

OAKFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
August 9, 2022

2022-13

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Oakfield Township Board of Trustees held August 9, 2022 at 7:00p.m. with all board members present in Oakfield Township.

Present were: Greg Dean, Bryan Porter, Betsy Koett, Ken Rittersdorf, Pamela Riker, Chad Sowerby & Sue Trainer

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve a correction be made to the Election Commission meeting minutes for July 5, 2022 with the second's name be changed from Sowerby to Dean offered by Koett second by Dean approved per a voice vote 7-0.

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes for July 12, 2022 offered by Porter second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion to approve Treasury Report for July 2022 offered by Porter second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 7-0. Treasurer purchased a cash-counting and counterfeit detection machine for about \$700.00.

Motion to approve General Fund Expenditures for the month of July 2022 in the amount of \$54,574.11 offered by Koett second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve Scram Lake expenditures for the month of July 2022 in the amount of \$22,060.28 offered by Porter second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 7-0. These expenditures were so high because F&V replaced one system and repaired another one.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Department:

- July calls. Had 35 calls-20 medical, 3 P.I. Accidents, 1 P.D. Accidents, 1 structure fire, 1 fire alarm, 4 wire calls, 1 Illegal burning, 1 vehicle fire, 1 Assist Grattan & 1 Assist Courtland.
- Monthly Training-Farm awareness-we visited Sowerby Farms and went over equipment, fertilizers, grain drying systems and general pre incident plans.

From the Chief:

- Received two invoices this month: Croy from Lincoln Lake Ave. and High Grade Materials for Poplar Drive totaling \$556.50

PCI Report: 10 building permits, 10 electrical, 14 mechanical & 2 plumbing. Total charges \$12,502.00, total due \$11,251.80, total evaluation of projects \$1,682,324.00.

Planning Commission:

- Last month's meeting-The correct blueprints were submitted by Automation Ideas and were approved with some corrections to be made on the site plan.
- Someone came in to discuss the possibility of purchase the lot on M57 in front of the daycare facility so they could build a structure to house Ground Pounder. They were told they would need to come back in the future with plans if want to go forward with this project.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

- No meeting in July

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Zoning Administration:

- Cleaned up north of Harvard. Just about done cleaning up at the corner of Heintzelman and M57. Have hauled 2-1/2 dumpsters of stuff away. Dean will present the bill to the board for discussion next month once he gets it because there are some extenuating circumstances. Kirk from PCI is still working on the last few tickets including the one on Mc Clain. They have till the 1st of October to finish cleaning up or the Township will clean it up.
- Sowerby asked about a double bottom gravel train sitting in the right of way on the side of the road on Mc Clain that has no wheels on it. Dean has called the County sheriff on it.

CORRESPONDENCE Received:

- Department of State-Charter Township sent a letter confirming that we don't want to be a Charter Township.
- MTA-Child Care Homes-have to amend ordinance stating that a home can serve 14 people instead of 12. Attorney will word this so we don't have to amend it again if they change it in the future. This will go to the Planning Commission for review at their September meeting.
- Kent County Road Commission-Letter to County Administrator. The director of the Kent County Road Commission, Steve Warren sent a letter to the new Managing Director to request a bunch of the ARPA money. Not sure where this is at but Dean will keep us informed as he gets information in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE Sent:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Oakfield vs. Cremeans-Cleaned up complete on 8/9/2022.
- Oakfield vs. Ochodinicky-Cleaned up.
- Solar & Wind Ordinances were published in the paper and are now taking affect.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Election report-Clerk reviewed election turnout and absent ballot numbers.
- MichWave-Broadband-Deputy Treasurer presented MichWave meeting summary. Fiber costs are extremely high. They also do satellite type dish service which is less costly but have to have unobstructed view for it to work. Also had a meeting with Point Broadband. They have more people who will help write grants so they would partner with us if we were interested in it. Our homework from them was to try and find out who does and who doesn't have service and what kind of service residents have. She created a survey and put it on the website so we could get feedback. Have had about 60 people fill it out. She has charted this out on a map. Have a meeting on Monday, August 15 with Charter. She is suppose to bring a map showing where they have coverage in the Township. We can't share there map with the public. We will share the feedback we have gotten from customer with them. We will get back with Point Broadband and share the information we collect.
- Pallet Recycling on Kindy-property owner is running some sort of business out of his home. He was told he couldn't do this. Kirk from PCI wrote him a ticket. He can't file for a Special Land Use it doesn't apply to him. He has a 9/2/2022 court date.
- Tickets-Kirk wrote the guy on Stacy who is living in his fifth wheel in his aunt's yard. Also Lois Bailey who cut 2 gas lines failed to show up in court so they are issuing a bench warrant for him.

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- Meeting with Charter-August 15, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Light at White Swan Cemetery. Got a quote for \$3,865.00 to install a light east of the arch at the driveway that runs north through the cemetery off of 12 Mile. We will investigate other options because this is too costly.
- New hot water heater at Township Hall. A new hot water heater had to be installed in the Township Hall. It cost about \$1,600.00.
- Cemetery Sexton-We are having an issue with John Venman who we hired to be the Township Sexton. He hasn't made repairs to the Oakfield Cemetery yet for damages that occurred last year. Also he is telling people he can't meet their requested burial dates because he is too busy. This is not acceptable. The Supervisor and Clerk will set up a meeting sometime next week to discuss this with him.
- Roese Contracting paid the bill we sent them for drilling the hole in the sewer line on Scram Lake for \$1,479.06.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

- None

BOARD COMMENTS:

- None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm offered by Sowerby second by Porter approved per a voice vote 7-0.

Susan Trainer
Oakfield Township Clerk