

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

Minutes of Burton Township Trustees
Held at the Burton Township Administration Building

Regular Meeting
March 5, 2018

Dan Whiting, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with Board member: Jim Dvorak in attendance. Those present joined the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The regular meeting minutes from February 19, 2018 were approved with a motion from Mr. Dvorak and seconded by Mr. Whiting. Vote: Mr. Whiting – yes, Mr. Dvorak-yes and Mr. Burnett - absent.

Mr. Burnett entered the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Public Comment: Dave and Brenda Varner were present to complain about the alpaca farm on the corner of Aquilla and Stanely roads. It is located on two half-acre lots. The manure is close to their property line. The farm has a website. The property owners are going to start breeding dogs. Mr. Gruber was not present but has spoken to the County Prosecutor's office and there is nothing in our zoning regulations. Oliver Tiber was present to voice his concerns about the status of Durkee/Hale Roads. Mr. Dvorak would like to work with the County Engineer and Claridon Township to work out a road plan. Mr. Sutter recently took down the road maintainer on it. Twenty-five tons of gravel have been put down so far this year. Mr. Sutter would like to clear some trees that are in the road right-of-way so the road can dry out faster and move the ditches off the road. Joel Hoar was present to present a proposal for portable restrooms for the park area. On April 2nd, Mr. John Stoddard, Superintendent of Berkshire Schools, would like an opportunity to present information on the PRIME Initiative before the May 8th election. The Trustees agreed to let him present.

Roads: The recycling area was cleaned up. Trees were cut up on Burton Heights Boulevard. The paperwork for the weight reduction road signs was turned in to the County Engineer's office. There was a separated pipe on Chipmunk Lane. Mr. Sutter met with Mr. Tom Shipman, a Middlefield Township employee. The County Engineer looked at the pipe. Fourteen tons of salt/cinder mix was picked up. Stone was put down on Pond, Rider and Hale. Cold patching was completed on Hotchkiss. The Geauga County Township Association file cabinet was moved to Bainbridge Township. The road maintainer was picked up from the fairgrounds and taken down on Hale and Durkee Roads. Mr. Sutter met with Mr. Gorris and a Newbury representative to discuss the Hotchiss Road project. The '96 International had a flat tire. A quote was received for tree and brush removal. Pipe information for the culverts on Colony Lane was received from the County.

Cemeteries: There were three openings/closings at Slitor Cemetery. A foundation for William Gingerich was laid at Pleasant Hills Cemetery.

Zoning: One permit was issued for a granted variance for a barn that is being converted into a residence. The Zoning Commission Board talked about fences around pools. They are currently doing research and may suggest an amendment to the current zoning resolution. They are looking at other township's zoning regulations on this matter.

Park Committee: The committee held a meeting on February 28th. Four members were present. Future projects were discussed. A tree was cleared on the Wounded Warrior Trail. There was a discussion about building a 30-90 feet boardwalk by the waterfall.

Grant funds may be available from wildlife organizations. Mr. Whiting will meet with Mr. Jerry Davis to discuss possible grants. The committee is looking new members. Mrs. O'Neill will put the information on the website. The next committee meeting in on April 25, 2018.

Fire Department: Chief Wendl was present. There were 12 calls in Burton Township in February and 66 total calls were responded to. Mr. Burnett would like the total calls for 2017.

Fiscal Officer: The old OPEC health plan was discussed. Mr. Dvorak made a motion to transfer \$39,000 from the General Fund Other-Other Expense account (001-110-599) to the General Fund Motor Vehicle account (001-760-750). Mr. Burnett seconded this motion. Vote: Mr. Whiting – yes, Mr. Dvorak – yes and Mr. Burnett – yes.

Old Business: Senior Trash Day was discussed.

New Business: Mr. Dvorak made a motion to join the CIC for the 2018 membership year for \$50.00. Mr. Burnett seconded this motion. Vote: Mr. Whiting – yes, Mr. Dvorak – yes and Mr. Burnett – yes.

The next regular meeting will be March 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Warrants: Warrants #9904 thru #9923 were approved and paid.

As there was no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m. by a motion from Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Dvorak. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer