

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

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

Regular Meeting
October 7, 2019

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Ken Burnett, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:00 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 September 16, 2019 were approved as corrected with a motion from Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Whiting. Vote: Mr. Burnett – yes, Mr. Whiting – yes and Mr. Miller – yes.

Candidates for the Berkshire Local School District Board of Education: All candidates currently running for the Berkshire Local School District Board of Education were given time to introduce themselves to the public and answer questions. Linda Stone, Mary Hipp, Jody Miller, Jim Boyd and Bryan Wadsworth were present.

Zoning: Four permits were issued in the month of September. They were for a garage, a garage addition, an accessory building and an addition to an accessory building. There was a variance requested for a fence. It was discussed that schools and parks only have to make a reasonable attempt for zoning. They are not required to get a conditional use permit or apply for a variance.

Public Comment: Mr. Don Rice from the Metzenbaum Center was present to discuss the upcoming renewal levy. The renewal will make the levy continuous. Mr. Rob Demko was present to thank the Trustees for the ditching that was completed on Station. Mr. Demko would like the drive pipe looked at to see if it is stable. Mr. Burnett will contact the Geauga County Engineer's office to see if they have a temporary solution for the Station Road until the Township receives word about the 2020 OPWC grant money.

Cemetery: None.

Fire Department: No one in attendance. A fire contract was received for 2019. The Burton Volunteer Fire Department is proposing a zero percent increase from January 1st through July 31st and then a six percent increase beginning August 1st. No action was taken.

Park Committee: No one in attendance. A resume was forwarded to the park committee for an open committee position.

Roads: The 2020 project list was submitted to the County Engineer's office. The ditch was cleaned out on Station. A large limb was taken down on Hotchkiss. The apron was repaired at Pleasant Hills Cemetery. The pipes were cleaned out at the access drive to the oil well. The Administration Building parking lot was lined. The bids for the full depth repairs on the township roads were discussed. The bids came in at Ronyak Paving - \$31,645.00 and Chagrin Valley Paving - \$34,758.00. Mr. Miller made a motion to contract with Ronyak Paving contingent on the clarification of their 6" repairs. Mr. Whiting seconded this motion. Vote: Mr. Burnett – yes, Mr. Whiting – yes and Mr. Miller – yes.

Fiscal Officer: There was a discussion about the opening and closing of the administration building on Election Day.

Old Business: There is an annexation hearing on the Hillside property on December 10, 2019 at 10:00 am. There has been no correspondence with the Village of Burton regarding a JEDD. The Berkshire Local School District received a MOU about the JEDD. It was sent to their legal counsel. Mr. Dan Demko would like to know if the Township Trustees are open to any more negotiations about the annexation of his property with the Village of Burton. The Trustees stated that they would be open to negotiations if the Village would bring new information to the discussion.

New Business: The next Geauga County Township Association meeting is November 13th. It is hosted by Montville Township.

The next regular meeting will be October 21, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

Warrants: Warrants #10525 thru #10548 were approved and paid.

As there was no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. by a motion from Mr. Whiting and seconded by Mr. Miller. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer