**Minutes of Trustee Meeting**

**June 21, 2021**

Attendees: Trustees: Chairman Steven Lust, David Schrote, Wayne Creasap

Fiscal Officer: Lavon Verity

Fire Chief: Clint Canterbury

Zoning Inspector: Tom Baker

Guests: Kathleen Brandt, J. Westin, David Neidhart

Superintendent Jennifer Adams, School Board

members Annette Holler and Brett Bowers

Marion Regional Planning: Evelyn Warr Cummings

Meeting convened at 6:00 pm by Chairman Lust.

**Trustee Schrote made a motion to approve the previous minutes, from 05.17.2021 seconded by Trustee Creasap. All in favor 3 -0.**

**Trustee Creasap made a motion to accept the warrants prepared by Fiscal Officer Verity,**

**Seconded by Trustee Schrote. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.**

Kathleen Brandt was present to receive an escrow account check that the Township was holding upon the completion of a fire cleanup on 4260 Smeltzer Rd. The Motor home that was an issue has been removed. F.O. Verity submitted the check to MS. Brandt and she questioned the Fire Fees associated with the cleanup of the fire. Chief Canterbury informed her that he would get her a copy of the invoice of turn out gear that was damaged in taking care of the fire. She also refused the check because it was made out to Betty Davis which is her mother and the policy for the home was in her name. F.O. Verity would void and reissue a check in her name.

Jim Westin of Schwinfurth Road complained about the trees that need trimmed along the road and grass mowing’s of the roads and ditch. Trustee Lust informed him that the road dept. was working on a quote to take care of the issue. Mr. Westin asked if building permits were public record and would be contacting Zoning inspector Tom Baker.

Dave Neidhart was asking for a 60 ‘easement to repair the catch basin on Maple Grove Road. 30’ on each side. Trustees granted the easement with no issues. Mr. Neidhart also informed the trustees that he would not be pursuing the Solar Farm. The Company was not addressing the issues with the drainage for the current residents and neighbors.

Chief Canterbury informed the trustees that there was an accident involving a 14-year-old girl walking along the twp. Road. And that he and the school were advocating for sidewalks in the township. Evelyn Cummings, Marion Regional Planning was present to help with the planning process. She informed the Trustees that there was a safer Routes to school program that offers grants for such a project however we need a plan before we can apply. All above were asking for support of a plan that would cost approx. $10,000-15,000. Ms. Cummings would help with getting a quote form Tool Design regarding a plan. Chief Canterbury offered up part of his budget for the project.

**Fiscal Officer:**

* 2022 Budget is ready and Pleasant Township will have a budget hearing July 20.
* F.O. Verity asked Chief Canterbury for an invoice for the fire fees for the Smeltzer Road fire.
* There was an issue with the road bids. The road bid package said deadline June 21 however the newspaper notice was June 24.th at 6 pm. A special meeting will be held on June 24 for the opening of the road bids.
* Paid a bill for a judgement on Ron Jewel in 2014, however was just now getting billed.
* Payment listing attached.

**Zoning:**

* Report attached.
* Skaggs, Sellers, James and Hall were sent to the prosecutor’s office, Trustee Creasap asked T. Baker to follow up with N. Heiser of the prosecutor’s office.
* Don Easley wants to split a property and will go before the appeals board.
* Dave Neidhart also wants a spilt at Family Life Church but needs road frontage to do so.
* Dave Millers, Patriot Lawn Cares fuel charges are going up and he may have to forward those costs to the township for the nuisance properties.

**Fire Department:**

* Fireworks were confiscated from the Fireworks farm on Memorial weekend. Over $150,000 in retail value was removed from the property for illegally selling fireworks.
* Family Life church will be putting on a firework display July 1 @ 9:50 p.m. Marion County Club will have a display on July 4 @ 9:50 p.m. both are approved and legal.
* Zach Reid passed his paramedics test and was asking to be reimbursed for the class. Reid will be reimbursed for 25% a year for the next 4 years. For a total of $7,769.
* Old air compressor will be put up for sale at $100.
* AF grant for $100,000 is being awarded for an exhaust system. More info to follow as it is received.
* Hazmat trailer needs fixed or a new one purchased.
* Up 93 calls form last year. Budget for the year on revenue is $100,000 and to date we have received $56,673.
* Chief Canterbury is asking for a marketing individual that would be shared with Fort Morrow and 1st CFD. That person would be in charge of getting out Levy information and pertinent information for that department. In all media aspects Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and etc. Chief will ask Jennifer Adams about the newsletter that the school puts out annually.

**Roads:**

* A special meeting will be held on June 24 for the opening of the road bids.
* The Knucklehead machine was used on the roads.

**Trustee Schrote made a motion to purchase a new pickup truck for the road dept. from Mathews Ford State Bid in the amount of $40,688. Trustee Creasap seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.**

**Park:**

* No bill on the prairie burn.
* Need to get a bid on black top sealing.

**Senior Center:**

* Rentals for the center will be $150 with a $50 deposit that they will get back if the center is cleaned up afterwards. Contracts must be signed.

**Old Business:**

* Trash day was a huge success 5 dumpsters were filled with the Lions club and the Boy Scouts helping.
* Levy renewal information will be submitted June 24, 2021.

**New Business:**

* Angie Carbetta wants another dumpster at the center to help with the overflow**.**
* All zoning meetings will remain at the Senior Center. Social distancing still a concern at the Trustees office. That being said, **Trustee Cresap made a motion to move the trustee’s monthly business meetings to the third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. Trustee Schrote seconded. All in favor, motion carried 3-0.**
* Richwood Bank encourages their employees to work community service. Chief Canterbury suggested his son to be an alternate on one of the zoning boards if needed as he is employed with Richwood bank and currently lives on Owens Rd**.**

With no further business to bring before the board, Trustee Schrote made a motion to adjourn; second by Trustee Creasap. All in favor 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Next meeting will take place on July 24, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. at the trustee’s office.

Minutes recorded by and prepared by Fiscal Officer Lavon Verity on June 21, 2021.

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Chairman, Steven Lust

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