

Edinburg Township Trustees – Regular Trustee Meeting

At Edinburg Town Hall

July 13, 2017

Jeffrey Bixler called the regular meeting of the Edinburg Township Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call shows: John Hayes, present; Jeffrey Bixler, absent; Diane Austin, present; Bill McCluskey, present; Kevin Biltz, present; Mike Pittinger, present; Sandy Templeton, present.

- I. Jeffrey Bixler called for a motion to approve the Agenda for July 13th as presented; motion was made by Diane Austin; this was seconded by John Hayes. Roll call shows: John Hayes, yes; Diane Austin, yes; Jeffrey Bixler, absent.
- II. CORRESPONDENCE
 - A. No Correspondences were received for presentation
- III. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Bill reported the Road Bids need to be presented to the County Engineers Office for review of numbers presented before formal acceptance of Bid for work.
- IV. Introduction from Jeffrey to guests attending opening to floor for discussion:

Grace Klein, resident	Lynn Alexander, Resident
Tim Pfile, Resident	Kimberly Ehman, Resident – Parks Committee
Indiscernible signature, Resident	Ryan Dotson, Resident
Miranda Sandenfer, Resident	Alexis Welch, Resident
Jody Morris, Resident-Parks committee.	

- A. Jody Morris and Kim Ehman- Parks Committee reported some activities of interest in Community presentation at the Randolph Fair, using and adding to the Township Board. Jeffrey and Diane agreed the trustees are to review their presentation for the fairgrounds and gave approval to work out ideas. They mentioned they would also do Set-up and take down. They also asked to help participate in the township Trunk or Treat this year, with some new ideas. Diane discussed last year's Southeast School trick or treating issue, not happening as presented to the board by the school representatives. They gave approval to contact John Hayes, and Fire department Shannon Paulus to present the ideas They also discussed a contract draft for park and concession use. Trustees reported they did not receive a copy, however, Bill had and had added comments and suggestions. Jeffrey report that once they finish and with Trustee review, it would be sent to Chris Meduri for final approval. Diane stated their must be some formal contract between the Township park use and Hot Stove and Soccer, or anyone else that want to use it as discussed at previous meetings; Primarily due to cost of cleanup, community complaints, etc. Diane presented recent examples of township issues. Diane said it is not the Edinburg hot stove park, or the Edinburg Soccer park, it is the Edinburg Township Park for all residents. Jodi said they worked with many documents and included a cleaning check list and they would incorporate any other ideas from the trustee. Diane said we might even do separate contracts for the concession use and the park use contract. Because we have situations where we do not know the schedule and we have people call the scheduler to schedule and she does not know there's a tournament and so she schedules it and they think their coming in because they rented it in January and here the parks full of cars. And we just had that happen and we had to block off the parking, I don't know how that turned out because I was in Cleveland,...Kevin said Jeffrey went down. And Jeffrey said there wasn't any problem at all. Diane said they would set a date for trunk or treat and give it to them.
- B. Jeffrey asked Lynn Alexander to hold off his discussion for new business.
- C. No one else had comments.

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V. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Alexander: Well I basically made some observations and was asking some questions when the road was chip and sealed last year, prior to that it had been striped. Now it's not striped and we have people driving down the center of the road all the time, part of the reason for that is the road is still not in good shape, even though it was chip and sealed, the outer 3 feet on both sides of the road can get pretty rough in places and the width of the road and the fact that it's not striped, 45 mph is too fast to go down that road as far as I'm concerned. And the other thing I had some suggestions on the email about long-term types of things we can do to help protect the road, not only Stroup road but other roads and all the other roads in the township and it's something I brought up with the County engineer in the past about proper drainage about grading the berms and things like that. The county engineer was good about clearing out the ditches but never graded the berms are higher than the ditches and road so the water can't get from the road off there. When it lies on the road and you go down these roads you see that where the most damage is. On the outside because the water doesn't drain off so the roads you know and I get this all cost a lot of money and it's not in the budget to fix all the roads in the township but some type of long-term plan to get the roads back to some kind of crown so they will drain, grade berms I know on my road, I walk it every day we got culverts collapsed, culverts plugged up we have residents that have filled in their ditches and supposedly put culvert pipe in there without any catch basins or grading and in most cases they filled the ditches higher than the roads and there's no place for the water to go anyway and I know that's a big bite to do but looking down the road it didn't get that way over night and it isn't gonna get fixed overnight, but looking down the road that's something that needs to be addressed by the township and long-term goal you're looking at saving some money repairing the roads because the water runs off and it's not so bad it's not going through a freeze frost cycle so are we going to get stripes?

Diane: I talked to Chris today and she said he's the historical one, the reason you had stripes was for years there was issue 2 money we receive from the federal government to pave the road and they did stripes. In some of the roads are wider than some of the others and that's why there's no stripes.

Mr. Alexander: then why is the speed limit still 45 miles

Diane: We have nothing to do with that it's the county and I spoke with Chris about that and he said they did a study and 45 was as low as they would go, if it's not posted like my road, it's 50.

Mr. Alexander: I was wondering because you got Tallmadge road out here and it 45 and it's half as wide and you got outside lines and center line and the pavement is in better shape.

Diane: we're not allowed to set the speed limit it has to be through the county

Jeffrey: we can put in a request and the county has to make a decision whether they would adapt it or not

Mr. Alexander: the reason I asked was last year and it was before the chip and seal we had kind of a sideswipe head-on collision just south of Tallmadge Road where they come up over that little rise and everybody was in the center where they shouldn't have been and they banged into each other and whether lines what it helped I don't know there were lines but they're pretty faded.

Diane: They were done a long time ago I met with Chris today I said help me remember this that was I believe that was before my time, that was issue 2 money and it was required the stripe and with chipping and sealing they don't, so that's why it's not striped and it's expensive to have them come in and do that and if we have them do that one we have to do all of them and then we don't have a sheriff's department well we don't have our own Police Department he's going to come out and Patrol the road so even if the speed limit was 25 if we have no one to enforce it, we don't set the speed limits or enforce them, and just like mine, I live on the end of Giddings between 14 and Alliance and when I was a kid we rode our bikes, you never came upon cars and it's a cut your to

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Southeast school and it's constant and it breaks up on the side of the road and I noticed today, I know you guys have been patching it and having a mild Winters actually hurt us, it's nice, it freezes, it thaws, it rains and it cracks and it blows almost instantly and I know they've been out patching it but I believe your road is the only road that was Chip and sealed last year. I know we're trying to get back on a schedule but it got to be so expensive and we're doing how many miles of road

Kevin: 2.4-2.5 Clark Road

Jeffrey: 2 .4 miles

Diane: and its about \$65,000

Kevin: \$61,000

Diane: almost \$62,000

John: No stripes

Diane: with no Stripes

Kevin: with 2 inches of asphalt it's about \$120,000 to \$130,000 a mile

John: I feel you it's supposed to be 45 miles right here in front of the churches, it's crazy, we tried to talk about that a year ago and they said.....

Kevin: we could put in a request and try to get it down to at least 35, we can try

Diane: We could try that but you need to get a lot of resident signatures too. I asked Chris who said the speed limit and he said the county comes out does the study and they pay for the study and then they tell the township what the speed is if it's not posted it's 50

John: even if the roads are rough people today are driving really really excessively fast

Mr. Alexander: I have complained to the highway patrol and he said they have quit doing traffic control for all intents and purposes because they have to watch the jail and in the highway patrol as 1400 people for the state and they have I've seen them more at Industry Road in Tallmadge and I told them how people just come straight through and I know they set up a vehicle there but I tell them I could pull out a Stroup Road on to Tallmadge and don't make it to end of Street and I got someone on my tail that wasn't even in my site and I was doing 47 miles an hour and I seen a few more patrol but I realize they can't be everywhere

John: yesterday we were parked over on Clark Road Kevin had the township drunk dump truck I had my pickup truck with flashers going on Kevin, Nate and I were inspecting some areas that needed attended to and I saw this and you (Kevin) threw me off the road a couple times because there were cars coming like we weren't even there, it was scary

Mike: when we're in the fire department we're out for a call they don't even they don't even slow for us

Kevin : we even had our lights on they don't even slow down

Diane asked if they did any ditching

Kevin: we did do some on Stroup Road but we had spent a lot of time patching because we put a lot of asphalt down trying fill in the edges to get everything ready so when it did get chip and sealed so we were ahead of the game

John: well the point we brought up when you said it's probably out of our control but when someone has good intentions and put a nice culvert in front of their property so they can mow right to the road but the grade of that dirt is either not thick enough to keep the pipe from coming up or it's not at the right elevation to keep that water going into the neighbor's ditch or just won't flow it would be nice if from Tallmadge Road to Wilkes Road wherever our Township quits if we controlled all that surface but we don't .

