

Edinburg Township Trustees – Regular Trustee Meeting

At Edinburg Town Hall

September 29, 2016

John Hayes 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; Jeff Bixler, absent; Diane Austin, present; Bill McCluskey, present; Kevin Biltz, present; Mike Pittinger, present; Sandy Templeton, present.

- I. John Hayes called for a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; motion was made by John Hayes; this was seconded by Diane Austin. Roll call shows: John Hayes, yes; Diane Austin, yes; Jeff Bixler, absent.
- II. John Hayes called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2016 regular meeting; a motion was made by Diane Austin; this was seconded by John Hayes. Roll call shows: John Hayes, yes; Diane Austin, yes; Jeff Bixler, absent.
- III. Guests:
 - Sabrina Christian-Bennett, Candidate for Commissioner
 - David Starcher, Resident/Farmer
 - Laura Lepp-Ferrell, _____
 - Maxwell Finney, _____
 - Luke Grudosky, _____
 - Matt Finney, _____
 - Robert Grudosky, Resident
 - Aaron Ferrell, _____
 - Ryan Grudosky, _____
 - Rob Swauger, Fire Department

John announced that this meeting would need to be a quick meeting out of respect for Diane who needs to leave as quickly as possible to take care of a family health issue. Sabrina Christian-Bennet agreed to talk after the meeting.

- IV. CORRESPONDENCE:
 - A. Kent League of Women Voters – Bill received a letter from them asking for information on the Edinburg Township Fire Department levy. He will fill in the financial part but asked if the Trustees would like to state the reason for the levy. Mr. Swauger of the fire department stated it was for staff wages only. All agreed that the response should say that it is for fire equipment and staffing in summary, and not need to be the full verbatim resolution.(response was limited to 50 words or less).
 - B. Election Board – They have informed Bill that the information for the levy has been posted.
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Zoning Rules for Township Mowing –Sandy said a certified letter would first need to be sent to the owners of the property informing them of the violation. They would then be given a set amount of time to mow and if they did not comply the Township would mow it --up to two times per year—she thinks, and assess the owners’ taxes to pay for it.
 - B. Turnout Gear Replacement for State Route 76 Spill – Bill asked Mike if anything has been sent to the Prosecutor. Mike said, per the Prosecutor, they need to finish the itemized billing before he can forward the rest to the Prosecutor.
 - C. Comp Time – Bill talked to the UAN representative and they said that the system can accommodate a comp time accrual. The Trustees would have to set a maximum of carryover of comp time for employees and any use restrictions. Bill will write up a brief description and email it to the Trustees to consider for approval at the next meeting. Diane suggested starting this at the beginning of the new year. Bill agreed it would be easier waiting until then.
 - D. Nathan and Zoning Volunteer Follow-up - There was no action taken at this time.
 - E. Bids on Road Repair – John said that he has presented the two bids received so far and the pictures, etc. to the Assistant Prosecutor and he has not heard back from him. Diane said that the Trustees would need to instruct Chris Meduri to send the

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letter to the responsible party. Diane also said the Trustees need to receive the information on requiring a bond in the future.

Resolution: 2016-0085. A motion was made by Diane Austin to pursue acquiring payment from the responsible party for the repair of damage to Carlisle Way; this was seconded by John Hayes. Roll call shows: John Hayes, yes; Diane Austin, yes; Jeff Bixler, absent.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to discuss at this time.

VII. TRUSTEE REPORTS

A. John Hayes

--He had nothing to report at this time.

B. Jeffery Bixler

--He was not present to give a report.

C. Diane Austin

--She had nothing to report at this time.

VIII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Kevin Biltz – Roads / Buildings / Cemetery / Park

--They have been patching roads.

--The State has been fixing the guard rail on Porter Road at the State Route 76 bridge -- there was a bad wash out on the southeast section.

--The dry hydrant has been put in at the Scott Simmons house. He thanked Wade Pol for bringing his excavator machine and an operator to help with this and doing a real nice job. This was a donation to the Township.

--They have been mowing at the Cemetery and Park.

--John announced that the security camera is now in operation at the recycling center. One person has been served a \$100 citation so far for dumping trash by the recycling bins. The Trustees would like to know if the Township will receive the money from this citation which would help offset the extra cost of the trash removal. Bill or Kevin will talk to the Sheriff.

B. Mike Pittinger – Fire Department

--Unit 1513 Packing

Resolution: 2016-0086. A motion was made by Diane Austin to accept the estimate not to exceed \$1,303.80 and repair the packing on unit 1513; this was seconded by John Hayes. Roll call shows: John Hayes, yes; Diane Austin, yes; Jeff Bixler, absent.

C. Sandy Templeton - Zoning

--She made/received four phone calls.

--She issued three zoning permits: a storage building, an agriculture building and a garage.

D. Bill McCluskey – Fiscal Officer

--He presented the financial reports.

--He reported that additional funds are needed to pay for dispatch collection fees for the remainder of the year. Based on the fire department report the Township is averaging 33.7 calls per month and the current budgeted amount will not cover it.

Resolution: 2016-0087. A motion was made by Diane Austin to approve additional funds for dispatch collection fees, to be taken out of 2283 EMS Collections, to pay an estimate of \$3,700.00 for the remainder of 2016; this was seconded by John Hayes. Roll call shows: John Hayes, yes; Diane Austin, yes; Jeff Bixler, absent.

--He presented the EMS Delinquent Account Report.

A motion was made by Diane Austin to send four delinquent non-resident EMS cases to the Attorney General for processing; this was seconded by John Hayes.

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--Bill is receiving requests from political candidates to speak at Trustee meetings and he needs to know what to tell them. He has told them they can attend any public meeting. Trustees agreed the decision whether to allow them to speak at a meeting and guidelines would be discussed when all three Trustees are present.

Bill McCluskey – Fiscal Officer (cont.)

--He will be reviewing the Workers’ Comp premium rate and will pursue getting the risk rate changed to “Public Employees” which would save the Township close to \$8,000 per year. He would like to go back two years and try to recover those premiums also.

- IX. A motion was made by John Hayes to pay warrants 39751 to 39799; this was seconded by Diane Austin. Roll call shows: John Hayes, yes; Diane Austin, yes; Jeff Bixler, absent.

John asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to speak. A representative from the Boy Scouts said they were present as part of earning their Communications merit badge.

- X. A motion was made by Diane Austin that the meeting of 9/29/2016 be adjourned at 8:11 p.m.; this was seconded by John Hayes. Roll call shows: John Hayes, yes; Diane Austin, yes; Jeff Bixler, absent.

“Sabrina Christian-Bennett spoke to those remaining after the Township Trustee meeting. No official business was conducted or commented on during this time.” Bill McCluskey, fiscal officer. _____

John Hayes, Chairman

Jeff Bixler, Vice Chairman

Diane Hargett Austin, Trustee

William McCluskey, Fiscal Officer