

**BERLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

**7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting February 26 18**

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

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

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

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Timothy & Stacy Foor, Ray Armstrong, Brad Cook, Ken Bird, Barb Sherman, Candace Myers, Jo & Toni Korleski and Steve Flaherty

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** O'Brien asked if there was any public comment and that they had three minutes to speak on any topic that was relevant to the township. Toni Korleski said the BZC is planning on reviewing and updating the comp plan, which is almost ten years old and last time it was done took about a year and a half to complete. She would like to get more input from the residents. She said they would be asking committee members to do work outside of the normal meeting and was asking the trustees if they would be compensated for it. O'Brien asked Korleski to get sewer capacity information and find out how much the RPC would charge to help. They agreed to discuss it with Bullard at the next meeting. Joe Korleski said when they did it last time they went house to house and they need more input from residents.

Barb Sherman commented that their property is the only large partial that will not be serviced by the sewer coming to Hyatt's Road. O'Brien suggested she contact Barb Lewis.

Steve Flaherty said Orange Township just updated the comp plan and used OSU and got a lot of discounted stuff so they might want to check it out. He also suggested that they talk to Bob Lamb since they are doing the 36/37 Corridor study. He said Facebook is our best platform to reach residents and suggested that the township be divided into four districts.

Tim Foor passed out copies of court documents from the legal cases against Fairview Cemetery. He said from reading our minutes we state that the receiver wants to keep the cemetery all one unit but the report shows that he does not mind breaking it up. If he sells off the back eight acres, we will not have any room for growth. He is asking the trustees to get involved as there are many issues and it is only going to get worse.

**Approval of Minutes –**

**RESOLUTION 18-02-12 APPROVE THE 2/12/2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND DISPENSE WITH THE READING**

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT –**

O'Brien read a report from the fire chief of recent fire activities.

**RESOLUTION 18-02-13 APPROVE RESIGNATION FROM FIRE FIGHTER NEAL BROCK WITH REGRET EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2018**

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

**CEMETERY –**

**Fairview Cemetery –** Steve Flaherty said the receiver had led them to believe that he was 99% confident that he would sell the cemetery property as a whole and that it would not come to the township. This looks like it might not happen that way as he is looking at selling off the 8 acres. Since October, he has said he has a buyer but we have not seen anything. O'Brien asked why couldn't the court call it insolvent and try it over to us. Flaherty said he doesn't think the prosecutor wants to go that route. They do not want the township to incur

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the liability of it. Chris Betts is the one that selected A.C. Strip based on his experience with three other cemeteries. He said to offset the costs of maintenance at the Fairview Cemetery we could install an ossuarium. O'Brien said part of it is in Liberty Township and Flaherty said the prosecutor and Liberty are aware of it and there would be some type of agreement made to pay Berlin a percentage.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT –**

**Evans Pay Rate** – O'Brien said he would vote to give him \$17 an hour for snow plowing and his current rate for any other duties. Smith asked if he would be doing other things. She said her concern is that they hired someone that only worked one day and she did all the paperwork with OPERS, etc. If he is only going to be doing snow plowing then she will not be entering him into the system until the fall.

**RESOLUTION 18-02-14 APPROVED ADJUSTING THE PRIOR APPROVED RATE FOR JEFF EVANS TO \$17 PER HOUR FOR SNOW PLOWING OR SALTING AND ANY OTHER WORK THAT EVANS AND IRWIN AGREE ON THAT IS PART-TIME BE PAID AT \$14.39 AN HOUR**

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

**ZONING DEPARTMENT –**

**Mike Bardash, Martin Johnson, Jason Acevedo, Steve Flaherty terms expire 3-1-2018**

**RESOLUTION 18-02-18 APPROVE EXTENDING BZC MEMBERS TERMS FOR FIVE YEARS: MIKE BARDASH TERM TO EXPIRE MARCH 1, 2023 AND BZA & BZC ALTERNATES TERMS FOR ONE YEAR: MARTIN JOHNSON, JASON ACEVEDO AND STEVE FLAHERTY TERMS TO EXPIRE MARCH 1, 2019**

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

**BZA Alternate Position Open** – Smith said there was an open position that we need to advertise for, and that we usually put it on the website and Facebook and if you want to pay for a legal ad in the Delaware Gazette. O'Brien said no to the legal ad.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**VOS Invoice & Alpha Dog Quote** – Smith asked if D'Amico had talked to VOS about the webhosting as she received a free year of hosting when she paid for the Domain name. D'Amico asked Flaherty and he said we did not need to pay for two. Flaherty said originally they were going to keep the hosting with VOS and Alpha Dog was going to continue writing to that Domain. Smith also asked about the invoice received from Alpha Dog about monthly maintenance when the website it not fully up and running. Flaherty said he received an email saying there was a broken link and that is why they cannot get the minutes loaded and that ComputerSmith is not helping D'Amico will follow up on this. Smith said she has not received any of these emails.

**Multi-Family Zoning Fees** – D'Amico said he does not think Heid has an answer yet and he is looking into how the City of Columbus does it.

**Mowing & Chemical Application Bids** – D'Amico said we have a new representative with the prosecutor's office who he has spoken to and he did not realize that the Request for Proposal would be 40 pages long but he should have it to us this week.

**FISCAL OFFICER ITEMS –**

**Census** – Smith said she received a letter requesting a contact person from the township for the county.

**RESOLUTION 18-02-16 APPROVE TOM D'AMICO BE OUR CONTACT PERSON FOR THE 2020 CENSUS**

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

**Credit Card Machine -**

Smith said she spoke with someone from First Commonwealth Bank about being able to accept credit cards as Rippel said people have asked if we accept credit card payments. The cheapest would be about \$30 a month and she does not think we have enough to warrant that. O'Brien said he would need additional information before he would vote on it and he does not know why Smith would want to have to deal with it as it turns into a mess, as you are not allowed to pay the 3% so you would have to charge for it and people would get upset.

**TRUSTEE ITEMS** – Nothing

**FUTURE MEETINGS –**

- 3/12/18 Trustee Meeting
- 3/16/18 Trustee Meeting
- 3/24/18 Spring Open House
- 4/3/18 State of the County
- 5/5/18 Clean-up Day

**LATE ITEMS** – D'Amico said we need to be working on the spring newsletter.

**RESOLUTION MOTION TO ADJOURN  
18-02-17**

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

Meeting adjourned by Vice Chairman O'Brien at 8:23 P.M.

**ABSENT**

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Ron Bullard, Trustee

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Ken O'Brien, Trustee

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Tom D'Amico, Trustee

ATTEST:

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Claudia Smith, Fiscal Officer