Mr. Alexander said: I don't know if Chris was overstepping his bounds but I know when you wanted to put a culvert in or were building a house if you talked to him he told you what you were going to put in he would tell you what you had to do

Diane: you're supposed to talk to the roads

Jeffrey: we have a standard minimum size diameter pipe

.....Indiscernible 30 seconds to many people taking.....

Irony was discussed as to poorer roads get complaints from some but others like inferior roads as it keeps speed down by drivers

Mr. Alexander: all you have to do is go there on a rainy day and you'll see how it's just

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standing right on the road and that just damages the road I don't know what to do

Jeffrey: I don't know what to do but Kevin and Nate should take some time to go look and survey what needs to be done, what's out of compliance and bring it back to us so we can see what direction we want to take and how we're going to go about doing it and

Diane: just remember if we start assessing and we find people out of compliance because they didn't put in the right stuff and they have to fix it, we can make it fix it, but when they do it on Stroup Road you better do every Road in this Township

Jeffrey: Clark road is going to be the next one...

too much talking to discern for 10 sec.

Kevin: when we were looking at that pipe on Clark Road the pipe across from the pipe that we're going to fix the whole front yard, there's just that much top on it (hands apart) on the whole pipe

Over talking again....

Kevin: the owner put in and that was put in I don't know when at the end the whole pipe is above the road

Diane: and a lot of times people will just decide I'm going to fill my ditch in so and so did it. They don't even know they have to put a tile in it and it'll happen, I never go down Stroup Road because it's not on my way you know but that happens and if you let them know they'll fix it and other people just do it. I know when I did my drive I went to Chris and said what am I supposed to do and he told me and on the weekend when he wasn't working he came and help me put it in so I did what I'm supposed to do. And a lot of people don't even know they can't put in that soft culvert

Mr. Alexander: what I could show you is one right now that has a 4 inch corrugated plastic under the drive

Diane: we have had some water problems in the last few years that need to be fixed instead of people taking it upon themselves to do it we've had to go in and take care of it

Kevin: I know we need to do a lot of berming but this time last year we were pretty much just trying to get Stroup Road chip and sealed and we were putting a lot of asphalt down there and it takes a lot of time and you know we still have the rest of the roads we have to stay ahead of we still have a lot of mowing to do too so we try to balance it all out we try to get to everything and we're working on it

Diane: we only have the two of them

Mr. Alexander: which leads to the last part of the email and it has to do with time and I'm not saying you're not doing your job but I don't see the people I used to see working on the road, that used to be done 5 or 10 years in the past and I don't see that they hire a third guy like they used to do in the summer

Diane: we had to part time people

Mr. Alexander: yeah and some of that time predates the Township Park and I'm wondering if some of that has taken away from time that should be done on the road

Diane: well the park we've had for about 20 years and we had Chris and crew of two part-time people that were only seasonal and it became a problem for the road and it's really hard to find part-time people because you want jobs and now we have two full-time people and we don't have the finances to hire more part-time people it's an ongoing problem because of the increased cost. I said please correct me if I'm wrong, but if you look right now the way our budget set up Kevin fills out what where he spends his time working and then he turns it in

Jeffrey: correct me if I'm wrong Kevin and Bill but if you look right now where the budget is you fill out how long your working where, you turn it into yo(Bill) and everything in its own account with the road, cemetery, park. Everything has its own time and if he spends two hours in the park and 4 hours of the road he charges it to that account specifically that's how we track what we're doing and make sure that we are incorporating the right amount of time to the right area because the monies are allotted for, just that, nothing else that's what it's for so that's how we track it and that's how he gives us the information. Do I expect you to see that much activity now, no, and the reason being is just like Diane expressed we are putting a system into place so we start a rotation again because we've got away from it, we kind of focused on Areas of the road

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like this one's a higher use, so now we have to get back into a rotation so we can manage all Township roads, so that's what we're doing and you're probably right you're going to see a little less activity through the years and then all the sudden you're going to see a bunch but then again one of the responsibilities of the road crew the road department is to survey the roads and tell us what we need, and that's what we're getting into it. So we'll take a look at you and see if we can get in the right and we'll get back to you and let you know what our plans are

Diane: we meet the second and last Thursday of every month and so when you said that that's why we have all the line items and we set up the budget and that's why he has to spend out the park or he was at the cemetery, he breaks it down and that's what Bill gets. If he's at the park for half an hour even if he was fixing something or whatever or how long he was at the cemetery, Bill gets that break down because Bill has to break it down. That's how he pays them.. That's how we know what we have to budget or if anything has to be changed

Mr. Alexander: without you going into a long presentation for me the money for the road I mean that comes from what? license plate fees

Jeffrey: yes and Road use taxes gasoline taxes

Diane: it varies ,the other issue is the tax we get from gasoline if they buy at certified we get it, if it's not bought at certified and they're buying it in Ravenna we don't get as much money so that varies as well the other thing we've lost incredible amount of local government funds

Jeffrey: we are going to lose more this year

Diane: years ago we got \$,68000 last year we got 30

John: \$37,000.00.

