

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2013

Walters called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall with all Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Lyon and all department heads present except Poindexter. He requested that all cell phones be turned off at this time.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Speaks – No one came forward.

Acting Chief Ty Bissler presented the Board with a plaque from the Police Department in memory of Law Director Neal Fitzgerald. He said Neal's "knowledge regarding Township law was invaluable and irreplaceable."

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to accept the plaque. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 08/13/13 A

Walters presented a Certificate of Recognition to Warner Parks for his donation of \$1,000.00 to the Canton YWCA to benefit children living in the agency's two family shelters.

ATTACHMENT 08/13/13 B

Lemuel R. Green, Lead Side Lot Program Coordinator, Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation gave the Board a summary of what the Land Reutilization Corporation does. He said it has a program for the disposition of tax delinquent vacant lots to contiguous property owners.

There were some questions by the Board and additional discussion about how the process worked.

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to authorize the Board President's signature on the attached Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation (Land Bank) Side Lot Program Application. **3-0 yes**

Administration Department

RESOLUTION 13-057, ATTACHED JACKSON TOWNSHIP RECYCLING STATION LEASE

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to renew the attached Lease with the Jackson Township Recycling Station, Inc. for a one year term expiring August 31, 2014. **3-0 yes**

Fire Department

ATTACHMENT 08/13/13 C

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to accept the attached resignation from part-time firefighter Justin M. Snyder, effective July 26, 2013. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 08/13/13 D

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to accept the attached resignation from part-time firefighter Bartley Miller, effective August 1, 2013. **3-0 yes**

ATTACHMENT 08/13/13 E

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 228.210.5385, Other Expense, to account code 228.210.5318, Education/Training, in the amount of \$1,200.00. **3-0 yes**

Public Works Department

Highway Division

RESOLUTION 13-058, ATTACHED 2013 PAINT STRIPING OF ROADWAYS PROJECT

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion that we hereby determine that J. D. Striping & Services, Inc. is the lowest and best bidder for the 2013 Paint Striping of Roadways Project in the amount of \$41,609.41 in accordance with the Company's proposal and the Specifications and authorize the placement of the Board's signatures on the Contract. **3-0 yes**

RESOLUTION 13-059, ATTACHED ROSE HILL VILLAS ALLOTMENT STOP SIGNS

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion that we hereby adopt and authorize the placement of stop signs at:
Crimson Street NW to stop eastbound and westbound at Villarose Avenue NW
Villarose Avenue NW to stop southwest bound at Lafayette Drive NW
Sonia Avenue NW to stop southbound at Villarose Avenue NW. **3-0 yes**

Park Division

ATTACHMENT 08/13/13 F

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to accept a donation valued at \$16,155 from the Jackson Girls Softball League (JGSL) to repair fencing at softball fields 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12 in accordance with the attached quote. **3-0 yes**

Gonzalez said there were questions when the Park Levy was being discussed as to why user fees were not being charged. He said a lot of contributions are made by the organizations that use the fields.

Zoning & Planning Department

RESOLUTION 13-060, ATTACHED

NOXIOUS WEEDS – LOT 9 ON CHIPPEWA AVENUE NW, PORTAGE PARK ESTATES 1, PARCEL NO. 16-04137, JACKSON TOWNSHIP, OHIO

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion whereas, the Jackson Township Board of Trustees, having been informed in writing that noxious or other harmful weeds are growing on the lands in charge of Bertha Huthmacher in Jackson Township described as follows: Lot 9 on Chippewa Avenue NW, Portage Park Estates 1, Parcel No. 16-04137, Jackson Township, Ohio.

