Ag District because they cannot discriminate farm noise and building noise in the agricultural district. Diane asked what is there alternative. Powell doesn't know but if it is not in our blue zoning book then the trustees cannot enforce it. Diane asked if it's feasible to put up a camera to see if he is running a business. Euler stated if Dan has an idea where he read the 3 vehicles limit just let us know. Diane thanked the trustees for hearing her out.

Bill stated the siren has been checked out by Northwest Signal. The siren is still going off on its own and we are still trying to figure out why. Last week the primer on the engine broke, he will be taking it to WW Williams next week, the quote came in at about \$1,000. Next Monday, for training we are going to Penta County to use their house structure. There is a cost for this, so when we get the bill that is what it is for. Last month he discussed a replacement for the grass truck. He had reached out to Polaris for a quote on a side by side unit cost \$62,000. This would come with a 75-gallon tank, pump and rescue board. He talked to Thayer and through their fleet program we could get a ¾ ton pickup, four door cab with 6.5-foot bed cost \$49,500 and skid unit \$20,000 and lighting package \$5,000. The truck would cost around \$75,000 where the Polaris is under \$65,000. Powell asked how much water a pickup unit would carry, Bill stated 150 gallons. Powell asked Bill what he thinks would be best for the township. Bill would like to have both if it wasn't for space and cost. Bill thinks a truck would be best. Bill said we could order a new skid and put in the current truck until we get a new truck. Trustees agreed to order a skid unit. Smith made a motion to purchase a new skid pump unit for the dodge pickup truck seconded by Euler. Roll Call: Smith – yes, Euler – yes, Powell – yes. Motion Approved. Bill said Cindy Hofner asked if her church fundraiser could use the fire hall for next June for a corn hole tournament if it rains the day of the event. Trustees were okay with that. Last month we serviced our trucks and because of the size of the trucks DOT requires new tires after 7 years. Trustees agreed to allow Bill to order tires for the trucks. Bill stated the tanker batteries need replaced as well. Bill said the Christmas Dinner is at Nazareth Hall on December 12, 2022 are we still inviting the zoning boards and the Village. Trustees said yes. Bill said the FEMA grant we got awarded, he is working on SCBA's with Troy Township and Freedom Township to get a group quote on these for better pricing. The cascade system we need to think about where we are placing it. Powell suggested building a loft and then we wouldn't be using valuable floor space. Bill will look into the loft idea. Bill stated the other night at our training we had Hertz Rescue Tools here, our tools are not cutting open doors. They are getting us a quote together for a cutter, spreader and a ram he thinks it will come in at the low to mid \$30,000 range for all. Brad Feehan suggested if you are getting new tools to get battery powered and also getting a strongarm, they use it a lot. Bill might have two more recruits, one is already trained and one is not. Powell said our generator is fixed and it will run its weekly self-check on Tuesday's at 10:45 am. Smith asked if we are on an annual maintenance for this, Powell said yes.

Euler asked if the other trustees seen the rejuvenate that was done on the roads. Smith stated Rangeline Road was done and the striping was covered up. He thinks we need to redo the striping. Smith said he would email Sysco. Kristel said we should vote on the Northwest Water and Sewer District Board seat. Smith made a motion to vote for Brooke Hahn for the Northwest Water and Sewer District seat, Euler seconded. Roll Call: Euler – yes, Smith – yes, Powell – yes. Motion Approved. Kristel said we also have the Farm Lease agreement to discuss. After discussion, Smith made a motion to lease the land to D & S Farms LLC for \$201.50 per acre, seconded by Euler. Roll Call: Powell – yes, Euler – yes, Smith – yes. Motion approved.

Powell stated the second stop sign is finally up on Tontogany Road and RT 582. Powell gave the September 2022 Financial Report.

Because of no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

St Powell
Diane Myerholtz
John W. Euler

Approved by: Kristel Beyer