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Sandra Templeton 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; Kevin Biltz, present; Mike Pittinger, arrived late.

***RESOLUTION 2015-211:* A motion was made by Diane Austin 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 2015-212:* A motion was made by John Hayes to approve the minutes of the**

**August 27, 2015 regular meeting; this was seconded by Sandra Templeton. Roll call shows:**

**Diane Austin, abstain; John Hayes, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.**

**Comments or Questions from PERSON(s) in Attendance**:

Dan Kolasky, Randolph Twp David Starcher, Farmer/Resident

William Dillon, Resident Joe Dillon, Resident

Thomas Repcik, Employee/Resident Jason Pitre, Fire Department

There were no comments at this time.

**Correspondence**

--Township Magazine

--GrassRoots Clippings Newsletter

--OTARMA Newsletter

**OLD BUSINESS**

--Zoning Inspector

--Eric Long, Jim Bierlair of Soil & Water – Giddings Road Ditch Issue

Sandra introduced Mr. Long & Mr. Bierlair.

 **Jim Bierlair:** Alright, I’m gonna let Eric handle it. We were out and surveyed; Eric is going to go over some information. Is Chris Meduri coming tonight?

 **Sandra Templeton:**  No, actually what I’m gonna do is, whatever you present to me, tomorrow I’ll take to the prosecutor.

 **Jim Bierlair:** If he has any questions he can get ahold of me.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  Yeah, he can call you. That’s what I’m gonna do.

 **Jim Bierlair:** But Eric’s gonna go over what we found out there and what we think would remedy the problem.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  Ok. Alright. Thanks. Could you state your name, too, Eric?

 **Eric Long**: Sure, Eric Long with Portage Soil & Water. We did a survey out there—this is going to be pretty hard to get much from but essentially this is the road. We took a number of survey points along both sides of the ditches to take a look at what we have out there. Because that was going to be difficult to get much from I did a summary of what our suggestion would be. Let me first say that we looked at this from a standpoint of ok, there’s a drainage issue there let’s come up with the best solution to address that drainage issue. Well, obviously not looking at who, when, where, what or why just taking a look at what’s going on out there? What do we got on the ground? How can we make it better?

So in that proposal we came up with six different --kind of-- action items that we feel would make a drastic improvement on the drainage on both sides of the road. The first of those—the first two actually are kind of the most difficult ones because they are items that need to occur that are outside of the right of way so that’s something that we’ll have to work towards and address as we move forward on trying to solve some of these problems. But that is to clean the existing ditch that is on the north side of Giddings where it runs north from Giddings and then turns 90 degrees to the west. In that one section, where the number one is on the map, that section of ditch needs to be cleaned out and set to grade. There is a culvert at the number two on the map that is just outside of the right of way that is on that property that does not appear to serve any purpose at this time.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  We’re talking, here?

 **Eric Long**: Yeah, where the number two is right here; just north of Giddings outside of the right of way there’s a large culvert pipe that would have served as access at one point off of the drive to get onto that. It doesn’t seem to be serving any purpose now it’s grown over, there’s no use of it at this time and we would advise eliminating/removing that culvert. That also would be contingent upon property owner permission. Then we would suggest replacing and lowering the culvert that goes underneath Giddings that culvert is a concrete pipe that would soon need to be addressed if not needs now. The existing cover; so the top of that pipe is less than an inch below the surface of the road.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  And we’re talking—and that’s where on here?

 **Eric Long**: The number three. Number three is where there’s a culvert pipe that goes underneath Giddings Road, flows from the south to the north and we would suggest that that pipe is in need of replacing and we believe that with the cleaning of that ditch that is north of there, number one, and the removal of that existing culvert pipe number two, we could lower the culvert that goes under Giddings at that point by approximately six inches—that’s a rough number—you won’t really know what that number is until you’re out there doing it but we would hope to be able to gain that and that’s a significant gain in fall from the east to the west if we can get it six inches lower all the way up there to the west that gains some fall for us to try and move water over to that culvert pipe. For that to be of any benefit, we would have to address some of the things that are going on on the south side of the road -- at number four on the map I’ve got ‘replace the driveway culvert’. There’s an existing driveway culvert on the gravel driveway that you can see the two line drive way that goes to the south from Giddings—that driveway culvert there has heaped up and is showing outside of the—above the ground pretty much along the length of that entire culvert. That culvert is an old bell concrete culvert and right now it is plugged completely on both ends of the pipe—it’s serving no purpose at this time. We would advise removing--replacing that driveway culvert and allowing some of the connectivity to get water from the east to the west towards that replaced culvert that goes underneath Giddings. There is a couple of ifs there—we don’t know where the culvert—I put down her ‘replace driveway culvert and connect to existing catch basin’-- there is a catch basin between the gravel driveway and the next driveway to the east between those two -- between here and here it’s approximately at this point where this line is –you see?—at this point—

