**Grafton Township Trustees Meeting Minutes**

**September 10th, 2019**

The regularly scheduled meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Haight and Trustee Homer-Miller were in attendance. Fiscal Officer Amy Richards was also present. Trustee Wesemeyer was absent

Trustee Haight made a motion to accept the regular trustee meeting minutes from August 13th and the special meeting of August 15th, second by Trustee Homer-Miller. Jean yes and Christie yes. Motion carried. **20190910-01**

Trustee Homer-Miller made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of $34,257.68 second by Trustee Haight. Christie yes and Jean yes. Motion carried. **20190910-02**

Deputy Kruegger was in attendance and gave a report for August. Grafton Township had 30 calls for the month of August; 4 alarms, 4 domestics, 1 fraud, 4 suspicious conditions. The remainder were traffic related. Fraud still is ongoing issue and hard to prosecute.

**Committee Reports:**

**Zoning Mike Strah –** There were (7) seven permits issued for the month. (2) agricultural buildings, (2) garage additions, (1) house, (1) fence, and (1) accessory building. Total permits tallied $1,350.00 for the month.

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| 2625 | 8/14/2019 | 16-00-092-000-014 | LM Weigel | $100,000 | $0 | Agriculture |
| 2626 | 8/14/2019 | 16-00-022-000-012 | Albert Weigel | $60,000 | $0 | Agriculture |
| 2627 | 8/19/2019 | 16-00-013-000-029 | Ashley & Zak Logan | $275,000 | $525 | House |
| 2628 | 8/28/2019 | 16-00-023-000-009 | Melissa Knepper | $5,000 | $250 | Accessory >500' |
| 2629 | 8/26/2019 | 16-00-017-000-027 | Matthew Breisch | $8,000 | $250 | Accessory >500' |
| 2630 | 8/31/2019 | 16-00-012-000-049 | Crystal Etterman | $5,000 | $75 | Fence |
| 2631 | 9/9/2019 | 16-00-030-000-026 | Michael Cwalina | $12,000 | $250 | Accessory >500' |

Zoning had an expense of $7.00 for postage.

Earl Banks was served with the O.R.C.. 505.87 for vegetation, Mike was contacted by his brother, stating that he was taking over the maintenance of the property. The vegetation has been addressed, and is in compliance.

Mike issued a violation for Mike Foldes and Cheryl Drake, for sections 1911 disabled vehicles, and 602 permitted uses. Mike gave Mr. Foldes an application for the BZA, and provide copies of the zoning resolution for 602,1911, and Edge of the Road Right of Way. Mike then visited Ken Mann to explain the Right of Way. He had some questions about drainage, Mike provided him information about that.

Mike received a call from Nina Landers on Crocker Rd. about dead trees on the neighbor’s property. Mike witnessed 6 dead trees leaning toward her property, a few were beyond the property line. Mike then went over and talked to the neighbor. Mike informed her of Mrs. Landers concern, if they fell, they would damage a building and a fence. They stated they were going to address it.

Mike issued a violation for David Khoshtoriya of Crocker Rd. There are (2) two disabled vehicles on the property in various states of deconstruction. This is a violation of section 1911. Mike have made contact with David and he is working toward compliance.

Scott Wuensch complained of an odor coming from a property to the west of him. He stated that it appears to come from property known as Mole Field. This is a site approved by the Ohio E.P.A. to use Bio Solids. The phone number on the sign will contact the Rocky River Waste Treatment Plant. Mike talked about the concern of the resident to the plant superintendent. She said she would visit the site investigate.

Mike spoke to the Health department, and they said it was regulated by the Ohio E.P.A. Mike spoke with Pat Slatterly, whom is in charge of the Bio Solid section. He supplied some information about the type of use. He stated he would be out to visit the site as well. Mike informed him of my concern of the Public use of the site for the R/C airplane club.

Existing Violations

Mike met with the prosecutor about the request for legal proceeding against Kaspar, Kroll, and Box.

**Road Department Bob Richards / Chad Uehlein –** Bob reported that truck 3 was taken in for repairs. While hauling a load of dirt the airbrake popped. It was taken to Pfann’s for repairs of broken springs. Bob still has not locked down a date from Griffith’s for the park parking lot. The lot is ready and has been sprayed. We are just waiting on a date from Griffith. Bob and Chad have been working on ditch projects and road side mowing. Another cycle of road side mowing will be completed. More pipe is needed to completed the Haystack project. Bob will get it ordered. Bob has not received an update on when the County chip seal program is set to begin. Bob received an estimate from Miller Exteriors for the replacement of the historical society roof going from slate to steel. The estimate is for a material that is made to look like slate (a sample was provided). The estimate was $22,800 with a 10 year warranty.

**Fire Department Tim Adams / Bob Richards –** Bob reported that the parts were purchased for the dry hydrants. They were tested last week, and the members loved them. To standardize all the dry hydrants, 5 more will need to be purchased at a cost of $750. Trustee Homer-Miller made a motion to purchase 5 more swivel fittings at cost not to exceed $800, second by Trustee Haight. Christie yes and Jean yes. Motion carried. **20190910-04**

There is an issue with the brakes on the new fire truck. The brakes are very loud. The repairs are being completed at no cost which are replacing the brake pads/lining and brake drums. The ISO audit will be completed at the end of the month. This audit could affect homeowners insurance. Currently, the fire department does not have a commercial fire inspector. Bob would like to send Chris Becker to school to be able to complete the commercial fire inspections on the township. Trustee Haight made a motion to send Chris Becker to EHOVE at a cost of $750, second by Trustee Homer-Miller. Jean yes and Christie yes. Motion carried. **20190910-05**

The balance of the fire marshal grant will be used to purchase a mercury monitor. There is still an issue with getting the items completed that are required. Only 6 department members showed up last night.

**Cemetery Michele Gerhring –** One footer was put in this past month. There is a lot of work that needs to be done on the computer such as getting the records entered in. Michele will have to go to the cemetery, write stuff down, then enter the data into the computer. It mainly is the older burials. Michele would like to know how much time she can spend getting the records current. The records need to be current so the trustees are ok with Michele getting them current, with the understanding that this is needed and it is a one-time thing that needs to be done. George Harrison was in attendance and looked at the two drawings for the cemetery signs. He liked the arch one better.

**Town Hall Bob Richards –** Bob reported that there were two gentleman in attendance from Black River Game Club who want to host their dinner at the hall for the land leasers. There would be no cooking onsite just boiling water. Many people carry out. They stated that about 40 people eat in. They would serve from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. They would need the hall from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. They would like to have this dinner on October 9th. Since it is in the middle of the week, it is not taking away from a weekend rental. The trustees agreed to rent the hall for $100. Trustee Homer-Miller made a motion to rent the hall to the Black River Game Club on the 9th for $100, second by Trustee Haight. Christie yes and Jean yes. Motion carried. **20190910-03**

**EMS Penny Palmer** – Penny reported that there were 10 residential calls for the month of August, which resulted in 9 advanced life support and 1 basic life support. There were 4 motor vehicle accidents, which resulted in 2 advanced life support and 2 no treat no transport. Mutual aid was given once with Litchfield Township. During the fair the squad was out there 2 nights; they transported 1 and had 3 no treat no transport.

EMSAR completed the annual maintenance on the power cots, power load system and stair chairs for both squads. The total cost was $1,473.02. The largest portion was for the replacement of a new transfer lock plate and pin kit at $298.08 for each squad. This was a design improvement due to others experiencing problems.

Chris Becker completed the protocol test and Dr. Meyers approved him to function as a paramedic with Grafton Township.

**Rural Water –** No report

**LORCO –** No report

**Fiscal Officer Amy Richards** – No report

**Trustee Jean Haight –** Jean reported that NEXUS is in the area working on their punch list (small items). She has received several calls from residents. The trash containers and picnic tables were ordered and should be ready shortly. The placemats are in. These are the items for the Solid Waste Grant. Next Wednesday there is a trash consortium meeting. The County has been talking about having a building department for the townships. The biggest issue was how long it took when an inspection was needed when the building department existed years ago. Flu shot schedules have not been released yet by the Health Department; it was recommended to wait until November to get the flu shot.

**Trustee Carl Wesemeyer –** Absent

**Trustee Christie Homer-Miller –** Christie reported there was a decision made regarding the annexation, which was not in our favor. We have 30 days to appeal the decision. A special meeting will be needed to decide how we want to proceed. The invoice was submitted to NOPEC; we should receive the $465 shortly. Christie spoke with Carl who indicated that the OPWC grant application was filed with the County Engineer. Christie participated in a grant writing webinar put by ODOT LTAP. The last week in August community service was completed by an individual who cleaned the table and chairs and did some weeding. Christie thanked Bob and Chad for setting up a copier upstairs in the records room to make it more convenient.

**Audience Questions**

Dennis Fortney inquired about the Crocker Road project. Carl has the easements; he and Amy need to schedule a time to go out and get the easements signed which Amy then will notarize.

Trustee Homer-Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Haight. Christie yes and Jean yes. Motion carried. **20190910-06**

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**Trustee Homer-Miller, Chairperson Amy Richards, Fiscal Officer**