

BERLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting September 24, 18

HELD AT: Berlin Township House, 3271 Cheshire Rd., Delaware, OH

CALL TO ORDER: Ken O'Brien Trustee Vice-Chairman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Trustee O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Ron Bullard absent, O'Brien, Tom D'Amico and Claudia Smith, Fiscal Officer.

ATTENDANCE: Sheila Hiddleson, Steve Flaherty, Craig Hall, Ron & Markus Miller and Chris Paykoff

PUBLIC COMMENT: O'Brien stated that Bullard was not here and he was sitting in for him as vice-chairman and asked if there was any public comments, hearing none they moved to the next item on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes –
The 9/10/18 regular meeting minutes were not approved since D'Amico was not at the meeting.

RESOLUTION 18-09-18 APPROVE THE 9/17/18 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AND DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF SAME

Motion: D'Amico
Second: O'Brien
Vote: O'Brien yes and D'Amico yes

Old Business -
Fall Newsletter – D'Amico asked that the articles be in to Rippel by this week.

BZC Proposed CLUP –
Flaherty said the BZC requested that something be put in the newsletter regarding the Comprehensive Land Use Plan survey. He said they are doing a survey both on the phone done digitally either through a Facebook page or Next-door and then for the people that would look at the newsletter, our survey could be added to the newsletter where the residents could send it in. O'Brien asked if the information would be kept for records retention and Flaherty said they would compile the information in an Excel spreadsheet doing a data dump from Survey Monkey for the digital survey and for the mailed in surveys they would enter them by hand. D'Amico asked that Flaherty get something to Rippel this week. Flaherty said he does not think there is a cost for the Survey Monkey survey because of the size but he would like something to be approved just in case.

O'Brien said they would like to take a moment of silence for the death of our BZA chairman that recently passed away. D'Amico said he was the chairman for a long time and a great guy and he will be sadly missed.

RESOLUTION 18-09-19 APPROVE UPTO \$200 FOR SURVEY MONKEY FOR THE BZC COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN SURVEY

Motion: D'Amico
Second: O'Brien
Vote: O'Brien yes and D'Amico yes

Township Hall Painting Quotes – D'Amico asked that we review the quotes until later in the meeting.

2019-Posted Roads – O'Brien said he asked if Brown Township wanted to post Baker road with us and the answer was no. The other two roads that could be posted are Sweeney and Roloson. He said Bullard said it was not effective because they can pay for a permit but people that miss the curve at Kroger's they take Curve to Sweeney and tear it up in multiple places but it is only two roads. D'Amico said there are loopholes so he doesn't think it's effective.

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**RESOLUTION APPROVE NO ROADS BE POSTED IN 2019
18-09-20**

Motion: O'Brien
Second: D'Amico
Vote: D'Amico yes and O'Brien yes

*******7:15 P.M. TIME CERTAIN****HEALTH DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION*******

Sheila Hiddleson Delaware County Health Commissioner said they could also write an article for our newsletter if we were interested. She gave an update on the happenings at the health district and shared some flyers with the trustees. She said it is fly time and the first flu clinic opens this week in Orange Township. They will also be opening a satellite office in Sunbury at the Kroger center. She said they are focusing on the vaping cigarettes, as there is something new called jewel. It looks like a flash drive but there is enough nicotine in it to equal a pack of cigarettes and they are using flavors such as cotton candy which makes it enticing to children. D'Amico asked her to send an article to Rippel for the newsletter. O'Brien asked if she could get a list of items that are recyclable for the spring newsletter since people are confused. O'Brien asked if they had translators for people that do not speak English and Hiddleson said they do. D'Amico said the opioid epidemic is bad in Franklin County and asked how bad it was in Delaware. Hiddleson said it was bad and they had their largest number of deaths last year. She explained what they are doing on this subject.

Fiscal Officer Items – Nothing

Cemetery –

Miller Landscaping Quote – Ron Miller said they are almost done with the hardscape side but the rain has postponed it. They hope to have it completed by next week. The eagle scouts put the bridge in which looks nice. He asked that they approve the quote for the planting of the plants, trees and shrubs and that Irwin said he would water everything when needed. They hope to have everything installed by the end of October, beginning of November.

**RESOLUTION APPROVE \$35,035.50 TO MILLER LANDSCAPING FOR ESTIMATE
18-09-21 #4457 FOR SOFTSCAPE PORTION OF MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Motion: D'Amico
Second: O'Brien
Vote: D'Amico yes and O'Brien yes

Township Hall Painting Quotes Continued – O'Brien said he threw out the two highest quotes and we had one from an employee. O'Brien asked D'Amico to talk to him first.

Road Department –

John Deere Tractor Replacement – O'Brien said he is in favor of this. Paykoff said they only charge us for the amount of hours that we use it.

**RESOLUTION APPROVE \$3,600 TO PARROTT IMPLEMENT COMPANY FOR
18-09-22 2019 JOHN DEERE 4052R TRACTOR TRADE IN**

Motion: O'Brien
Second: D'Amico
Vote: O'Brien yes and D'Amico yes

Fire Department –

Requisitions – Chief Hall said currently they have gas fans on the trucks, which are not acceptable.

**RESOLUTION APPROVE \$2,196.00 TO FINLEY FIRE EQUIPMENT FOR EX-500
18-09-23 18 INCH VARIABLE SPEED FAN USED TO REMOVE SMOKE AND
CARBON MONOXIDE FROM BUILDINGS**

Motion: O'Brien
Second: D'Amico

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Vote: O'Brien yes and D'Amico yes

New Hires –

Chief Hall said he highly recommends hiring Guy Hatfield who works for BST& G and the fire chief there speaks highly of him. He would work every 6th day.

RESOLUTION 18-09-24 APPROVE HIRING GUY HATFIELD AS PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER UPON HIS PASSING THE PHYSICAL AT THE PROBATIONARY RATE OF PAY AND ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR

Motion: O'Brien
Second: D'Amico
Vote: D'Amico yes and O'Brien yes

Chief Hall said he highly recommends hiring Clinton Lainge who works for Johnstown and St Albans and both fire chief's speak highly of him. He would work every 6th day.

RESOLUTION 18-09-25 APPROVE HIRING CLINTON LAINGE AS PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER UPON HIS PASSING THE PHYSICAL AT THE PROBATIONARY RATE OF PAY AND ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR

Motion: O'Brien
Second: D'Amico
Vote: D'Amico yes and O'Brien yes

O'Brien said he and the chief talked about having a swearing in ceremony for the three captains and the three new firefighters later this year.

D'Amico asked what was going on Saturday north of Cheshire Road at Africa and Chief Hall said they received a call that a man fell off the bridge behind the condominiums while riding his bike on the trails. They found the patient within fifteen minutes and the total rescue time was forty-five minutes, which is the best run he has been on. He said there also was an incident at the pawnshop and they called the sheriff on that.

Trustee Items – Nothing

Zoning Department –

August Monthly Report – D'Amico said home sales have gone down. He said the new zoning inspector David Loveless is doing well and is very detail oriented. O'Brien said there are fewer signs on the roads but there are still some. D'Amico said he is working with the zoning inspector and the prosecutor to see what we can do. O'Brien said there is a sign on 36/37 and North Old State that should not be there as per Rippel it has never been permitted. D'Amico said we need to look into the companies that are selling portable sheds.

Future Meetings –

- 10/8/18 Trustee Meeting
- 10/21/18 Fire House Open House 1-3
- 10/22/18 Trustee Meeting
- 11/12/18 Trustee Meeting
- 11/26/18 Trustee Meeting
- 12/10/18 Trustee Meeting

Late Items -

O'Brien said they received an email about closing a road for three hours for a turkey trot at Piatt Road to Gregory Road and he is not sure about it. He suggested they invite her to a meeting.

RESOLUTION 18-09-26 APPROVE UPTO \$2,200 FOR PRINTING AND MAILING OF FALL NEWSLETTER

Motion: O'Brien
Second: D'Amico
Vote: O'Brien yes and D'Amico yes

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D’Amico said Rippel sent an email asking if she could let a developer use the hall at no charge for a meeting with property owners before a BZC meeting. He said if it is just prior to a BZC meeting, he does not have a problem with that. O’Brien said if we had a resolution that part of the zoning fee goes towards the ability for a developer to do that it would transfer money from the zoning department to the building fund. He could see that because part of the application is to get it through. He does not want to rush this and would need to check with the county prosecutor. D’Amico will check with Rippel. He said we could give them two or three meetings that would be part of the zoning application fee where they could use the hall for the sole purpose of meeting with property owners. O’Brien said that needs to be explicit. Smith said there would have to be a process where she moves the money from the zoning fund to the hall fund. O’Brien said this would be part of the application fee and no one could say the hall rental was not paid for and. In addition, when an applicate withdraws their application they get all the money back that was not spent, so they would not get this back.

D’Amico said with the passing of Mike Morrill as BZA chairman does the vice-chairman automatically get moved up. Smith said if they want to.

O’Brien asked if we moved up the 1st alternate to the vacant position when we approve Ray Armstrong. Smith said we did not. She said the alternates where Johnson and Flaherty so Johnson would move into the vacant position left by Spangler with term ending 2021 and Flaherty would be move to 1st alternate and Armstrong would be 2nd alternate.

RESOLUTION 18-09-27 APPROVE MOVING MARTY JOHNSON FROM 1ST ALTERNATE TO BZC WITH TERM ENDING 3/1/2021

Motion: D’Amico
Second: O’Brien
Vote: O’Brien yes and D’Amico yes

RESOLUTION 18-09-28 APPROVE MOVING STEVE FLAHERTY FROM 2ND ALTERNATE TO 1ST ALTERNATE OF BZC AND RAY ARMSTRONG TO 2ND ALTERNATE FOR TERM ENDING 3/1/2019

Motion: D’Amico
Second: O’Brien
Vote: D’Amico yes and O’Brien yes

D’Amico said we had trash issues again this weekend. Smith said the RFB is out.

Paykoff asked if we upped the budget for salt this year and thinks we should because every year we are short. O’Brien said we would check with Bullard.

RESOLUTION 18-09-29 MOTION TO ADOURN

Motion: D’Amico
Second: O’Brien
Vote: D’Amico yes and O’Brien yes

Meeting recessed by Vice-Chairman O’Brien at 8:42 P.M.

ABSENT

Ron Bullard, Trustee

ATTEST: _____
Ken O’Brien, Trustee

Claudia Smith, Fiscal Officer

Tom D’Amico, Trustee