 **Sandra Templeton:**  Something’s gone under here, right?

 **Eric Long**: Right, right there and there is a pipe that runs this direction from that box. We have no idea where that pipe ends because that pipe does not daylight but we would either connect—

 **Sandra Templeton:** We’re talking here?

 **Eric Long**: Yes, this pipe—there’s one that goes under but there’s also one that comes this direction and we don’t know where this pipes ends.

 1\_\_\_\_\_\_: It goes all the way over the property

 2\_\_\_\_\_\_: Two property lines?

 1\_\_\_\_\_\_: It goes into the culvert --the driveway culvert that you want to lower.

 **Eric Long**: It goes all the way over there—in which case the way to do that is to probably connect that pipe to the driveway culvert but there may need to be some work to reset the elevation of that pipe that’s in the ground now to make sure that we have positive flow from the catch basin to the new driveway culvert to the new crossover culvert. So that would be another thing that we would suggest is making sure that we have positive flow from west to east towards that replaced road culvert under Giddings.

The other thing that we would suggest is there’s another catch basin at five on the map and there is a pipe that flows from south to north there—

 **Sandra Templeton:** We’re talking here, right?

 **Eric Long**: Yes, at number five on the map. We would suggest reducing that pipe down to an eight inch—

 **Sandra Templeton:** This one that goes across—that was placed across the road?

 **Eric Long**: Correct. We would suggest reducing that down to eight inch either doing so with an orifice place—so you could put a plate on the end of it to reduce the size of that down and them we would also suggest where that pipe goes from south to north and discharges on the north side of Giddings putting an elbow on that pipe to direct flow to the west instead any flows being pushed out of the right of way to the north.

 Sandra Templeton: Uh Eric is that the one closest to the east?

 **Eric Long**: Yeah the one that’s closer to—

 Sandra Templeton: Are you changing anything—the one that’s—

 **Eric Long**: We would not suggest putting an orifice on the other one

 Sandra Templeton: Just the one.

 **Eric Long**: Right and the hope is that by lowering the road crossover at number three and by cleaning out that ditch that we would gain a very significant amount of drainage to get under Giddings and to leave the south side of Giddings and get to the north side of Giddings in that cross-country ditch where it’s supposed to be and—go ahead.

 **Sandra Templeton:** So you’re talking about coming here and putting an elbow here to run it down the ditch away from Mr. Starcher’s property?

 **Eric Long**: Right. At six putting a 90 degree elbow so that this water would be directed that direction so that it does not have any velocity out into—out of the right of way. We want to keep all of the water in the right of way—make sure that our ditching on the north side as well is something we pay attention to.

 **Sandra Templeton:** So all that right there needs to be replaced and done properly, is that what you’re saying?

 **Eric Long**: Well, this pipe that goes underneath, I’m mean, it’s in there flat; if you reduce the volume down to eight it’s a significant reduction in the volume of water that can flow out of there. It does allow for

some relief from ponding on the south side but it won’t have that erosive large volume flow where if you’ve got some head pressure on the south side where it’s pushing water hard across the road.

 **Jim Bierlair:** Putting a reducer in there inside the catch basin, reducing it to the eight inch is gonna control the velocity inside that twelve inch pipe and it’s gonna slow it down—it’s gonna tame it down some.

 **David Starcher:** That’s what it needs so more water stays on the south side.

 **Jim Bierlair:** Correct. Yes, it’s gonna push the water on the south side.

 **Sandra Templeton:** Going down here—now you’re saying that we’re gonna go down here and then down in here is this gonna cause anything on down the road from it?