Diane: They were talking we might lose it, well that's a big hit to a small budget and that's all happened over. The last 15 years costs keep going up as in your own household that's what happens here and it's hard there's a lot of things we'd like to do every year they do so many roads and that's when gasoline went so high the road cost just skyrocketed, it was when Chris was here and I mean what it's costing to do two and a half miles is really hard for even me to fathom because I remember when it was nowhere near that. And they want to get away from local government with Township government

Kevin: in the ideal situation would be to put two inches down on the road and then chip and seal and once you put the asphalt down it would be smooth for a long time but that's in an ideal world where we have lots of money. When you're talking \$120,000 a mile just Stroup alone would be \$250,000 and if you would do it that way you get the crown back in the center.

Mr. Alexander: We're getting a lot of the oil trucks

Kevin: he only comes to Giddings and then shoots down 183

B.

Jeffrey: we're going to have to move on and we'll keep you posted as to what's going on the other thing I think we briefly talked on Clark. Do you want to tell us what you've come across out there?

Kevin: John and I went out yesterday we were talking to the house owner where the pipe is too high and we're going to get in there. I'll get into it in my report we're going to pull out a 12-inch pipe about 70 ft we're going to start with the end of it and go to where we need to go if we need to go out.....

Diane: where is the pipe, does it cross under the road

Kevin: it's in his yard

John: what is the address?

Kevin: 7047 he put this pipe or he had someone put this pipe in, So from 70 foot from where his driveway is 70 ft to the West it raises almost 18 in

John: there was not enough dirt on top of it in my opinion

Kevin: Right probably the last 25 or 30 ft you can see where it came up. What we need to do what's happening is where the water is coming off the road it has to get up to the top of this pipe before it can go anywhere and the top of the pipe is higher than the road

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Jeffrey: The question is it's his pipe he put the pipe in it what are we going to do?
Kevin: We are going to take the pipe out and just lower it back down and put it back in
Diane: Why if it's his pipe and his responsibility why are we doing it. I mean we have to protect the roads
Jeffrey: You could take the pipe out and put it back to a culvert where it needs to be. If we start doing that service will need to do it for everyone
Diane: You have to start doing it for everyone
Jeffrey: we could take the pipe out clean the culvert so it drains where it's supposed to and.....
Diane: yes it's his pipe and he can't even pay us to do it we're not excavators, we have a liability to the road so that pipe has to come out
Kevin: but we did it on the other pipe
Diane: well we had to cross the road
Kevin: well we removed it but in his yard he took it out and ran it across the driveway
Diane: that's because that's what soil and water recommended we didn't have a lot of choice because we had to get into those drainage culverts, or not drainage culverts, catch basins, so here you can take the pipe out get the ditch right, make it right, that's all we're going to do.
Kevin: there's a catch basin at the end of that pipe
Jeffrey: the pipe goes into the catch basin?
Diane: it's nowhere near the catch basin if it's too high
Kevin: His driveways the right height because it's going across his driveway into concrete which goes across the road.
Jeffrey: who's catch basin?
John: well it's on our property, but it's his, I would assume because he put it in or the property owner might have bought it that way
Diane: what does this pipe benefit? How does it benefit Edinburg Township?
Kevin: it gets water across the road, it's still going to run across the road and get into the catch basin
Diane: does the pipe have anything to do with the road?
Kevin: no
Diane: we have to take out the pipe to protect our road but where you don't have any responsibility is to put the pipe back in. If he wants to put the pipe in he'll have to put it in
Jeffrey: that's the way it should be it really is. We could get in a real trick if we started doing this. So we need to have some more conversation.
Kevin: yes, we'll have to go out and talk to him tell him we'll pull the pipe out and make it right
Jeffrey: yes
Diane: we have to do that to protect our road.
Kevin: the lady across the road said she was going to put a pipe, put a catch basin at the end of his pipe and then put a pipe to the catch basin.
Diane: under your supervision
Kevin: yes
Diane: we're probably going to have to look at zoning but some people do this after they build
Jeffrey: I think we need to get with the county and find out where we can go from there
John: get soil and water to come out if that's what they advised. I spoke to Mr. Sturgeon who is the property owner about the pipe and he agreed that he thought Edinburg Township... he blamed us for damaging the pipe but I don't see where we would have gotten involved it that I didn't cross that bridge seems to me those pipe come in 20 foot sections. So the west 20 foot or 10 foot is what has heaved up because there's no dirt on it
Kevin: we won't know that till we open it up
John: we are going to have to open it up
Jeffrey : we're going to have to get the ditch to where it properly flows
Kevin: what we're going to do is take all the pipe out of his driveway and if he wants to put it back in he has to pay for it

