

BERLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting April 27, 20

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

CALL TO ORDER: Tom D’Amico, Trustee Chairman

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

ROLL CALL: Ken O’Brien, Tom D’Amico, Ron Bullard, Claudia Smith, Fiscal Officer, Theresa Taylor, Assistant Fiscal Officer

ATTENDANCE: Chris Rinehart

RESOLUTION 20-04-15 APPROVE THE 4/13/20 MEETING MINUTES AND DISPENSE WITH THE READING

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

Old Business – No Parking Resolution- Nothing new.

Piatt Road Expansion Project Update- D’Amico stated that we have three different quotes from qualified consultants. Bullard stated that he would want to have a public meeting with the residents that will be affected by the expansion before any decisions are made. D’Amico stated that the contractor could be picked ahead of time and by doing this the consultant could also help to explain all that will be done with those residents. Smith questioned if when we apply for an OPWC grant can we then also apply for a 0% loan for the remainder of the cost of the project. Bullard answered yes. Bullard stated that we would apply for both the grant and loan at the same time; if we do not get the grant then the project would not be done. D’Amico stated he would like to make a decision on which consultant will be chosen at the May 11th trustee meeting.

Fiscal Officer Items- Property Tax Extension- Smith stated that she had received an email from George Kaisa that he and Treasurer Ringle are discussing and going to present to the State Tax Commissioner to extend the second half of the year property tax bill due date from July 10th to August 20th, 2020. By doing this that means that the townships portion will be delayed until the first part of September.

RESOLUTION 20-04-16 APPROVE AN REA FOR THE PIATT ROAD OPWC GRANT PROJECT

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

RESOLUTION 20-04-17 RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO ORC 121.22(G)(3) FOR CONFERENCES WITH AN ATTORNEY FOR THE PUBLIC BODY CONCERNING DISPUTES INVOLVING THE PUBLIC BODY THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF PENDING OR IMMINENT COURT ACTION- THREE TRUSTEES, FISCAL OFFICER, ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER AND CHRIS RINEHART TO ATTEND- 6:32 P.M.

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

RESOLUTION 20-04-18 MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION- 6:49 P.M.

Motion: O’Brien
Second: Bullard

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Vote: D’Amico yes, Bullard yes and O’Brien yes

D’Amico “We met in executive session and no decisions were made and no actions were taken”.

D’Amico stated that the discussion is if the board is going to change their opinion on moving forward with negotiations. Rinehart stated there had been a counter proposal and he was seeking out if the position of the township had changed. Rinehart asked if O’Brien could be the point person on the negotiations.

RESOLUTION 20-04-19 MOTION TO APPOINT TRUSTEE O’BRIEN TO ATTEND COURT CONFERENCES AND ENGAGE IN SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS, DOCUMENT TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD TO BE EITHER ACCEPTED OR REJECTED

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

Recess at 6:52 p.m. Returned at 6:54 p.m.

Cemetery- Nothing new.

Zoning Department- D’Amico stated that Rippel asked if the Township Hall was going to be opened or closed for the month of May. The trustees decided to keep it closed.

RESOLUTION 20-04-20 MOTION TO CONTINUE CLOSURE OF THE TOWNSHIP HALL FOR ANY AND ALL RENTALS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

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

Fire Department- O’Brien asked to go into executive session.

RESOLUTION 20-04-21 RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO ORC 121.22 (G)(4) FOR PREPARING FOR, CONDUCTING, OR REVIEWING NEGOTIATIONS OR BARGAINING SESSIONS WITH PUBLIC EMPLOYEES CONCERNING THEIR COMPENSATION OR OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT- THREE TRUSTEES, FISCAL OFFICER, ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER TO ATTEND- 7:00 P.M.

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

RESOLUTION 20-04-22 MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION- 7:22 P.M.

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

D’Amico “We met in executive session and no decisions were made and no actions were taken”.

Road Department-

Bullard stated that the new tractor is in and also that the old one has a leak and it will need to be fixed. Bullard stated that the Fire Chief asked if the Piatt Road waterline would be changed from a 4-inch line to an 8-inch line. Del-Co stated it would not be changed and will continue to be a 4-inch line.

O’Brien stated he had received a few questions about ditches. Mainly being who is responsible for getting the water out of the ditches. O’Brien stated he knew that the

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township is only responsible for the ditches if they affected the roadway. With the question then being, can a resident get into the ditch to remove the water. Bullard stated that they could but it would need to be done in conjunction with the township to help improve the situation for the township and the resident. O'Brien asked Bullard to write up a checklist so that residents know the steps that would need to be followed if they would want to remove water or fix their ditch in any other way, including who would need to be called and what would need to be done in order to fix their ditch properly. Bullard said he would.

Bullard stated that in regards to the Curve Road speed study, that Riedel said they are willing to go to the state and ask them to lower the speed to 50mph. Bullard commented that in the past the state would not usually lower or higher the speed limit in increments of 5mph, it would have to be in at least an increment of 10mph or higher. O'Brien asked if the speed study was done after we requested it which was March 21st or before the request was made. Bullard stated that he would find out.

Bullard stated that the curve signs would be done in May.

D'Amico asked Bullard about the hiring of a new employee for the road department. Bullard stated that he had not looked into it yet due to Covid-19 and not wanting people to come in for interviews at this time.

Trustee Items-

Food Trucks- D'Amico stated that he was contacted about the possibility of food trucks being in the Berlin Township parking lot. O'Brien and Bullard said "no" because it can lead to many problems. For example, which food truck is chosen can lead to problems of showing favoritism.

Public Comment- None

Future Meetings –

- 5/4/20 Special Meeting Permissive Tax Hearing
- 5/11/20 Trustee Meeting
- 5//26/20 Trustee Meeting
- 6/8/20 Trustee Meeting
- 7/13/20 Trustee Meeting

Late Items – D'Amico stated that he had called the electric contractor that did the Township Hall lights and has not heard back from him.

**RESOLUTION MOTION TO ADJOURN
20-04-23**

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

Meeting adjourned by Chairman D'Amico at 8:00 P.M.

Tom D'Amico, Trustee

ATTEST:

Ron Bullard, Trustee

Theresa Taylor, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Ken O'Brien, Trustee