 **Eric Long**: No, it should not and the reason why I would say no should not is that all of the water in this area—it goes into that ditch. All of the water that is north of here in this field, it traverses this way to this point and gets into this ditch and flow in this direction. That’s the only way for water to leave this area so if you eliminate everything on the south side, that water has got to get over there somehow -- it has to.

 **Sandra Templeton:** I just was wondering once we get this taken care of, are we gonna cause any problems on down because then that’s the domino effect.

 **Eric Long**: Right. No, the volume of water doesn’t change because that water has to go to there so you haven’t increased the drainage area; you haven’t made it so there’s a larger—you haven’t taken some water that used to be going one way and now is going to a different spot—it’s all going to the same spot that it had to go anyways. I think that a lot of the problems that we’ve run into is just the first section of that ditch as the water leaves that farm field needs attention—

 **Sandra Templeton:** This one?

 **Eric Long**: This one—this section well, really in here. This needs attention. As you go farther to the west in this ditch, they’re much more maintained and much more defined and so we’re not talking about a major cross-country ditching operation we’re talking about one piece of property that needs some attention for the ditch being cleaned. I really can’t propose the specifics of how that would occur but it’s something that to make this work we’ll need to work on coming up with a solution for that.

 **Kevin Biltz:** It all has to start here.

 **Sandra Templeton:** It all has to start at number one.

 **Eric Long**: Right.

 **Joe Dillon:** Hey Eric, uh Joe Dillon. That’s the first problem though ‘cause that’s out of the road right of way, correct?

 **Eric Long**: It’s outside of the road right of way and that causes problems on down, you know the whole thing. If you can’t fix that and you can’t go back and fix anything else because you can’t [indecipherable].

The Trustees discussed the areas on map and getting permission from the property owners.

[details indecipherable]

 **Eric Long**: So that’s where we’ll start.

 **Sandra Templeton:** State your name, Dave.

 **David Starcher:** Ok, Dave Starcher. I think he will let you go in there and clean that out of you would go in there and ask him nice.

 **Sandra Templeton:** Well that’s what—we’re gonna—I’m taking all this to Chris Meduri tomorrow and I’m gonna get all the particulars about everything we should do -- go ahead, Jim.

 **Jim Bierlair:** At the minimum I would recommend—and we talked with Mr. Biltz about this yesterday on site—I think that the Township needs to work with Chris obviously to come up with one-time shot agreement giving the township permission to remove that concrete pipe on private property beyond that I think that it should be the private land owners forking the dough to clean that ditch I don’t think that’s really a Township responsibility but I think that concrete pipe is critical for our elevations to be set.

 **Diane Austin:** But if the property owners won’t agree to clean the ditch or won’t agree to let—you think they should work to clean the ditch, that shouldn’t be the Township’s responsibility.

 **Jim Bierlair:** Right, I think the Township needs a one-time shot agreement—

 **Diane Austin:** Initially to do it? Ok.

 **Jim Bierlair:** --to pull that one piece of concrete pipe and clean that first 25-30 feet off the road.

 **John Hayes:** So Jim, the concrete pipe you’re speaking about according to our pictures is number two?

 **Eric Long**: Correct. It’s maybe twelve, thirteen feet long. Just to serve as an access point for our tractors.

 **Kevin Biltz:** It looked like somebody at one time drove across there probably one side of the ditch to the other side of the ditch is what it was for, it looked like to me.

 **Eric Long**: It’s entirely unused at this time.

 **Kevin Biltz:** It effects all of our water because when we were trying to—when Scott and I went out and tried to get the water to flow, it had stopped right there. We could get it to there but that pipe was higher than where we were working for and that has been our problem pretty much the whole time.

 **Sandra Templeton:** Did you kind of come up with some kind of amount that this is probably gonna cost?

 **Kevin Biltz:** We’re figuring if we replace those two pipes we’re probably roughly in the ball park of $600

 **Sandra Templeton:** For materials.

 **Kevin Biltz:** For materials.

 **Diane Austin:** How long do you think it’ll take you? What about your labor time and the equipment?

 **Kevin Biltz:** Labor time and equipment? It’ll take -- we’ll probably do the one across the road first ‘cause that way we can get our elevation and then we can take the driveway pipe so we probably have a day in getting the pipe across the road.

