

EDINBURG TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Edinburg Townhall

July 31, 2014

Diane Austin called the regular meeting of the Edinburg Township Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, present; Sandra Templeton, present; John Hayes, present; Judy Repcik, present; Chris Diehl, arrived late; Tim Paulus, present; Julie Bearss, present.

RESOLUTION 2014-136: A motion was made by Sandra Templeton to approve the Agenda as presented; this was seconded by John Hayes. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; John Hayes, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

RESOLUTION 2014-137: A motion was made by Sandra Templeton to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented; this was seconded by John Hayes. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; John Hayes, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

RESOLUTION 2014-138: A motion was made by Sandra Templeton to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2014 Special Meeting as presented; this was seconded by John Hayes. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; John Hayes, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM PERSON(S) IN ATTENDANCE:

Thomas Repcik, Employee/Resident

David Starcher, Farmer/Resident

Nathan Worley, Deerfield

Brandon Loeluck, Resident/Student

Jody Morris, Resident

Diane Austin: State your name.

Jody Morris: Jody Morris. I live on Giddings Road and I sent an email last week about the road keeps flooding across the road and I called in June about the problem and you sent somebody out – and I don't remember his name -- about digging the ditches on both sides so the water actually stays within the ditches.

Diane Austin: Was that you, Chris?

Chris Diehl: Yeah.

Diane Austin: I'm sorry I didn't get an email. I apologize. Normally I get them but I didn't.

Sandra Templeton: I actually got one, it was late only because my email—at the end of “Templeton” it's “m” so I don't get them so--

Diane Austin: Ok well I didn't get it -- I apologize or I would have called you. Chris—

Chris Diehl: I haven't forgotten you, it's just been raining so much that we haven't had a chance to do any ditching just yet. We're hoping to get started next week and you're the first one on the list.

Jody Morris: It's just because my kids cannot get on the school bus. It washed away our driveway throughout all last year and it's just a mess and we don't want to put a driveway in until it's fixed so it actually stays in the ditches because it's welling now so far from that pond across the street just right over directly onto us.

Diane Austin: Is that what's going on is the pond? Do you know?

Chris Diehl: I have talked to them before about the creek needs cleaned on back through there. I'm gonna clean—

Jody Morris: He had an estimate of \$10,000 to have the work done.

Chris Diehl: --the ditches out but I don't think it's going to fix your problem.

Jody Morris: We had the Water Conservation Department from Portage County come out and we also had the excavators come out and we have a \$10,000 bill—they're ready to dig but they don't want to dig until the ditches are done.

Diane Austin: What did the Soil and Water gentleman tell you?

Jody Morris: They came out in June and they said well really -- they said the fall on our road, it is equal-- the fall on our property-- as the four people whose houses are past us, but for whatever reason it's all going to ours cause that's where at one time somebody put that ditch in going back to bring the water down the side of the property—so he said, that typically wouldn't have been the township that whoever lives there must've done that and he said we should be sharing that water with the people that are near us and that there is some fall cause we are equal to those around us but for whatever reason we've been the designated area.

Chris Diehl: That's been a natural ditch there – I've been there 35 years and that ditch was there then when I started.

Jody Morris: He said that--I mean--technically that's not considered wetlands or anything else you know and it should be able to fall past our property from somewhere.

Chris Diehl: What do you mean fall past your property?

Jody Morris: We should be able to create enough of a—

Sandra Templeton: --fall yourself so it would keep going?

Jody Morris: --fall so it would – so we could disperse that between all of us on that part of the road so it's not just me taking everyone's from both sides of the property.

Chris Diehl: But that's where it has to go, through that ditch that goes across you guys--

Jody Morris: Well he's saying the back is equal—we are equal height--

Diane Austin: Did you meet with Mr. Bierlair? Do you know who it was from Soil and Water?

Jody Morris: I have his card at home and he even said he could come and explain it.

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Diane Austin: What's your phone number?

[Jody gave Diane her phone number.]

Jody Morris: We have people that are going to help runners because it is -- right now it's rushing so much it's starting to come closer and closer to the house, for now it's moating around our house and washing all the soil away from around our house.

Diane Austin: I'm sorry you said it was Julie?

Jody Morris: Jody.

Diane Austin: Jody. And what's your address?

[Jody gave Diane her address.]

Jody Morris: So we have -- it's about \$10,000 -- we have the estimate just to fix and bring in—fix around the house and start working our way up towards [indecipherable] the ditch out—that ditch is—it's pretty clear they show that there's a few—where the water comes rushing—there's a log or two that's laying there but it is rushing.

