

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of JERSEY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES Meeting
Held at 7:30 P.M.
April 6, 2015

Meeting called to order by Chairman Derek Myers and Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Trustees answering roll call: Ed Bright, Jim Endsley, Derek Myers.

Jersey Township Zoning Inspector-Ernest (Bud) Witney was present.

Fiscal Officer Beth Croak was present.

List of guests attached to minutes.

Beth read February 2, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Derek approved as read.

REPORTS

Zoning Inspector: Bud reported: -

-Detached garage permit on Caswell Rd. A

couple of lot splits (to reduce lot splits) on Anne Evan's property on Miller Rd. They are splits she had done but never recorded.

-Jersey Mill, east of ODOT house, there's a pile of debris along the right of way. He talked to a lady and she is going to have her son get rid of it this week. There are branches, door frames, etc along the ditch.

-Corner next to gas station, renewed permit for that. They finally got their approval from Licking County to start to start their construction. They updated their permit because it took them 24 months to get the final approval and it's only good for 18 months.

-A lady called about a property on Patterson/Worthington Rd where the zoning was changed for the veterinarian to put a horse arena in. Jeff isn't putting the horse barn there anymore due to too much red tape. So he's renting it out to a hog farmer type operation. That is why she is calling. She wanted to know if it was zoned residential. Bud said no, it's commercial. She called the trustees too. Jim said he and Ed got pictures of it and took it to Licking County Planning. He told them they need to look at it and try and figure out what we are going to do. He told them, it was by your sub-division regulations and the burden you on that vet. Yes, he jumped all of the hurdles but he finally decided the cost was going to be too great for him to go ahead with the project. With your strict regulations you have, you've created a situation where we didn't get a new building put in our township that would be collecting tax dollars. Now, yes they've torn the house down but we've got an agricultural piece of ground that now that the house has been torn down, we may be getting less tax dollars for it than what we were previously, even though it's a commercial property. The lady called Ed about it too. Ed told her according to the Ohio Revised Code, the hogs are allowed.

-Bud reviewed some stuff for Licking Rural Electric putting in a substation next to AEP substation. The County sent plans to him to review. They had a hearing on March 23rd and approved it.

-In regards to Wilson rezoning property, he hasn't heard anything back from ODOT yet and the 120 days ends April 14th so he called them just to ask if he was going to get any correspondence back in terms of the real estate part of it. The lady said they don't send anything out and right now she doesn't have any requests to purchase the property. They just let the 120 days run out and then the process takes over. Right now they don't have any plans for it. Bud thinks we need to schedule a public hearing to review the application. Beth asked when? Bud stated we have to send letters to adjoining neighbors and have to have public notice in newspaper 10 days prior to public hearing, sometime after April 14th. Derek asked if Monday April 20th was ok. all agreed yes. Beth will put notice in paper and will send letters out to adjoining neighbors.

-Church on Beech Rd sent him stuff to look at. They purchased 10 acres directly north of them and they want to put some type of activity center in. So they are actually looking at kind of cutting out the house parcel and adjoining land in the back. Jim asked what they are going to do with the house part? Bud thinks they just want to split it off. He's not sure of what intent is with the house. Jim said we need to know before we move on that because of how that house was used before. . Jim asked Derek and Ed how they feel about it because that is a muddy water issue. Bud said it is muddy water because he went to the federal laws in regards to religious activities. Former President Clinton signed it in 1996 that if it's in the church's charter and if it's something that the church commonly does, you pretty much have to allow it. Derek said you have to let them have their activity center but the question on the house is we can ask what the purpose of the house is because if they're going to rent it, that wouldn't be part of the church. If they are going to use it for missionaries or for the pastor or something like that then we can't touch it. If they use it for rental property or games then Bud said we can make it a single dwelling. Jim is concerned because for a couple of years now, it's been used as a rental property and more than one family living there and the neighbors have complained about it for years. Jim said we need to find out what they are going to do with it.

Monroe - Derek said they dropped off new contract, \$258,000.00. Jim asked Joey Robertson/Monroe Twp Trustee about funds and if separated he would like to see it. Ed made motion to approve fire contract. Jim seconded. Vote: Bright, yes; Endsley, yes; Myers, yes.

WLJFD- Nothing. Heard nothing on the 2 remaining cases, in holding on that. Signed union contract, that went well.