 **Sandra Templeton** So what are you saying maybe the highest would be $1,500? At the highest?

 **Diane Austin:** No, well the total amount of time you think you would need to do this project?

 **Sandra Templeton:**  He said a day.

 **Diane Austin:** One day? No, one day just to clean—

 **Kevin Biltz:** Well, no, one day for the crossover and another day—

 **Diane Austin:** So you think three days total or two days total?

 **Kevin Biltz:** Well to do just the pipe across the road and the ditch – probably two days for the ditch; driveway pipe or say three and four would be that.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  Ok three and four would be two days?

 **Kevin Biltz:** The other pipe –I don’t think it’d be—if we get in there shouldn’t take a day to do that either because you’re gonna just pull a pipe and just go out -- we’re not going clear to the bottom, right? We’re just gonna get that pipe out and then -- we have to see what the homeowner says to, though you know. If we can, we could do it all but it’s just depending on the homeowner.

 The Trustees discussed consulting with Chris Meduri about property owners’ permission and who should be financially responsible while Kevin and others discussed the property and the water flow/pipe sizes. [details indecipherable]

 **Diane Austin:** What I’m wondering is, I’m not trying to add any salt the wounds here but, property owners are responsible for their own culverts, we don’t provide culverts for people so if the culvert is faulty that property owner should be responsible for replacing that culvert, not us.

 **Kevin Biltz:** Right, yeah, he should be, yeah. We’d have to send them a letter.

 **Diane Austin:** If somebody comes in and builds a new house now we do not do their culverts; they’ve got to come to you to get the right way to do it but we don’t do it. I know in this circumstance we’re trying to get the water—

 **Kevin Biltz:** We’re trying to fix another problem so I guess—

 **Diane Austin:** But that’s part of the problem.

 **Jim Bierlair:** That property owner isn’t asking for his pipe to be changed because it’s not causing him a problem right now.

 **Diane Austin:** Correct, but if it’s not right and it’s in the road right of way I believe that we can—that’s apples to oranges, I’m just wondering.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  Go ahead Jim, I want to hear what you had to say.

 **Jim Bierlair:** The culvert is not going to cause that landowner a problem there—the driveway culvert—it’s concrete; his driveway is not going to flood; the water will go over the road before it goes over his driveway—that’s my opinion.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  Well I hope he tells us about the water going over his road when it does.

 **Jim Bierlair:** Well, based on what I seen there is what the survey says with that being—20 years ago that was the only avenue for the water to go from south to north. With that culvert, in my opinion, probably not working in the past 20 years, and we’ve all evaluated that culvert, and the water had no choice but to go over the road at times. There was no other avenue there—that culvert was failing.

 **Kevin Biltz:** It should’ve been fixed 20 years ago.

 **Jim Bierlair:** Twenty years ago—yeah, we’re dealing with a problem that started 20 years ago basically in my opinion.

 **Joe Dillon:** Joe Dillon. You guys said when you dropped that driveway culvert down you may have to go to that catch basin because it went from the catch basin to the culvert, which was high, and it may have to be elevated -- or lowered, I’m sorry correct.

 **Jim Bierlair:** That’s an existing pipe, though, it’s not new pipe that would need to be [lowered].

 **Sandra Templeton:**  Ok so what do you think we’re talking, money-wise? Is $1,500—

 **Diane Austin:** No, I’m looking at their wages and everything right now and we’re not even talking—

 **Sandra Templeton:**  And then you’re gonna have to fix that section of that road that’s falling apart there.

 **Kevin Biltz:** Yeah, well we patched some of that today.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  Did you do it already?

 **Kevin Biltz:** Yeah we were out patching that part of today. It’s no worse than really any of our other culvert pipes that are crossing the roads.

The Trustees discussed costs while Kevin and others discussed culverts.

 [details indecipherable]

 **Diane Austin:** You’re gonna be a minimum of $1,500.

 **Kevin Biltz:** Just to do that. That’s not counting going if we— just to take that number two out, not going any further.

 **Diane Austin:** That doesn’t even—I figured you’re gonna be three days if you can get the property with the ditch. Are you sayin’ you’re gonna be more than three? That’s what I’m trying to get a grasp on is if you did this whole total thing, if everything falls into place, and the property owner gives us permission and you do everything how many days is it gonna take you?