Chris Diehl: I thought that you would just go ahead and do your part of it because for the water to go anywhere, you are going to have your ditch cleaned out so it'll keep on going.

Jody Morris: Well they want yours first before we do ours so that when they --when it comes in it's so full it's not even—it's coming no other route because there is no ditch on the other side--it's full of sediment. And I know you guys just dug it out like maybe two or three years ago when we moved in but it's already filled on the other side—it's filling that fast you can't even keep up with it.

Diane Austin: So Chris your plan is if it doesn't continue raining to try next week to start ditching?

Chris Diehl: Yes.

Jody Morris: Ok.

Diane Austin: Do you have Chris' number?

Jody Morris: Yes.

Diane Austin: Will you call him?

Chris Diehl: I was going to go down and see them any way cause—

Diane Austin: Who Soil and Water?

Chris Diehl: No, them.

Diane Austin: No, I know, but I want to know who they spoke to at Soil and Water so you can call them and --so if you would just call him and tell him or when he comes down let him know so he can call—

Jody Morris: They print out the plat maps that show all the heights and we are all the same.

Diane Austin: The typography? Yeah.

Jody Morris: I don't know if some of that water is also going -- all I know is that when it rains there is so much water.

Diane Austin: And we've had so much rain this year it is like --there's water in places there's never been water.

Jody Morris: Well, we've had it for the last three years, I feel like, but now--this is the first year though that the road is flooding now. People pass there really slow because it's over the top of their tires actually.

Diane Austin: Yeah we've had several roads that we've had this problem. I apologize that I did not get your email. Usually what happens is they go to the Township and then it's forwarded to the three of us. She [Sandra] was having an issue but we figured that, but I've been getting them and I haven't received one so that's—

Jody Morris: Well I just wanted to make sure—

Diane Austin: No, thank you for coming in and he'll ditch as quick as he can and if you'll let him know I want -- Chris will talk to the gentleman—I wonder if it wasn't -- wouldn't be Bierlair?

Jody Morris: There were two guys out there.

Chris Diehl: There's an Eric and then Jim and I've gotten into it with Eric already.

Diane Austin: If you have to talk to Jim about it you can. And then you're gonna go down and see them?

Chris Diehl: Yeah, they want the dirt that we ditch and I need to find out where they want it.

Diane Austin: Ok.

Jody Morris: Thank you.

Diane Austin: Thank you, Jody. Bye.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and presented:

--Kent State Public Health Newsletter – received via email and mail

--Alcohol Permits – all permits in the Township will expire October 1, 2014. There have never been any issues so filing an objection has never had to be done.

--GrassRoots Clippings Newsletter – received via email

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

--An EMS Closure Authorization was signed.

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--2014/15 Road Salt Contract – rebid 018A-15 has been submitted. This was because two of the three bids received did not quote a price and the other came in at \$108.01/ton. The contract went out for bids on Monday the 28th [July] and the Township should hear something back by mid-August.

--Portage County Solid Waste commissioner's meeting – Tom attended this meeting on July 16, 2014 via video conference. The Ohio EPA personnel gave a recap of the program and policy updates.

The main topic of discussion was the introduction of an idea by the EPA to have one hauler for both household trash and recyclables. There was a long discussion and objections from several local haulers in attendance who said they were not equipped to handle the recycle part. Bill Steiner and Kathleen Chandler will be attending a meeting in Columbus to discuss several concerns with the EPA. The general feeling from most of the townships is they do not like the idea and have expressed that to the commissioners.

After Tom spoke with Bill Steiner he said it looks like the program will stay as is for the moment. If some township or city wants to have one vendor for their pickups they can do so. He will find out from the EPA about the increase in fees for the recycle containers that are in current use.

--Insurance – Two Stryker cots and two Physio LP-15 monitor/defibrillators have been added to the Township insurance policy as of July 29, 2014.

--Fair Display – theme this year is "Livin' the Dream". Judy asked everyone to bring anything they have [photos, etc.] from the last year to the next meeting for this display.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Julie Bearss - Zoning Inspector

--She made/received 29 phone calls.

--Two permits were issued.

--The Zoning Commission met July 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Townhall.

They discussed and approved a site plan review for Schumacher Homes [a permit has been issued].

They have also been reviewing Resolution 3-12 (2,a,iv) Damage or Destruction of Nonconforming Uses/Structures. After careful consideration they have asked the Trustees to consider allowing the removal of this resolution from the book because it has the potential to cause financial hardship to the owners as banks will not loan money against a property that cannot be rebuilt.

Diane informed Julie that this needs to be sent to the Township's attorney for his advice before it is brought to the Trustees. Julie will contact Chris Meduri.

Chris Diehl - Roads, Buildings, Cemetery and Park

--He reported that the beavers have started to build the dam again in the same area. It's not bad yet. He spoke with Dennis Ebie and he is still willing to dig this area out. The trapper has removed six beavers so far. He contacted land owner Casey Herbruck and he is willing to let Dennis dig it out as long as he signs a liability waiver. Casey would like copies of the pictures taken of this area.

--They have replaced the culvert on Porter Road and the Township received a savings of around \$500 from the original quote. If the weather cooperates the asphalt will be replaced next week.

--He reported that the crew working on the power lines at the Park has cut down some trees and left the wood there. He would like to take bids to sell this wood and some other that he's accumulated. All agreed to have him move all of the wood together and they will advertise to accept bids on it.

--He reported that the road at the Highlands has been repaired – and then some – and it looks really nice.

Diane expressed her dismay about the incorrect comment in the Sound Off regarding the Edinburg Township Fire Department. As Tim states in his report the Township has not had a female die at home or shortly after being transported this year. There has been one elderly man die from natural causes at home this year.

She told this to David Dix of the Record Courier and also expressed her dismay to him. This has happened to other townships. The newspaper is supposed to remove the names of Townships before printing the anonymous statements -- this is not being done. The newspaper is supposed to run an article addressing this.

Tim Paulus - Fire Department Report

Purchases

--He received a quote from Luketic Concrete for the west side, lower drive basin at a cost of \$2,900. It was agreed to table this to see if it could be done in-house at a later date.

Grants

--He reported that the Ohio NatureWorks grant is now open.

Employees

--He recommended that the Trustees hire Nathan Worley to the Fire Department. Nathan has his 36 hour FF card. He is not an EMT yet but would like to do this and his 120 hour course as soon as possible. This hiring would be contingent upon a successful physical, drug screen and background check.

RESOLUTION 2014-139: A motion was made by Diane Austin to hire Nathan Worley as a Fire Fighter contingent upon his physical, drug screen and background check; this was seconded by John Hayes.

Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; John Hayes, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

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--He recommended the Trustees accept the resignation of Ken Bator.

RESOLUTION 2014-140: A motion was made by Diane Austin to accept the resignation of Ken Bator from the Fire Department effective 07-31-2014, this was seconded by John Hayes. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; John Hayes, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

--He presented information from the Ohio Public Entity Consortium Healthcare Cooperative.

Judy Repcik - Fiscal Officer Report

She presented the following:

--Year-to-Date Cash Summary

--Medical Insurance update – OTARMA & Ann Byrnes has been working on getting quotes. So far she's received twelve to fifteen different proposals to stay with OTARMA and Medical Mutual in a new program. Medical Mutual has a 75-day cancellation policy which would give the Township until December 1st.

Judy will make copies for the Trustees to read through and a Special Meeting to review and discuss these insurance quotes will be held on August 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township office.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

John Hayes

He had nothing further to report at this time.

Sandra Templeton

She requested an executive session to discuss Fire Department employees.

RESOLUTION 2014-141: A motion was made by John Hayes to approve the payment of the bills; this was seconded by Sandra Templeton. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; John Hayes, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

Diane Austin

She reported that the following was voted on and decided at the end of the recent Special Meeting:

Sandy is now the Fire Department liaison, John is now the Road/Cemetery Department liaison and she is now the Zoning liaison.

RESOLUTION 2014-142: A motion was made by Diane Austin to enter into an executive session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss Fire Department employee issues; this was seconded by Sandra Templeton.

Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; John Hayes, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

RESOLUTION 2014-143: A motion was made by Diane Austin to come out of executive session at 11:25 p.m.; this was seconded by Sandra Templeton. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; John Hayes, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

RESOLUTION 2014-144: A motion was made by Sandra Templeton to staff weekend at Fire Department through August 31, 2014 based on the \$5,100 squad match money not needed; this was seconded by

John Hayes. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; John Hayes, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

RESOLUTION 2014-145: A motion was made by Sandra Templeton that the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 p.m. this was seconded by John Hayes. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; John Hayes, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.

Diane Hargett Austin, Chairperson

John Hayes, Trustee

Sandra Templeton, Trustee

Judy Repcik, Fiscal Officer