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Jeffrey: we're not taking out from his driveway just to his driveway

Diane: the pipe has to come up, the ditches have to be fixed

John: it's going to go over like a lead balloon

Diane: if we can afford to do it for everybody then okay but if we're doing it for one were going to have to do it for everyone, unless we had to do it because Soil and Water came out and there's a whole water flow issue and just digging out that ditch. We dug those ditches out of there a million times and it didn't fix the problem. The problem is better and it's fixed so if that pipe.... if taking the pipe out and doing the ditch right fixes the problem that's the township responsibility. I just wish we could do it for everyone. I remember when you used to call the township and they did culverts but it started costing too much and we couldn't do it anymore

Kevin: we'll have to go talk to the man and tell him what we have to do

John: the property owners not going to like that at all so it's his pipe and you figure it's in violation?

Jeffrey: if he had contacted the road department to install that pipe obviously not....

Diane: and follow the correct procedure it wouldn't be a problem but it's obviously not that

Diane: there's been a water problem there for years with this same pipe

Kevin: there's also a problem across the street with water

Diane: that's why I went to Chris about Stroup, So I got it right because some of the stuff is sketchy.

Jeffrey: if Soil and Water said that the pipe needs to be there, so you have to dig it do such and such and cover the pipe back up, that's our obligation, but that's not the case so therefore he needs to be made aware that it was brought up at the board meeting and discussed and a decision is that we take care of the ditch not the pipe

Bill asked about ownership off of the road like the county

Kevin: we have the right away about to the telephone pole. that's the right of way.

C.

Jeffrey: the other thing I had was I believe we all received this from a lady on Alliance Road she didn't leave an address but I think I know for certain where she lives where she's talking about the trucking company down there rolls in the truck in the back and Alliance Road

Diane: no I don't know that there are still trucks there because she passed away

Jeffrey: they're still trucking out there

Diane: I didn't know if it was that

Jeffrey: they go for that road all the time because they're not allowed to go up to Alliance

Diane: all I could think of was the corner of Alliance but there was no house behind

Bill asked what the complaint was

Jeffrey: this is a noise complaint

Diane: so you know where, it may be at 14 and Alliance, you come up to all the corners where all the stupid stop signs are. They have a new business in there. And there is a house right here and he has trucks that's why I thought it was there

John: agreed at Yale

Diane: there wasn't an address

Diane: we don't have a noise ordinance

Jeffrey: we don't have a noise ordinance

Diane: we tried to do one through zoning and it was the enforcement of it. It has to be measured by a company that comes out of Pittsburgh you can't buy your own noise thing and hold it up somewhere because we tried it for the gun shooting thing but it can't be enforced

Jeffrey said he would get back in touch with her and take care of that.

VI. TRUSTEE REPORTS

A. John Hayes

He had nothing further to report since addressing the Clark road situation and Mr.

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Alexander.

B. Diane Austin

She presented that she did not get Mr. Alexander's emails. He reported he sent to "general" township emails as well as Jeffrey and John.

C. Jeffrey Bixler

He addressed Kevin regarding his road reports, the first thing regarding the need for renting a mini-excavator, in a joking manner.

VII. Department Reports

A. Kelvin Biltz – reported his normal departmental activity and requested a vacation for 5 days which John had approved. Nate will fill in at board meeting.

B. Mike Pittinger reported last month had 15 calls, 3 fires and ?15 ems. (no report was attached)

Mike stated he had received statement from County prosecutor that we would not handle drug testing internally, after asking him. Diane asked about the possibility of requiring new hires to pay up front for the testing, and if they pass, we would reimburse. Bill mentioned this is done in this manner at many corporations for which he had worked, if not a random drug testing and also for background checks, as well, as long as the job offer has been given, pending such appropriate test/background check results. Some reimbursed, others did not. It would prevent the township from paying for those that do not pass, as has occurred in the past.