COMMUNICATIONS-LETTERS-PHONE CALLS

Ed got a phone call from a man who is a non resident of Jersey township regarding a house on Summit and Morse Rd. He said there is a junk pile there. Ed went and looked at it and he said it looks like the man repairs classic cars. There is a car on a trailer that was covered some wood that looked like he was getting ready to split and he didn't see any junk pile. Ed asked Bud to go look at it to see if there was any zoning violation and if there is, could he contact the gentleman. Bud said he talked to the gentleman who made the complaint and then he went and looked at the property. He asked the man if he wanted to file a complaint and he said yes so he gave Bud his address and he will mail him the complaint form.

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Beth received letter from Licking County Health Department for mosquito control They are doing it April 15 through October 31, 2015, \$26 for each mile they spray. Trustees agreed cost wise, not really needed.

Jim asked Beth if she got any notice from our insurance company. Beth said no, Jim will forward email to her.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jim- Strawser called him. Jim told him he is still working with Jeff but will probably just sit on it a while and just crack/seal it. Strawser said well in my opinion you need to do something to it because I don't think just paving it is going to be the answer because it appears to be a base problem. Jim said to Jeff, ok with that being said, how is chip and sealing the surface going to help the base? It makes him concerned about the product they are recommending and the manner in which they are recommending them doesn't make a lot of sense. Jeff said the same as Jim, how is that going to help the base? Ed asked are we prepared to address the base issue if that in fact is the issue? or try and get additional life with the base we have by chip and seal? Derek asked where he thinks there is a base issue? Fitzwilliam and at Danny's. Jim thinks we ought to try and get ahold of Shelly Company and have them come out and take a look at it. And maybe have an independent testing company come out and do some bore testing and see what we have at least under Fitzwilliam. He also thinks the Engineer's office should come out and look at it. Jim will look into prices of having an independent testing company come out and he will contact Shelly Company to see if they can come out. Jim thinks we got short changed on the asphalt. Another question that Jeff had, did Derek check into see if we are able to use OPWC funds to fix the sub-divisions? Derek said yes. He's not sure if we truly have a base problem, we would have to see if we could include in there to grind up the existing road and use it as base material. He's not sure if that work can be included under the OPWC. He will check on that.

Jim-since we have decided to look into 550 truck, he finally got all of the paperwork done. We are ready to move forward. Ford sold out all of the 2015's so we would have to wait until 2016's come out and those will still be under the STS contract. Couglin will contact him when the prices come out.

Ed- TID meeting. TID stands for Transportation Improvement District. Several people were there and a lot of questions were asked. Concerned about eminent domain authority. The biggest issue is giving them authority to assess property owners when there is a road project that they would get a direct benefit from. Not only were we voicing our opinion that we didn't like it at all, New Albany was there and they didn't like it either and they told them so. They volunteered their attorney to look into possibly wording an agreement that would exclude that right by taking it away from the TID board. As he understands it, after that meeting, they said we need to get together and talk some more about this, have the attorneys draw it up so we can look at it and

consider it and there would be another meeting. Ed said there has been another meeting but we didn't go to it, it was actually presented to the County Commissioners and again New Albany was there stating their position-they object to it (which is a tax). The Commissioners did not act on it but it has been presented to them. They could go ahead and pass it or just say no. We need to have more meetings and give the attorneys more time to come up with this possible amendment. Ed explained that in order to qualify for a TID, the first thing they do is make up a board and that board is made up of what they refer to as trustees and then they have officers and then you have to qualify by having a minimum of 10 million dollars in projects, either in current or proposed for in projects. Either in current or proposed for future. If you have 10 million dollars in projects, that TID group can request from the State of Ohio a grant of \$250,000. But just because they request it, doesn't mean they get it. Everything is determined by ODOT. 3.5 million dollars is in the kitty for it. Jim said New Albany and The New Albany Company both were very outspoken that even though it would be a county-wide TID, that they wanted to see somebody in Jersey Township be on that TID board to control where the funds were going and what they were being used for. Ed said he would like to clarify what he previously said about the \$250,000 grant. The assessment would come if the federal money and TID money was not enough to pay for the project. They then would be able to look at the area being improved and who would get a direct benefit from it and those people (according to the ORC) could be subject to it. Bill Lozier, County Engineer is pushing the TID to get federal funds to help. He's wanting what is agreeable. Jim said no one wants the assessment. May is the cutoff date for this year, that is why everyone is pushing to get it done.

