

Berkshire Township Trustee
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2016

Rod called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Bill Holtry, here; Rod Myers, here; and Mike Dattilo, here.

Bill made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 12th and also the Special Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2016. Second by Mike. Vote: Bill, yes; Rod, yes; and Mike, yes.

Public Participation

Tom Ebe- Holly Woods Drive

Susan Blessing – Dustin Road

Ellen Ebe – Holly Woods Dr.

Old Business:

Data Talk – Shawn spoke to the Trustees regarding the bid for the new phone system for the township hall. After discussion, the Trustees agreed to go ahead and purchase a new phone system.

16-9-8 Bill made a motion to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$4500.00 from DataTalk Telecom, 3930 Indianola Ave., Columbus, Ohio for a new telephone system and installation. Second by Mike. Vote:

Unanimous

Mike spoke about the roads- Possible next year projects – Dustin Road Culver, Ditch on 3B's and K Road, Meadowchase Ditch. The Trustees talked about these projects and what they consist of and will decide in 2017.

Rod announced that the lawsuit that Village of Galena had put on Berkshire Township regarding the ownership of Galena Cemetery had been decided. A ruling from Judge Gormley ruled in favor of Berkshire and the Village of Galena is the owner of the cemetery. A trial date is still set for the monetary issues.

Jeff George advised Berkshire Township is now on the government plan with Verizon Wireless and

Jeff also asks the Trustees about a TRAC application for next year.

Nothing was decided.

New Business:

Big Walnut Schools – no representative at the meeting

Bill advised the Residential Meeting went well and over 50 people signed Petitions to agree with the Trustee regarding the 16.5 Million of funds in question to improve the 36/37 exit.

A letter and a postcard were discussed to send out to the residents. The Trustee discussed this and decided to go ahead with a letter and a return postage paid postcard.

16-9-9 Bill made a motion to approve the mailing to the residents a letter and return postcard regarding the funds to Inskeep Printing in the amount of \$2500.00. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous

The Trustees decided to have Jeff move forward to work on a TIF for the remaining land at 36/37 and 71.

The Trustees decided to look for a part time maintenance worker to work on an as needed basis and needs to have a CDL to help with snow removal. They advised Jeff to run an ad in the newspaper.

Plumb Road – The Delaware Park Group wants to put a bike Sharrow on Plumb Road and have Berkshire Township maintain it. The Trustees agreed they could put one in but they would need to maintain it.

Rod advised he would like to invite the State Rep and Senator to our meetings to discuss items of interest to the group.

16-9-10 Rod made a motion to approve a Resolution to decrease the appropriations by \$16,834.06 due to the recent audit of 2014-2015.

Second by Bill. Vote: Unanimous

Berkshire Township received Estate Tax in the amount of \$48,000.00

Rod made a motion to authorize the fiscal officer to draw upon the funds to pay the bills. Second by Bill. Vote: Unanimous

Rod made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous.