

BERKSHIRE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 23, 2016

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

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

Mike Dattilo made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 9, 2016. Second by Rod.

Vote: Mike Dattilo, yes and Rod Myers, yes. Bill Holtry was not present at the meeting.

Public Participation:

Tom Ebe

Ellen Ebe

Susan Stanton

Susan Blessing

Old Business

16-6-1 Mike made a motion to approve a purchase order to The Shelly Company for road work on township roads in the amount of \$178,589.74. Second by Bill. Vote: Bill, yes; Rod, yes and Mike, yes.

Mike advised an REA was being sent to the County for Alexander and Blayney Roads.

Jeff George advised there will be a meeting with Galena Village on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 or 2:00 p.m. and a Trustee will need to attend.

Jeff ask the Trustees to look over resumes to fill the Zoning Board seat and at the next meeting 3 or so will be interviewed. The Trustees are to let Jeff know who they want to interview. The next Trustee meeting the Trustees will hold a Special Meeting at 6:15 p.m. to hold interviews.

New Business:

Rod explained there has been interest in excess dirt from Berkshire Cemetery by a resident of the township. The Trustees agreed to have Jeff George construct a contract/release for this not to hold Berkshire Township liable for any damage to property.

Buckeye Service Dog Representative came to meeting to explain that their group would like to hold meetings at the township for 20 weeks of training. The Trustees agreed to this. They advised the only conflict would be the Board of Zoning Appeals in case they would need to hold a meeting. In that case, the meeting for the dog group could be rescheduled.

Shawna Burkham gave the meeting group an update on a Parks Meeting that was held at the hall. 16 people attended and it was very productive. Some soil issues were brought up regarding the soil where the barn was removed. Jeff George will obtain estimates.

Jeff George advised that a letter was sent to the business and landowners at the freeway area to find out if they are interested in participating in a JEDD on their properties.

The Trustees discussed HB-182 in which a retailer can opt out of a JEDD area. The Trustees are sending a disapproval letter to Andy Brenner- State Representative and also Kris Jordan- Senator advising of their concerns.

Rod brought up that he spoke with a representative from Ohio Open Checkbook and would like the township to participate in this. A Representative will be at the next meeting to explain how it works.

Jeff George ask the Trustees if he can look into blinds for the little office/conference room. The Trustees agreed to this.

Fourwinds Extension and TIFF update – Jeff George advised letters went out to Olentangy School District and Delaware County on this.

16-6-2 Mike made a motion to approve a purchase order for additional legal fees to Benesch Law Firm in the amount of \$15,000.00. Second by Bill. Vote: Unanimous.

The Trustees agreed to participate in the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program and the cost of \$100.00 for membership fee.

16-6-3 Mike 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 go into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. for the following purpose: To consider information related to the negotiations with other political subdivision respecting a request for Economic Development assistance that is to be provided or administered under the provisions of Chapter 715 of the ORC 121.22GB. Rod also invited Jeff George, Administrator and Melody George, Fiscal Officer to the Executive Session. Second by Bill. Vote Unanimous.

Bill made a motion to return at 8:35 p.m. to regular session of the meeting. Second by Rod. Vote: Unanimous

Rod advised the group that negotiations are being considered as Sunbury Village approached Berkshire Township to cooperate with a JEDD. Trustees will contact the Village of Sunbury to discuss.

16-6-4 Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Second by Bill. Vote: Unanimous