Mike also spoke of the need to replace some drainage pipe at the fire station. He present a new hire, Dominique Bouye, as a fire fighter EMT, basic as she has passed pre-employment testing and will be completing her paramedic certification.

RESOLUTION 2017-0 A motion was made by Jeffrey Bixler to hire Dominique Bouye as a fire fighter/emt for the Edinburg Fire Department with review of pay scale once her paramedic certification is complete.; this was seconded by Diane Austin.

Roll call shows: John Hayes, yes; Diane Austin, yes; Jeffrey Bixler, yes.

C. Sandy Templeton, zoning:

She reported 18 phone calls, 1 deck permit and one garage permit, she discussed report of a street light out on Porter road and 14, and Diane and Mike Pittinger and Kevin have all called Ohio Edison. Mike specifically mentioned talking to Matt Lewis, and apparently it is not a priority and may take 6 months. Diane said it sometimes does and doesn't. It is also a problem on Giddings and 14.

D. Bill McCluskey – Fiscal Officer

Bill questioned to billing invoices to identify correct departments for fund billing, Fred septic and marathon gas. Specifically relating to clarification of a \$100.00 emergency bill for Fred's Septic after being put on a monthly schedule. He again mentioned the need to submit the budget and need for a special meeting since he was out on medical leave. Jeffrey approved the 18th or 19th and John agreed to schedule the 18th at 6 pm in the admin. Office. Bill will publish and complete the paperwork for State and County Auditor. He also referenced budget worksheets he presented and information regarding any capital outlay for the next year from the trustees, to assist in the preparation. He requested some reallocation for repair and maintenance for the roads due to many purchases. He mentioned some work he has been doing to recover funds from the Bureau of Workers Compensation from incorrect reporting of Fire Department as volunteers prior to his term, which pay a significantly higher rate. He has made the correction in his tenure, and they have also received a \$9200.00 rebate from 2015 payments.

While Bill was going through some papers, John Hayes reported the scenario with the Clark road incident, and that he regrets what he told the owner, but will return to the owner and express he made a mistake. He agrees the ditch will need fixed, and the property owner takes such good care of the property, so he will likely want the pipe

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replaced. Both trustees agreed it was not malicious in intent, and that the owner could come to the board if he does not agree. John again mentioned the property owner felt the previous road supervisor for the township had a role in the present failure of the pipe situation.

Bill asked Mike if his email was now working, as he was working with Shannon Paulus and the internet provider to correct the issue. He had sent reset passwords to the fire department. Mike again stated his email was not working. Bill asked that he address the issue with Shannon to show him what to do. He asked to discuss the Fiscal officer assistant, typist replacement in open or executive session leaving it up to the chairman. Jeffrey said he would like to take up the matter in executive session to discuss manpower.

- VIII. **A motion was made by Diane Austin to pay payroll and warrants 40231 to 40250; this was seconded by John Hayes. Roll call shows: John Hayes, yes; Diane Austin, yes; Jeffrey Bixler, yes.**
- IX. **A motion was made by Jeffrey Bixler to go into executive session to discuss manpower (To consider appointment and compensation of a fiscal officer assistant replacement) at 8:41 pm this was seconded by Diane Austin. Roll call shows: John Hayes, yes; Diane Austin, yes; Jeffrey Bixler, yes**
- X. **A motion was made by Jeffrey Bixler to come out of executive session at 8:51 pm this was seconded by Diane Austin. Roll call shows: John Hayes, yes; Diane Austin, yes; Jeffrey Bixler, yes**
- Bill discussed the replacement of Karen Ross' Fiscal officer assistant position could be served as a contractor position rather than a township employee, based on the work performed, in order to save township money, and the present reduced needs of assistance in the office. He requested the trustees set a rate and position status change.
- XI. **RESOLUTION 2017-0 A motion was made by Jeffrey Bixler to hire Rachel Weitzel to replace Karen Ross at the same rate of 12/hour as a contractor, not a township employee. Motion was seconded by Diane Austin. Roll call shows: John Hayes, yes; Diane Austin, yes; Jeffrey Bixler, yes.**
- XII. **A motion was made by Diane Austin that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.; this was seconded by Diane Austin. Roll call shows: John Hayes, yes; Diane Austin, yes; Jeffrey Bixler, Yes.**

Jeffrey Bixler, Chairman

John Hayes, Vice Chairman

Diane Hargett Austin, Trustee

William McCluskey, Fiscal Officer