

**BERLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

**7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting May 9, 16**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ron Bullard Trustee Vice Chairman

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fire Chief Craig Hall

**ROLL CALL:** Adam Fleischer Absent, Steve Flaherty, Ron Bullard and Claudia Smith, Fiscal Officer

**ATTENDANCE:** Fire Chief Craig Hall, Zoning Inspector Chet Heid, Joe & Toni Korleski & Chris Paykoff

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bullard asked if there were any public comments. Joe Korleski said he read on Facebook a post from a lady that said "The problem with this election is that one of them will be elected."

**RESOLUTION 16-05-01 APPROVE THE 4/25/2016 MEETING MINUTES AND DISPENSE WITH THE READING**

Motion: Bullard  
Second: Flaherty  
Vote: Bullard yes and Flaherty yes

**FISCAL OFFICE:  
April bank statement was signed.**

**2017 Budget** – Smith reminded everyone to be working on the budget and asked if anyone had any questions and there were none. Chief Hall said they started working on theirs today.

**Credit Card Compromised** – Smith said there was an issue with the Delaware County Bank credit card last week and they thought there had been some fraud on it but found out there wasn't.

Bullard asked how much we make on interest and Smith said this past month was approximately \$1,600. She said the interest rates are so low so unless they decide to invest in other things. Flaherty said as a government agency you are limited on what you can invest in. Smith said previously they only had money in Star Ohio and then they came out with Star Plus so she moved some money to it and it does give a higher interest rate. Bullard said the reason he was asking was to see how much interest we would lose if we purchased the property we have been discussing. Flaherty asked if Smith could put it all in Star Plus and Smith said she wasn't sure and she knows she can transfer money from Star Ohio to the checking account when she needs to so she doesn't want to tie it all up.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
**Economic Development Updates** – Flaherty said Tony Eyeran provided him with maps of the Evans property and they are in the zoning office if anyone wants to see them. He had him provide them to us as a part of the bike trail meeting as he had included the mixed use pathways in the plan so people can see where the tie ins were and what the future of that development for trail ways meant. He also said they reached out to Orange for their comment on proceeding. Bullard said he heard they are dedicating three acres in Orange Township for a fire station and asked Chief Hall if there is anything our fire department needs. Flaherty said it is already part of the plan and they said they would give us several acres, three to seven and it does not have to be for a fire station, it is designated as general township use. He said that is their gift to Berlin Township as they are township people and want to give back to the township. Toni Korleski said Joe Ciminello was in for an informal meeting and Scott Sanders developed a zoning section specifically for them for a piece of their property and said it was something they should look at instead of trying to fit their thing into our zoning. Bullard said state law allows them to bring a plan to zoning anytime they want to and it's up to the zoning commission to take a look at it. We have our planned districts that we suggest they use and try to fit everything into. Flaherty said Evans is looking at an NCD, neighborhood commercial development. Korleski said we can't use an NCD. Flaherty said we can change the zoning to use it. If you look at the NCD text it is

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forbadum what Evans is trying to do in the commercial area. We can change the zoning code simultaneously to say you can have an NCD.

Flaherty said on April 25<sup>th</sup> he met with Bob Lamb, Delaware County Economic Develop Director, and they are committed to the success of Evans property and asked what our stance was on it. They are in favor us doing a JEDD as it will help with the infrastructure costs that will be needed years down the road. He mentioned the sewer upgrades that are needed for this property. He stated that the interstate changes for 36/37 are eight to ten years down the road as funding is needed. If they were going to fast track anything it would be the Big Walnut interchange. Evans has said they would contribute to this interchange. Bullard said that ODOT has sixteen million dollars supposedly that is available to do some traffic and road improvements and Berkshire Township is working hard to make sure that it is used along 36/37 towards Sunbury to help with the bottleneck.

**Property Purchases** – Bullard said he had nothing new.

**CEMETERY:** Bullard said they are getting ready to pour foundations and they received a letter from Stewcare. Flaherty said that due to all the culverts we have added in the cemetery it is taking them longer to mow so they gave us a new price to mow the cemetery. Joe Korleski asked about the cemetery on Route 23 and Bullard said it needs to come to us through the bankruptcy court. He said that part of it is in Liberty Township and part of it is in Berlin Township so that complicates things. Flaherty said the increase in mowing is a 29% increase and he felt it was awfully high and he would like to see how long it is taking them to mow. Flaherty said we could approve it and then get competitive quotes for next year.

**RESOLUTION 16-05-02 APPROVE STEWCARE RATE INCREASE FOR MOWING TOTALING \$997.27 PER MOW EFFECTIVE MAY 6, 2016, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY STEVE FLAHERTY ONCE FLAHERTY IS COMFORTABLE THAT WHAT HE IS DOING IS CORRECT**

Motion: Bullard  
Second: Flaherty  
Discussion: Flaherty said you are awarding this to them. Bullard said it is his option  
Vote: Bullard yes and Flaherty no

**Motion Failed**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Requisitions** – Chief Hall said they went through competitive pricing with three different companies and this was the cheapest and best offer.

**RESOLUTION 16-05-03 APPROVE \$3,040.02 TO COLUMBUS SUPPLY FOR VARIOUS SUPPLIES NEEDED TO FINISH COMPLYING WITH NFPA STANDARD FOR PPE FOR THE BOATS**

Motion: Bullard  
Second: Flaherty  
Vote: Flaherty yes and Bullard yes

Chief Hall said next week is EMS week and he would like to open the station up for residents to come in and get blood pressure and heart rate checks. He would like to have it placed on the sign. They are also doing the driving obstacle course and he took pictures and Rippel put them on Facebook. He said they went through the final preparation for the posting for the captain position and it will be going up tonight. They have two weeks to apply for it. Bullard said he went to the EMS county commissioners meeting today and there will be another meeting next week. He asked chief if he had any input and said he didn't have a problem with the chief attending the meeting. Chief said we had the best setup there is as far as taxpayers and residents go and how they work back and forth. Bullard said the request is that they be give money and then they will fund their EMS squads and his point is if the county is giving them money then the county is liable for what they are doing and someone needs to be in charge of how that money is spent. They are asking for six million dollars, \$600,000 per vehicle. Flaherty said the county has a service that is provided and if they opt that that is not good enough for their residents then they can go above and beyond

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but their levies and their funding should be designed around that and it should not be taxed to the other communities that are accepting of the counties EMS program.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

**Requisitions** – Bullard said we have three different requisitions one for a truck for \$89,500, one for a dump truck package to go on the truck for \$48,000 and then snowplow and slating equipment for \$11,000. He asked Irwin to look at a grant program the EPA has and he talked to one of the townships that has gotten some money and was thinking that would be a good idea if we could get half of it paid for by the EPA. He said we may not get the exact truck we want but he wants to look into it. Flaherty said he looked into the grant money and the problem with that is yes you can get money but it’s not the fastest timing and we would be close to putting our truck in jeopardy of having it for this season and getting it usable for the season. He also said it was a definite that you will not get what you what, you will get a truck and will not be able to pick out the specs. We have had problems with the international and have looked at a truck with an aluminum cab which would alleviate the rust problems we have had with the international. You are not going to be able to get aluminum through the grant program. You can’t even say you want a stainless steel bed. He said while free money is good in this instance he would rather us get a much longer life out of a truck both now and on a resale value. He would rather get exactly what we want as this is one of the most primary responsibilities of the township is to provide adequate road service in the winter months. He said is all in favor for getting this one as they have done their research and discussed it with other townships. Bullard said he would still like to look into the EPA grant.

**Part-time Employee** – Smith said Irwin asked her about hiring a helper through a temporary agency. She told him if the person works out you can hire them and if they don’t, you can let them go. She has only received one email asking about the position. Flaherty said he is not opposed to it. Bullard said he thinks it could help as they need help to run shovels for foundation work and mowing. He said if Irwin wants to go to the temporary labor pool at a rate not to exceed what our current rate is that’s fine. Bullard will work with Irwin on this.

**TRUSTEE DEPARTMENT:**

**Bike Trail Update** – Flaherty gave an update from the bike trail meeting where nine residents showed up. The main corridors are South Old State, Africa Road and Cheshire Road relieving some of the dangers on these roads by getting bikers off the road. The road warriors will still ride on the road as it is less dangerous for them to ride on the road than to have them ride where people are walking with strollers. He said he has talked to the director of ODNR and they are all ears when we are ready move. He said we are not looking at putting any funding to this but he would like to see a group be formed under the wing of the township but it doesn’t have to be a full sanctioned Berlin Township committee. His father has started several groups where he helps them create a non-profit 501C3 and they can get grants and run their group without us but we can help with their projects and lend funding. This is the direction he would like to see them go.

**ZONING DEPARTMENT:**

**Monthly Zoning Report** – Bullard said we are up a little bit from last year and Heid said this week has been brisk.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- 5/23/16 Trustee Meeting
- 6/13/16 Trustee Meeting
- 7/11/16 Trustee Meeting

**LATE ITEMS:**

Flaherty said the Evans project in Berlin Township will be larger than the project in Orange Township. We will have 1,100 homes and they will have 900, we will have 600 acres and they will 500 acres. He said he has had three different home owners association president or officers approach him and ask why were weren’t protesting this and he thinks we should periodically meet with the presidents or officers of the home owners associations to have two way communication so we can help reach our constituents and electors and let them know what is going on. People are more likely to be involved with their neighbors than they are the township, county or state. Smith said it seems like we are defeating the purpose of trustee meetings as we have them twice a month and they can come to them if they are curious to see what is going on and then you don’t have to go to each subdivision and

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repeat what was discussed. Flaherty said he wasn't going to each subdivision he's saying to have a joint meeting with a representative from each subdivision and we ask that their bylaws be on record with our zoning department so we have access. Bullard asked Flaherty what type of things he would expect to communicate in these meetings. Flaherty said he thinks it's just a regular general session of the initiatives that we have been looking at as a township. You can talk about the bike path stuff, the economic development stuff and the property purchase. Bullard said what happens to all the other in an HOA. Smith said he basically would be repeating everything that we are already discussing in our trustee meetings that they are welcome to attend. Flaherty said the Sherman Lakes people got bombarded with the 36/37 deal. Smith said we have been talking about it for years so they would know about it they came to the meetings. She said he should reach out to them and tell them that we have meetings twice a month and they should have a representative come to them. Flaherty said it was no different when the health department and the prosecutors come and talk to us. Bullard said what if we have a special session at a meeting and send them an invitation and see if there is enough interest moving forward. Heid said we should have it listed in the newsletter that way all residents know about it.

Smith asked if anyone replied to the counties request regarding salt and Bullard said he told Irwin that we would need 600 tons and he will make sure the paperwork is completed and turned in by May 13, 2016. Smith said we needed to approve the 2016 road improvement contract also. Flaherty said at the roads meeting Berlin Township had the longest list but not the highest dollar amount, so we have the most mileage affected and by being proactive we don't have to do the big projects.

**RESOLUTION            APPROVE 2016 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT  
16-05-04                WITH DELAWARE COUNTY AND THE SHELLY CO IN THE  
                                  AMOUNT OF \$197,936.46, WHICH INCLUDES ALL ROADS  
                                  LISTED ON THE PROJECT SUMMARY**

Motion: Bullard

Second: Flaherty

Discussion: Bullard stated that the amount did include a 10% contingency so we should actually be spending less.

Vote: Flaherty yes and Bullard yes

**RESOLUTION            MOTION TO ADJOURN  
16-05-05**

Motion: Flaherty

Second: Bullard

Vote: Bullard yes and Flaherty yes

Meeting adjourned by Vice Chairman Bullard at 8:42 p.m.

**ABSENT**

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Adam Fleischer, Trustee

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Ron Bullard, Trustee

ATTEST:

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Claudia Smith, Fiscal Officer

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Steve Flaherty, Trustee