

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

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

Regular Meeting
September 16, 2019

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Ken Burnett, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with Board members: Dan Whiting and Jarred Miller in attendance. Those present joined the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The regular minutes from August 19, 2019 were approved with a motion from Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Whiting. Vote: Mr. Burnett – yes, Mr. Whiting – yes and Mr. Miller – yes.

Public Comment: Dorothy Stange and Pete Zeigler were present from the Geauga County Board of Elections. They would like to use the Burton Township Administration Building for a polling location for the November 5, 2019 General Election. The building needs some upgrades in order for it to ADA compliant. The Trustees stated that structural improvements would not be able to be completed in time for the election, but they will work on having ADA compliant parking spaces. Ms. Lynn Mekeel inquired on how to request public records.

Mr. Whiting made a motion to recess into executive session for purposes to discuss pending and imminent litigation with the Board's legal Counsel pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3). Mr. Miller seconded this motion. Vote: Mr. Burnett – yes, Mr. Whiting – yes and Mr. Miller – yes.

The Board of Burton Township Trustees re-entered public session at 8:29 pm.

Public Comment: Mr. Dan Demko was present to inquire about the communication that the Township is having with the Village regarding the annexation of his property. Mr. Lee Bontrager was present to inquire whether Memorial Road could be un-vacated to allow a cut through from Rapids to Tavern Road. He also inquired if the black walnut trees by the pond could be harvested. Mr. Rob Demko of Station Road thanked the Township for patching the road. He was updated on the status of the OPWC grant application to repair the road. He also stated that the drive pipe by the lumber company needs to be looked at.

Cemetery: Two foundation were completed. There was opening/closing at Slitor Cemetery on September 9th.

Park Committee: An application was received for an open position on the Park Committee.

Roads: The berm was cut on Durkee. The exhaust was repaired on the '96 International as well as the fuel tank on the '05 International. Pavement was marked out for repairs. Dirt was trucked from Durkee to the Akron property. Holes were filled on Station. A request was received to clean out a ditch on Stanley Road by the church. A new driveway pipe was requested to be put in on Roselawn. The road maintainer was picked up from the fairgrounds and taken down on Pond, Rider and Colony.

Zoning: One permit was issued in the month of August for a barn addition. There was a variance requested for a sign permit. Two letters of violation were sent out. The violation for undomesticated animals on Paulette Drive was discussed. The owner of the property stated that the property is inspected yearly by ODNR. The Geauga Park District inquired

about putting in a parking lot at Welton Gorge. Mr. Dinardo is going to apply for a variance for a driveway.

Fiscal Officer: Trick or Treat will be October 31, 2019 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. The tonnage of salt can be cancelled through Morton Salt. The Township can get salt through the County.

Old Business: Mr. Burnett spoke to Ms. Ann Wishert of the Geauga County Maple Leaf. He expressed his disappointment that the media has blamed the Township for holding up the annexation of Hillside Village. He presented a timeline of how the Trustees have tried to move forward with negotiations of the annexation and the water line. Mr. Whiting made a motion to contract with Independent Tree Company to take down four trees on Burton Township property that butt up to a property on Indian Hills Drive. Mr. Miller seconded this motion. Vote: Mr. Burnett – yes, Mr Whiting – yes and Mr. Miller – yes.

New Business: The 2020 road project list was discussed. Roads on the list includ Station (pending OPWC funds), Aspen Hills, Fisher and North and South Rider.

The next regular meeting will be October 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Berkshire School Board candidates will be present to introduce themselves and to take questions.

Warrants: Warrants #10495 thru #10524 were approved and paid.

As there was no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m. by a motion from Mr. Whiting and seconded by Mr. Miller. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer