

Edinburg Township Trustees – Regular Trustee Meeting

At Edinburg Town Hall

June 25th

2020

CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY: Tim Pfile@ 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance
Fiscal Officer roll call:

Pfile Chair: Present, Vice Chair Bixler: Present, Trustee Diehl: Present, Fiscal Officer: McCluskey Present, Zoning inspector: Lippy (present shortly after start of meeting)

Guests: Robert Grudosky, Ryan Grudosky, William Dillon, Joe Dillon- Residents.
Mr. Pfile introduced guests. Ryan Grudosky presented to the trustees his request to work on the park trails, clearing and mulching, as his Boy Scouts Eagle Project. Also mentioned replacing a bench. Jeffrey asked if Ryan had gotten any estimates yet, Ryan has not.

MOTION: Tim Made a motion for approval of Ryan Grudosky's Trail work at the Park for his Scout Project.

Jeffrey seconded. Mr. Diehl: Yes Mr. Bixler: Yes Mr. Pfile: Yes

I. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR 6/25/2020

Moved By: Jeffrey Second: Chris
Mr. Diehl: Yes Mr. Bixler: Yes Mr. Pfile: Yes

II. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES 6/11/2020

Moved By: Jeffrey Chris Second: Chris
Mr. Diehl: Yes Mr. Bixler: Yes Mr. Pfile: Yes

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Tim presented approval of concession stand vendors license. He mentioned that due to covid, actual participation and use this year is questionable. Bill mentioned the safe serve class requirement and Mr. Pfile mentioned he had forwarded that information to the sports programs.

IV. Old Business:

Chris mentioned that the Doug outs information is continuing and permit is received. Old permit was renewed as it had original prints.

Further discussion about coordination of township personnel in park and needs for preparing dug outs. The size of machine township has is too big and may require rental for a day to dig them out.

Bill suggested the plans be given to the Zoning department for storage as public records. Trustee agreed.

Chris introduced the Dillon's who attended today's meeting, per Chris, the Dillons were not satisfied with the trustees decisions regarding water flow and flooding at their property, discussed at many previous meetings, and request meeting at site with all trustees.

Jeffrey spoke of what he felt after viewing the culverts being discussed. He went with Tim during a rain. Watched water coming down from the north side of ditch, crossing to Dillon's side through culvert pipe. He did not see any value in putting in another culvert pipe there if it will start going back because it is not able to go far enough or fast enough to go down this way. He also put something in the water to watch it follow that same flow.

Mr. Dillon said he did not disagree but what he had talked to Chris about, was that culvert, west of it, there is a driveway. He said part of the original plan, the driveway was to be lowered so it would flow to the private waterway. Jeffrey said he had discussed that. Joe stated the main problem originally was that the private waterway was not deep enough for the flow. He stated Portage County soil and water came out and put together a 7-8 item plan of recommendations. Everything hinged on that private waterway being lowered before anything else. It all hinged on lowering of the private waterway. He with

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others did lower the area about 18 inches with permission of owner. It included Lowing the driveway so there was enough fall on the north side of the road from the east going to the west. Putting in a culvert, which Kevin did. He mentioned the pipe was a 12 inch culvert, but his catch basins are 15 inch. flowing east and west and not sure a 12 inch could be put in there. He said he sent pictures to Tim of that being totally flooded even though the private waterway basin was only at about 1/2 capacity. He said going back to the catch basin of the culvert that was taken out, that was supposed to stay in but with a reduction pipe to control the water flow going to Starcher's field. All that was in public records and was approved by trustees. When they came back to trustees, they were going to remove the culvert that was installed. He said he followed what was the right thing about all actions taken, by putting in culvert. Stating Chris said he praised their involvement in supporting the community. Joe stated he felt they did their part then after it did not go the way it was approved at the trustee meeting. He continued to discuss flow, road safety, and if we can improve this, why can't we do it? He mentioned the need to lower the driveway ahead of the private waterway to allow increased flow. He continued to discuss issue and potential actions he needs to take at their direction. Repeated his concern of changed plans by previous administration. He requests that the trustees come to the area and review as a group. Joe said he would donate money to put the culvert in and that he has fixed and done other culverts in the township. He does not feel he has been given a good reason why everything changed from original plan. Jeffrey mentioned he was not there at the time but requested who controls the private waterway and that he cannot control the actions of the owner. He stated he will do his best to help resolve this issue. 12 pipe size discussed with thought of 15 inch being better. Tim mentioned he was there when it was raining hard and he has not seen any flooding. His homework showed everything flows well except during an extreme water issue. Tim state he had talked to others as well and they have not seen water running over the road there. Joe said he disagreed as when the other culvert was in there was not any problems. Tim said his review of pictures shows a system working well. He does not feel a change is necessary, even if not popular decision. Chris mentioned he could put in a 15 inch culvert in the present 12 in culvert. He mentioned that when new owner's came in the driveway was too high. He said when Mr. griffin bought it, he filled the ditch Chris had dug. Again returning to the private waterway. Again he returned to why original plan was not followed. Tim summarized putting in 15 inch pipe, and 8 inch the problem would be solved. Joe disagreed, stating not completing. He feels that if you can't get the water flowing from the north onto the west side of the road, east to west to the private waterway, the water stands in the culvert pre driveway is still high. Reviewed previous comments regarding history of flow. Joe and William agreed that the private waterway height was not the issue now, the stopping point. Further general flow discussion. Jeffrey discussed getting all together and Kevin review all and then make a decision. Discussion ended.

Report from OBWC shared with Trustees regarding Mr. Paulus Workers Comp case.

V. Trustee Reports:

Tim reported road department cleaning up of old sign and suggestion to get quote for resin topper. Waiting for quote.

VI. Department reports:

A. Roads. Tim reported road department report. Ditching on Giddings and Porter, Asphalt on cross over on porter. All the Slag for the road chip and seal is in. Would like to thank Dennis Novak's grandson Wyatt for piling slag for township. Mowing in park and cemetery.

B. Fire department report by Mr. Bixler. Chief Requested permission to hold EMS

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training with UH in Town Hall. Stated classes around 15-20 people. Chris reported he spoke with Noreen about it.

Fire training to resume July 6th. Reported quote from Generator Specialists for new hydraulic generator for 1513. Total cost for unit, 45cc pump mounting to PTO and digital meter head is 9890.00. Labor and hoses not included in quote. Mike Krake came out to look at 1513 and will present quote for installation. Work would be done in N. Lima shop.

Jacob Knittle congratulated for completing Paramedic class. Paramedic pay will effective July 1st.

MOTION:

Mr. Diehl: Yes

Mr. Bixler: Yes

Mr. Pfile: Yes

Additional fire report form was discussed.

C. Zoning report. Got permit from Bingham family. Had some questions to review.

D. Fiscal Officer. Fiscal officer provided financial report statements, minutes, PO's, 2 Cemetery Deeds and checks.

Chris brought up use of town hall and Date for opening. Mr. Walker from EMA said nothing has changed regarding use of town hall. Chris reported not necessarily go against Health Department. Tim mentioned other venues are open such as weddings and funerals and chapels. Chris mentioned if social distancing can occur he did not see a problem. Jeffrey mentioned his concern regarding re-disinfecting the town hall. When asked regarding cost of hall disinfecting last time, Bill stated \$300.00 was paid. He also mentioned that according to CDC the virus only has a 3 day life on surfaces, so town hall is not rented every day so scheduling could prevent need for full disinfecting. Other cleaning should take care of things. He pulled up State of Ohio Covid orders presently in place, and read that ban on gathering of more than 10 people outside of a single household continues, exceptions being, religious services, wedding, funeral, and free speech demonstrations. Chris mentioned blood needed. Rhonda stated that you need to schedule appointment. Bill mentioned blood mobile should be able to control the social distancing requirements. Other cleaning should take care of things.

Chris asked "so do we just want to open the town hall again"? Tim stated he felt we should only open it for blood mobile. Chris said 2 requests for rental, one for baby shower. trustees mentioned lack of ability to control what actually happens. William Dillon requested clarification of who is controlling orders, health department or government. Black and white rules by government. He does not feel Health department can control things. Further general discussion of views and covid and power of health department, and liabilities of township. Final decision was to allow use for Trustee meeting, Blood drive following rules, and any group with 10 or less.

Requested of trustees of knowledge or thoughts on online payments of some bills as paper free billing can save some money. Requesting approval of electronic payments to routine utilities and other services, to avoid late fees or interest, if all supportive documentation is in place. General discussion regarding dates of meeting, coinciding with bills due dates. Obligation of fiscal officer's responsibility of personal payment of late fees and interest according to audit being unfair. Bill brought up that Jeffrey Bixler has made motions to have receipts turned in every week, however, they are only turned in with payroll, 2 x month. Bill said his main concern is the Credit card receipts as that is what has a late fee and interest, and a shorter billing cycle conflict. Bill will request follow-up opinion from prosecutor. Jeffrey Mentioned PO's and BC'S are already the approval.

Motion: Made by Jeffrey to allow Fiscal officer to make electronic payments to routine utilities and other services, to avoid late fees or interest, if all supportive documentation is in place.(with approval of Prosecutor). Chris second. Mr. Diehl: Yes Mr.

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Bixler: Yes

Mr. Pfile: Yes

Fiscal officer reported frequent calls regarding what materials that could be disposed of at the trash day. Tim mentioned he had prepared a list but trustees will review and complete full statement at next meeting.

Bill requested approval to reissue checks to employees who have outstanding checks, not deposited, over 1-year-old. He will present list to trustees first. Mentioned memory of Beares and Grudosky as example. Chris said he would talk to Julie.

Bill presented letter of necessity regarding 2 township levies that collections end in 2020, initiated 2016.

Trustees discussed the levy’s and passed the following regulation.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EDINBURG TOWNSHIP, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO

Resolution No.2020-41

**RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR LEVYING
A RENEWAL TAX EXCEEDING THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION**

Declaring the necessity of and placing on the ballot a renewal tax levy for the purpose of a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.19(A); 5705.191, 5705.25

The Board of Trustees of Edinburg Township, Portage County, Ohio met at a regular session, on the 25th day of June 2020, at 7:30 pm at the Edinburg Town hall with the following members present:

- Tim Pfile:
- Chris Diehl:
- Jeffery Bixler

Tim moved the approval of the following resolution:

Whereas, the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Edinburg Township, Portage County, Ohio; and

Whereas, a resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax under RC 5705.19(I) outside the ten mill limitation must be passed and certified to the county auditor of Portage County in order to permit the Board of Trustees to consider the levy of such a renewal tax, and must request that the county auditor certify to the board of trustees the total current tax valuation of Edinburg Township and the dollar amount that would be generated by the 1.3 mill renewal levy, and

Whereas, currently there is a 1.3 mill levy in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Edinburg Township for the general expenses of the subdivision (Edinburg Township), as set forth more fully in R.C. 5706.19(I) which was a levy placed before the electorate in 2016, and a renewal thereof requires a vote of the people pursuant to R.C. 5705.19(I), R.C. 5705.191, and 5705.25.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Edinburg Township Board of Trustees, Portage County, Ohio, with at least two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is

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necessary to consider a renewal of 1.3 mils in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Edinburg Township under RC 5705.19(A) for the following purpose: Read by Jeffrey Bixler

“For current expenses of the subdivision” (That subdivision being Edinburg Township.)

as provided by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I). and to operate same at a rate not to exceed 1.30 mils for each dollar of valuation, which amounts of Thirteen cents (\$0.13) for each one hundred dollars of valuation for the tax years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025; be it further;

Resolved, that said levy be placed upon the tax list for a period of five (5) years beginning with the tax year 2021 and first due in 2022, in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.34, if the majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof; and be it further;

Resolved, that the question of such tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of Edinburg Township in its entirety at the election to be held therein on November 3rd 2020; and be it further;

Resolved, that the Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to certify a copy of the resolution to the county auditor. The board of trustees hereby requests that the county auditor certify to this board of trustees the total current tax valuation of Edinburg Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the 1.3 mill renewal tax levy if approved by the electors. Township will then determine whether to proceed and to forward this Resolution to the Board of Elections.

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and related to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Jeffery seconded the motion and the roll being called on the question of its adoption.

The vote was as follows:

Tim Pfile:yes

Chris Diehl:yes

Jeffery Bixler : yes

Adopted June 25th 2020

next levy:

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EDINBURG TOWNSHIP, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**

Resolution No.2020-42

**A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR LEVYING A RENEWAL TAX
EXCEEDING THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION**

Declaring the **necessity** of a renewal tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for Fire and EMS purposes pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.19(I); 5705.191, 5705.25 and R.C. 505.39.

The Board of Trustees of Edinburg Township, Portage County, Ohio met at a regular session, on the 25th day of June, 2020, at 7:30 pm at the Edinburg Town hall with the following members present:

Tim Pfile:

Chris Diehl:

Jeffery Bixler

Mr. Bixler moved the approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill

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limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Township of Edinburg, Portage County, Ohio;

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax under RC 5705.19 (I) outside the ten-mill limitation must be passed and certified to the county auditor of Portage County in order to permit the Board of Trustees to consider the levy of such a renewal tax and must request the county auditor certify to the Board of Trustees the total current tax valuation of the Township of Edinburg, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a 2.10 mill renewal levy; and

WHEREAS, currently there is a 2.10 mill levy in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Edinburg Township for the purpose of “fire and EMS” services as set forth more fully in R.C. 5705.19(I), which was a levy placed before the electorate in 2016, and a renewal thereof requires a vote of the people pursuant to R.C. 5705.19(I), R.C. 5705.191, and R.C. 5705.25.

RESOLVED, by the Edinburg Township Board of Trustees, Portage County, Ohio, with at least two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to consider a levy of 2.1 mill, to constitute a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Edinburg Township under RC 5705.19(I) for the following purpose:

Read by Jeffrey Bixler:

For the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, or the purchase of ambulance equipment, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company.

as provided by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I), and to operate at the same rate not to exceed 2.10 mills for each dollar of valuation, which amounts to 21 cents (\$0.21) for each 100 dollars of valuation for the tax years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

RESOLVED, that said levy be placed upon the tax list for a period of five (5) years beginning with the tax year 2021 and first due in 2022, in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.34, if the majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof; and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the question of such tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of Edinburg Township in its entirety at the election to be held therein on November 3rd 2020; and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to certify a copy of the resolution to the county auditor. The board of trustees hereby requests that the county auditor certify to this board of trustees the total current tax valuation of Edinburg Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the tax levy if approved by the electors. Township will then determine whether to proceed and to forward this Resolution to the Board of Elections.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and related to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Chris Diehl seconded the motion and the roll was called on the question of its adoption.

The vote was as follows:

Name	Vote
Tim Pfile:	yes
Chris Diehl:	yes