 **Kevin Biltz:** It should be three days—we should be able to open that up cause that’s going to be easy digging you’re just going to put the dirt right back on the bank -- it’s not like we’re going to haul it away anywhere—you just gotta scoop it and roll.

 **John Hayes:** So Eric your proposal here hinges solely on being successful due to the number one property owner’s permission—if the property owner at the number one that you’ve put here, number one says ‘clean existing ditch - property owner permission’ it hinges – your proposal – my understanding – hinges solely on that being cleaned out to enable to water to flow.

 **Eric Long:** We looked at this – like I said in the beginning – a drainage issue that should be addressed – a problem that is in place – a place where we can find some way to improve the drainage. You’re not gonna improve the drainage without doing some work in that ditch. That’s really what we’re looking at.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  So we’re gonna over and beyond what needs to be done to go to this guy’s property here and dig the ditch up and a crossover to relieve.

 **Diane Austin:** Well the recommendation is this time the Township should do it, is that correct?

 **Jim Bierlair:** I would recommend that at the minimum the Township remove the concrete culvert in the ditch on private property. By removing that culvert I believe you’re going to pick up six inches of fall just with the removal of that culvert. The ditch north of where that culvert is should not be ignored. But it’s

absolutely a landowner responsibility, in my opinion, I would not try to talk the Township into ditching that portion.

 **Kevin Biltz:** He’s saying all we should do is take out the concrete pipe.

 **Diane Austin:** We should not do the number one step.

 **Jim Bierlair:** I think that the land owner, the neighbors that know each other right there may be able to do better job than the Township can in gaining permission to do those things.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  We’re saying here at number one the property owners should clean this over to here.

 **Eric Long:** Yes, this, but number two right here I think is essential for the Township to be able to [indecipherable] and we discussed that yesterday.

The Trustees discussed the ditch cleaning while the others held a discussion in the background.

 [details indecipherable]

 **Jim Bierlair:** We talked about this on site, this is where I want to—number two, three and four are essential five is to reduce—these are small—they’re gonna be done, they need to be done. But this culvert I can’t say—yes the land owner should’ve replaced it 20 years ago that’s what caused the whole problem—that’s why we’re here today is because this should’ve been fixed.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  Well, we don’t care about this, just if we go ahead and put that in there then that’s fine.

 **Jim Bierlair:** And I think that we could work to gain permission—it’s not being used, it serves no purpose. Even if we could gain permission if the land owner had to have that concrete culvert there, to pull it and reset it so we can gain our six inches—I mean there’s not six inches of fall across this whole section if you look at the road elevations. See and that’s the thing, that’s why the Trustees have not heard about the road flooding. We’ve got a section here that’s 300 plus feet long that has how much fall across the whole thing –we’re talking inches--so when it does flood, it’s got 300 feet to come across the entire road so people are only driving through this much water maybe for an hour or two then it lays on the south side of the road and so looking at it after we reviewed it I can absolutely see why Dillons were trying to eliminate a water problem because without this culvert-- number --in that driveway working there was no evaporation was about it and maybe some trickle flow through that gravel driveway and that was the only avenue for the water to exit the property so that’s why the Trustees have never heard about a water problem there because of the length of it. Now if we had a depression or a little dip in there where the water had to be funneled to one point that’s say ten feet wide where it dropped maybe a foot then you would have been hearing about that water problem.

 **Diane Austin:** Like Stroup.

 **Jim Bierlair:** Exactly.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  Well and the other thing, had any of this been brought to our attention it could have been taken care of. Exactly, that’s my point. That’s part of our job is to do this stuff here and take care of this stuff as a Township. Thank you.

 **Jim Bierlair:** Yes.

 **John Hayes:** So Jim before you get too far away, I want to understand, if you could, what you and Eric’s --what you’ve investigated. Tell me in simple terms what benefits the Township, what is the Township’s

responsibility for this water right here. I know we’re here at this meeting and the issue is that there was, so to speak, maybe an unauthorized culvert that was done or unapproved

 **Jim Bierlair:** The idea behind me being here today is so we don’t waste Chris’ time in court, you know that’s part of what I get to do because let’s face it it costs money for the prosecutors to operate too. And if it’s not resolved that’s where the Township’s heading, that’s where Chris is heading then I get to invest more time in it cause Chris and I get to spend more time out there.

I don’t get the work with the land owners that are involved and I’m not going to be dealing directly with the Township I’m gonna be working with Chris you see and we can put this to rest so none of us have to deal with it and it’s the easiest and cheapest way for it to go. I mean that is the bottom line and that is where we get involved a lot is to protect the Townships but ultimately we work with Chris on a – I work with him all over the county on things just like this. What can we do to resolve the problem? Whether it’s absolutely resolved in -- just like I said the last time I was here -- I’m not here to make everybody happy that includes the Township the road crew and the land owners we’re here to come up with a solution that if it does go to court the judge is gonna say ‘this looks like it’s resolved’. Done.

 **John Hayes:** So with that in mind, then if we—

 **Jim Bierlair:** So ultimately I’m tellin’ ya in a roundabout way it’s not your responsibility.

 **John Hayes:** I see that.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  It’s not our responsibility but it’s an issue right

 **Jim Bierlair:** And I believe part of the work is done because there was a water problem here—just looking at the existing outlet that it had before any improvements were done. But it wasn’t brought to your attention.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  Exactly.

 **Jim Bierlair:** But not all -- land owners are land owners they do what they do.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  No, this was granted by one of our employees –that was-

 **Jim Bierlair:** We’re not gonna back up and beat that up.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  Right. Exactly.

 **John Hayes:** So what you’re saying Jim, this private owner’s culvert that’s plugged is an issue.

 **Jim Bierlair:** Yes, absolutely an issue. That is what I believe started the whole thing.

The Trustees and attendees discussed and reiterated the issue.

[details indecipherable]

Jim told Sandra to tell Chris Meduri that if he has any questions to have him call him—he has his number.

Thomas Repcik said twenty years ago the Township used to put in driveway culverts.

Sandra asked if anyone else had anything to discuss.

 **Dave Starcher**: Dave Starcher, Stroup Road. What we gonna do here? We gonna abide by what his decision was, or we gonna fight that or we’re not gonna do nothing or what’s your feeling on that?

 **Sandra Templeton:**  Actually what I’m gonna do is I’m gonna take this to Chris Meduri tomorrow and he’s gonna advise us what to do. I’m gonna go under his advisement.

 **Diane Austin:** My guess is he will go according with Soil & Water which means what they’re saying is we –it’s gonna cost us roughly $1,700.00 and if we can get the property owner’s permission, which Chris Meduri is going to have to do an agreement then we’re gonna have to get this done—we’ve got to get this water problem cleaned up cause I don’t want to talk about this again.

 **Dave Starcher**: Me too; it’s been over a year.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  Are you ok with that?

 **Dave Starcher**: Well so far I am but let me see what it looks like when they’re done.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  Well, when Chris Meduri--

 **Diane Austin:** You stay out of that ditch.

 **Dave Starcher**: Yes ma’am.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  When he advises me—at our next meeting— we will say that’s gonna be done.

 **Dave Starcher**: Can I ask your opinion on this?

 **Sandra Templeton:**  You know what I don’t even want to say my opinion—because if I get started I might get thrown out of here.

 **Diane Austin:** My opinion is we’ve got to get the problem fixed. We’ve asked them to come out to give their expert opinion; they have done that now we gotta get our legal advice and we have to get the proper documentation and then at the next meeting we’ll have all that and if everything is accordingly and John and I agree, because Sandy won’t be here, then we’ll make the motion to do it.

 **Dave Starcher**: My next question is John how do you feel?

 **John Hayes:** I think we had an expert in the Soil & Water and I agree with Sandy is gonna represent the Township and present that to Chris Meduri and I’ll make my decision when the time comes.

 **Dave Starcher**: Ok.

 **Diane Austin:** We have to have his direction too. We have to because if this goes to court we have to do what he tells us to do.

 **Dave Starcher**: I understand.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  Because he’s gonna represent us if we have to go the court, correct Jim?

 **Jim Bierlair:** Yes, that is correct.

 **Sandra Templeton:**  Ok, alright. We shall move on. Thank you, Jim and Eric.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to discuss at this time.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

## Judy Repcik - Acting Zoning Inspector

--The BZA approved a variance request on August 31, 2015 for a resident on Industry Road to operate an automobile repair business. A variance and certificate were issued on September 1, 2015.

--There has been a lengthy investigation of a property on State Route 14 south regarding the status of current and future zoning. Chris Meduri reviewed this request and his response was forwarded to the appraisal company.

--She is working with a property owner on a request regarding a property line fence.

--She knows of another request that is forthcoming.

--She will be typing the minutes from the BZA meeting.

###### Kevin Biltz - Roads, Buildings, Cemetery and Park

--They have been patching roads and ditching.

--They took the flags down and put them away.

--The work in the Highlands will be done today. He suggested sealing the cracks in the roads next summer.

--They had to tow the International 4700 #55 again. The wire from the key to the fuel pump broke. There was eight tons of asphalt on the truck that they were able to pull off and use at the park.

--They need to replace the crossover pipe at 3020 Porter Rd at an estimated price of $400.00 for materials.

--They have been mowing at the Park and Cemetery every other week. They put straw on the new grave seeding and have been watering it.

--He received information from Generac and the Trustees agreed to have them visit the Fire Station to assess the generator needs then give the Township an estimate for an appropriate one.

**Mike Pittinger - Fire Department Report**

--There were 6 EMS and 2 fire alarms; 2 Mutual Aid were given and 1 training.

--He requested an executive session to discuss personnel.

-He presented information that Rob gathered on the demo Medix squad from Penn Care. The quote with unneeded items deleted is now $132,452.00. Judy recommended having a separate Trustee meeting to discuss the financing of this squad. John asked what will be sold as a trade-in. Mike said they are able to trade in the old, small, Ford med unit and receive $3,000.00 for it. The Trustees set the date for the Special Meeting for Thursday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office.

***RESOLUTION 2015-213:* A motion was made by Diane Austin to purchase a new Medix squad from Penn Care for approximately $132,452.00; this was seconded by John Hayes. Roll call shows:**

**Diane Austin, yes; John Hayes, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.**

Mike will call Penn Care to request an updated quote and a contract for the Trustees to sign.

It was decided to try to negotiate with Penn Care for another $1,000 for the trade-in and not take it to auction since it is at least 20 years old.

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT**

**Judy Repcik - Fiscal Officer**

She presented the following:

--Year-to-Date Cash Summary

--August 2015 Financial Report

--Departmental Reports

--Purchase order for the Knox box.

--AFG Grant

***RESOLUTION 2015-214:* A motion was made by Sandra Templeton to accept the AFG Grant in the amount of $30,762.00; this was seconded by Diane Austin. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes;**

**John Hayes, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.**

--She and Tony have been working on the budget and they both agree that the way things are going right now, the 24/7 [Fire Dept. staffing] could be funded through the end of this year.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

**Diane Austin**

She had nothing further to discuss at this time.

**John Hayes**

He has observed that Kevin is having to work with some very beat up, old equipment and suggested that grant money be sought for replacements. Diane suggested checking into getting a subscription again to a website that lists all types of grants that are available. Sandra will ask Tami to look into this.

**Sandra Templeton**

She had nothing further to discuss at this time.

***RESOLUTION 2015-215:* A motion was made by to Diane Austin pay the bills; this was seconded by John Hayes. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; John Hayes, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.**

***RESOLUTION 2015-216:* A motion was made by Diane Austin to enter into an executive session at 8:38 p.m. to discuss Fire Department personnel and invite Mike Pittinger to join; this was seconded by Sandra Templeton. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; John Hayes, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.**

***RESOLUTION 2015-217:* A motion was made by Diane Austin to come out of executive session at**

**9:05 p.m.; this was seconded by Sandra Templeton. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; John Hayes, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.**

***RESOLUTION 2015-218:* A motion was made by Diane Austin that the meeting be adjourned at**

**9:06 p.m.; this was seconded by John Hayes. Roll call shows: Diane Austin, yes; John Hayes, yes; Sandra Templeton, yes.**

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**Sandra Templeton, Chairperson John Hayes, Trustee**

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**Diane Hargett Austin, Trustee Judy Repcik, Fiscal Officer**