

Berkshire Township Trustees
Regular Meeting
August 10, 2015

Rod Myers called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Others present: Jan and Dwight Adkins, Tom and Ellen Ebe, Jerry Higgins, Marty Mazzie, Nancy Feole, Tom Hopper, Larry and Jenny Buell, Eric Johnson, Dan Hale, Susan Stanton, Chris Stephens, Shawna Burkham, John Kraus, and Jeff George.

Bill Holtry made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 27, 2015. Second by Mike Dattilo. Vote: Rod, yes; Bill, yes and Mike yes.

At this time Rod explained that he was going to discuss the Galena Cemetery prior to public participation.

Bill explained that he is sad to say that it is a bad situation and that Berkshire needs to move forward with turning the cemetery over to Galena Village. Bill explained that the Trustees have received letters from the township attorney, the Delaware County Prosecutor's office and the office of Dave Yost, State Auditor that the trustees will be liable for the expenses that are paid out to care for the Galena Cemetery. The Trustees have advised Galena Village that they would be happy to have a transition period to help with the education and assistance in the care of the cemetery. As of August 11, 2015, the township will turn the cemetery over to the Village of Galena. Bill went on to advise that the township is offering Larry Buell's advice and expertise for the next 30 days. The Trustees agreed they tried diligently to work with Galena with no progress.

Rod now called for Public Participation:

Ellen Ebe spoke about the cemetery issue.

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Larry Buell brought up that Wednesday there is a burial in Galena and he advised the undertaker to call Galena for this burial. He then got a call back from the undertaker to advise that Galena had refused. He also advised two receipts for foundations have been received and deposited for September foundations.

Rod brought the burial issue before the board and the board advised Larry to do this one last burial and none after that. They also advised that Bill would advise the Prosecutor of this and that Larry would participate for the purpose of training the Village on the burial procedure. The Trustees also agreed to have the two receipts turned over to Galena for the foundations in Galena Cemetery.

Shawna Burkham – Galena Cemetery

15-8-1 Bill made a motion to forward the receipt monies for two foundations received by Berkshire Township to Galena for their installation of two foundations. Second by Mike. Vote:

Unanimous.

15-8-2 Bill made a motion to have Larry Buell ask Galena Village for assistance in participating in teaching Galena to do burials. The expense will be made available to the Delaware County

Prosecutor. Second by Rod. Vote: Unanimous

Tom Hopper- Galena Cemetery

Nancy Feole- Galena Cemetery

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Bill spoke after Nancy to apologize for this situation. Rod advised that Berkshire discovered this situation after Galena had decided they were going to try to conform their boundaries and rumored that Berkshire could lose 20% of their net worth. Rod advised he and Jeff met with the Mayor and that Galena has been nonresponsive and ignored this situation. He is following the rulings they have received.

Old Business:

Rod put together the OPWC Grant for Dustin Road. He thinks it looks good.

Rod advised he will get bids on the lines for Dustin Road as after the last treatment the lines are light.

Speed Radar sign has been placed in some neighborhoods.

Discussion was to put the report on the website of the township.

Joe Walker road has damage to the middle of the road due to snow plowing and also from GSI when the repair work was done.

15-8-2 Rod made a motion to approve a purchase order to the Delaware County Engineer in the amount of \$5,236.12 to put a scratch coat on Joe Walker Road. Second by Bill. Vote:
Unanimous.

New Business:

The Trustees agreed no minutes to be given out prior to the Trustees approving them.

15-8-3 Rod made a motion that from today forward no minutes will be given out prior to the Trustees approving them. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous

CREW Speech- Commercial Realtors Executive Woman- Rod spoke at meeting of this group and wanted to reiterate that if speaking to a group make sure only to speak of facts.

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Rod wanted to thank the Berkshire Township Zoning Board. He attends every meeting and wanted to commend them on the job they do.

15-8-4 Bill made a motion to approve the fiscal officer to draw upon the funds to pay the bills. Second by Mike. Vote:

Unanimous

15-8-5 Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Second by Mike.