***Pleasant Township Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights***

**Date \_\_May 25, 2021 Next Resolution No.\_\_ 38---05-25-21\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* **Call to Order**
* **Please stand for moment of silence----Pledge of Allegiance-----Roll Call** (Nancy absent due to another commitment)

*SPECIAL NOTE: DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE GOVENOR’S REQUIREMENTS, WE WILL PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ALSO CONDUCT A VIRTUAL MEETING FOR THE PUBLIC TO JOIN USING WEBX.*

* **Minutes to approve**- (received minutes from June-December 2020 to approve next meeting)
* **Financial Reports** – Motion to pay expenditures.
* **Visitors** *– (Hannah Poling with the Messenger via WebX)*
* Ben Yazman the lead developer of Apex Clean Energy’s Springwater Solar project located on the border of Pleasant and Fairfield Townships. The project is in an early stage of development. Ben has requested 10 minutes or so to provide an update on it and introduce himself and Apex. His colleague, Shelli Stockmeister, may be with him.

Ben Yazman

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* ***Department Reports***

* **Franklin County Sheriff’s Report-Deputy Travis Carter** (attends the 4th Tuesday)

Blue is On going/unresolved

* Dealing with complaints of speeders and ATVs riding on the roads in the area of Gardner, Robroy and Riebel Roads.
* **Road Department- Robert Bausch** 
  + Unresolved from, 8787 Alkire Rd. about drainage caused by The Rails to Trails project behind his house. His backyard floods and so does his two neighbors to the west of him problems (7-14-20 -- I talked to these residents couple weeks ago, the heavy rain we had seemed to back up the standing water more but I went away in a couple days.)

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* + Updates for 5590 Thornhill Ct. drainage problems.
  + Updates on Ebenezer Cemetery. –Robert spoke with Bill Dawson and we are on for the dedication this year at 11:00 am, the Memorial Day Service at Oak Grove Cemetery will be at 1:00 p.m. Resolution 38 for the cemetery.
  + New drainage easement Johnson Rd.
  + 9300 Gerich Lilly right of way
  + ODOT sign grant-sent in
  + Street sweeping complete
  + Spring clean up
  + Started ditch mowing
  + Bench at Oak Grove cemetery
  + Remove tree at Oak Grove
  + Detour approval
  + Robert, have you checked  6461 Oakhurst Dr. about drainage? The following is an email from the homeowner, ---- “We have a roadside ditch within the right-of-way in front of our property at 6461 Oakhurst Dr. Since we’ve lived here we’ve disliked that it often holds water even after days of no rain. It looks like the previous owner (maybe) tried to cut in a trench that may have only made it worse and backs up water into the neighbors property to the east. This spring it looks the worst it’s ever been. Is the Township able to help regrade/cleanout the ditch? What other options might we have as far as possibly installing a closed storm sewer system?”
  + Robert, this is follow up from a complaint last meeting. Have you looked into the property listed is at the corner of Rt. 62 and Columbus Street as you enter Harrisburg.  They rarely mowed last year and never mowed the corner as you enter the village off Rt. 62 to Columbus street.  They have not mowed any of the property this year.  The property is now for sale by Arshot Real Estate—It has been cut.
* Dicussion--Received an email May 20th from Shane Farnsworth, Jackson Twp Administrator with the following request: “We are developing a long term road berm improvement program with the Franklin County Engineer for Jackson Township roads.  One road that has been identified ready to go this year is Young Road from State Route 665 south to the north end of the I-71 bridge for approximately 4,400 linear feet.  This road, being on the township line, is shared by both of us. The berm work performed by the County Engineer has shown to last longer and help to maintain the integrity of the roadway and road edge. Would Pleasant Township be willing to participate 50/50 on this project?  The County Engineer is looking to complete the work late summer to early fall.  Your partnership would be greatly appreciated and I look forward to identify more ways to collaborate on maintaining and improving our community”.
* Received the following email for Jake Hiestand with the Land Bank (614-724-4942) (I also forwarded his email to you all today)------------ “I hope all is well and you’re staying safe! I know it’s been awhile since we’ve last spoke and I wanted to catch up regarding a handful of properties that COCIC owns in the Township. According to our records, we own 3 parcels on Avon Dr and one parcel on Norton Rd. We are currently completing an environmental remediation on the site at Norton. In terms of maintenance, we are looking at outsourcing a contractor to handle the mowing in the area. We were wondering if your office had any suggestions or vendors that currently maintain the properties owned by the Township? We are hoping that if we could find somebody already working in the area, it would be much more efficient than sending a vendor out for just a few parcels. When you get an opportunity, please let me know what your thoughts are on the matter.
* Robert, we all received the following email on May 13th  (page 7, signature page is attached)----"ODOT will be closing SR-665 for 21 days in summer/fall of 2022 and will be detouring traffic. Robert & I discussed this detour back in February and he confirmed there should be no conflicts – the only township road that is affected is Young Rd, which Robert informed me it has been historically maintained by Jackson Twp.

Please see page 7/7 of the attached document for the Local Roads Agreement – ODOT’s contractor will be contractually obligated to maintain the township’s roads throughout the closure & to restore the local roads to the conditions that existed prior to the use of the local detour. **I am requesting a Township Trustee signature on page 7/7.**

Let me know if there are any questions.

Thank you, **Andrew Holloway,** *Transportation Engineer*, ODOT District 6

**Fire Dept. – Chief Taylor**

* Run Stats
  + 106 Runs to date for May
* Apparatus Maintenance
  + E-231 -- ASI and PM Completed
* Station Projects
  + Extinguisher inspections were completed

**For Your Information**

* Received a complaint from a citizen regarding the condition of the Dollar General on Lambert Rd @ US 62. Lt. Kuno visited the store and found numerous hazards including significant life safety issues. Spoke with the regional manager who really did not seem to have any interest in fixing. I was notified Saturday morning and visited the store with Lt. Wihl. Spoke with the same regional manager. At the conclusion of our visit the store manager on duty voluntarily closed the store to address the significant life safety hazards. Spot checks have been done periodically to assure they are improving.

**Requests**

* Resolution\_\_\_39\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to approve the light duty request retroactive to Monday May 17, 2021 for FF Jeremy Sanchez who is returning to light duty from a duty related illness. Per his physican paperwork could be on light duty through his next appointment, which is scheduled for June 15. Barring further need for light duty, his expected return to full duty date will be June 18.
* **Old Business** –
  + Ongoing numerous complaints for 5585 Dawn Dr. Many young people living in the outbuilding and burned out house along with tents. Using the bathroom in the yard and creating a lot of noise throughout the night. FCSO has been called numerous times saying there was nothing they can do. The code enforcement officer turned this address over to the county prosecutor’s office about 2 weeks ago. Talked to the assistant prosecutor today, Ms. Fields, the packet they received from the building department was missing some documentation. They are waiting on that information to proceed.
* **New Business –** 
  + Received the first invoice for the recycle carts. We might want to check to see if we can pay the entire amount at one time of $9,130.00 we might save the administrative fee of $1,500. Paula will check to see if the fee can be waived if we pay the full amount now.
* **Announcements-** 
  + Reminder of the Memorial Day Services at 11:00 a.m. at Ebenezer Cemetery and 1:00 at Oak Grove Cemetery.
* **Clerk Updates- Paula**
* **Adjournment**