Jim - Beech road, topsoil and seeding for yards. Do we want to try and get together to see what we want to get done there? Derek said just need to do it. Have Jeff get topsoil and get price from Busch for seed and straw.

Jim- Aaron Underhill from New Albany was talking to him and said don't let that park situation drop, send them a letter or email. There is a possibility on the plans to put a park on South Beech Rd in the development. If that is the case, we should try and get them to include that as a Jersey Township park, should be for the residents of the township. He told Aaron the youth league is always looking for diamonds. Derek talked to him and maybe see a walking trail and in conjunction with their development plans are. We don't want to have to maintain baseball fields but would like the residents to have access to them. Have a joint agreement on the maintenance of it. Derek will send him an email about it. Jim said to indicate it was 8 acres, not 5.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim- Annexation agreement. Todd Dodderer sold 1.6 acres between Smith's Mill Circle and Jug St and they need to have an annexation agreement because New Albany wants to annex it in. No description of property. He's going to take it to his board to sign. If we agree to do it, we would need to sign. J

Jim made motion to sign annexation agreement on Todd Dodderer's property. Ed seconded. Vote- Endsley yes; Bright yes; Myers yes.

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Jim - it was brought to his attention that we have always had an agreement that we would close road ditches in and we would charge the landowners for the tile and materials. That may not be getting billed to the landowners. Jim asked Beth about it and she wasn't aware that she was supposed to be doing that. Beth said she has no information on it or what landowners it was. Jim said how should we approach that? Derek asked if there were alot? Jim said several. Jim asked Jeff if he had any copies of that? It's been 4 years. Derek said if Jeff could come up with the dates, Beth should have the tile invoices, so we could correspond. Jeff would have to come up with the dates he did the work. Jeff said he was giving Beth something that had footages and stone quantities. Beth asked if they were tickets from the company? Jim said Jeff said he was giving footages and amount of pipe and stone quantities he used per property. Where it fell through the cracks was Jeff was doing it the way he always had. Beth said she didn't know anything about it and was never told to do it. Jim said it's not all Beth's fault. Derek said we know now so they can figure it out and get it billed.

Jim - Wilson's and Sutherland's estimates to mow the cemeteries and at the township house and weed eat 4 times a year.

Jeff and Butch - takes 1 day, looking to see what outside service would cost.

The boys wages hourly cost more for them to do it plus we save on mowers and gas. Will it be any noticable difference to what Jeff and Butch do? yes. Derek is fine with trying it for 1 year. Jim said the mowers are brand new. Derek said we could sell them or hold onto them 1 year. Ed agreed but the wages are going to be the same but taking on additional cost. But maybe freeing up the guys may help in other areas.

Bud asked if there are any conditions from the contractors as to when they can do it. Derek said no. Funerals would have to be taken into consideration. Jim asked Jack Wilson about that. He said the contractors usually mow on the same day and would need a head's up on the day of a funeral.

Bids: Wilson's - \$16,420.00, Sutherlands- \$16,400.00

Derek wants to include this in the April 20th meeting so he can talk to Jeff and Butch.

They are building diamonds on the right of way by the school on Morse Rd . They concreted the dugouts. Derek said they need to talk to Bud about that. Derek said the school district owns it and Mr. Popovich owns the right of way.

Beth has checks. Jim made motion to pay bills. Ed seconded. Vote: Endsley yes; Bright yes; Myers yes. Beth read checks 18514-18538

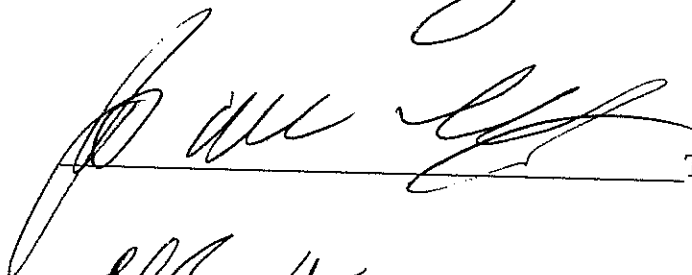
Next meeting May 4, 2015


PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Derek adjourned meeting.

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 Fiscal Officer