Be it resolved that said Bertha Huthmacher, whose tax mailing address is 1706 Faircrest Street SW, Canton, OH 44706, be notified by serving on them by certified mail with return receipt requested, a written copy of this resolution that said noxious weeds are growing on such lands and that, pursuant to ORC Section 5579.05, they must be cut or destroyed within five (5) days after the service of such notice or show this Board cause why there is no need for doing so. The owner shall have a continuing duty to cut or destroy the noxious weeds every 30 days from the date of this Resolution until October 31, 2013. If the owner fails to meet this obligation within the five-day period, or the subsequent 30 day periods, the Township will mow at \$150.00 per hour with a \$400.00 minimum charge per lot or parcel. As stated in our prior courtesy letter to you, pursuant to ORC Sections 5579.06 and 5579.07, a \$150.00 administrative fee per lot or parcel will be placed on your tax duplicate. **3-0 yes**

RESOLUTION 13-061, ATTACHED

NOXIOUS WEEDS – 6261 REDFORD ROAD NW, LOT 72, PINE CREEK ALLOTMENT 3, PARCEL NO. 16-21394, JACKSON TOWNSHIP, OHIO

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion whereas, the Jackson Township Board of Trustees, having been informed in writing that noxious or other harmful weeds are growing on the lands in charge of Christ Poa in Jackson Township described as follows: 6261 Redford Road NW, Lot 72, Pine Creek Allotment 3, Parcel No. 16-21394, Jackson Township, Ohio.

Be it resolved that said Christ Poa, whose tax mailing address is 1490 Springwood, Uniontown, OH 44685, be notified by serving on them by certified mail with return receipt requested, a written copy of this resolution that said noxious weeds are growing on such lands and that, pursuant to ORC Section 5579.05, they must be cut or destroyed within five (5) days after the service of such notice or show this Board cause why there is no need for doing so. The owner shall have a continuing duty to cut or destroy the noxious weeds every 30 days from the date of this Resolution until October 31, 2013. If the owner fails to meet this obligation within the five-day period, or the subsequent 30 day periods, the Township will mow at \$150.00 per hour with a \$400.00 minimum charge per lot or parcel. As stated in our prior courtesy letter to you, pursuant to ORC Sections 5579.06 and 5579.07, a \$150.00 administrative fee per lot or parcel will be placed on your tax duplicate. **3-0 yes**

Fiscal Office

ATTACHMENT 08/13/13 G

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$1,776,376.76.

3-0 yes

ATTACHMENT 08/13/13 H

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2013 Board of Trustees' meeting.

3-0 yes

ATTACHMENT 08/13/13 I

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to approve the July 2013 Financial Reports.

3-0 yes

Gonzalez gave a brief explanation about the Alternate Tax Budget Document. He pointed out some differences from previous years. He said the Local Government Fund would probably shrink a little. He commended the safety forces for setting up the Capital Funds that may be the key in preventing shortfalls and layoffs. He said the departments have done a good job living on money that is five to ten years old and by not replacing retired employees.

RESOLUTION 13-062, ATTACHED 2014 ALTERNATE TAX BUDGET DOCUMENT

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion that we hereby adopt Alternate Tax Budget Document for Fiscal Year 2014 as required by the Stark County Budget Commission in their attached August 6, 2013 directive and pursuant to the July 13, 2006 action of the Stark County Budget Commission, authorize the Township Fiscal Officer to sign the Alternate Tax Budget Document and authorize the Township Fiscal Officer to file said Alternate Tax Budget Document with the Stark County Auditor's Office.

3-0 yes

ATTACHMENT 08/13/13 J

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to approve the appropriation transfer request from account code 101.150.5804, County Auditor Fees, to account code 101.150.5656, Inventoried Equipment, in the amount of \$10,300.00.

3-0 yes

Routine Business

Announcements

- Next regular Board of Trustees meeting, August 29, 2013, 4:00 p.m., Executive Session and/or Work Session; 5:00 p.m., General Session, Township Hall.
- LOGIC, September 5, 2013, 9:00 a.m., Jackson Safety Center, Chiefs' Conference Room.
- CIC, August 19, 2013, 8:00 a.m., Township Hall.

- Zoning Commission, August 15, 2013, 5:00 p.m., Township Hall.
- Citizens Advisory Committees:
 - Community Celebration, September 11, 2013, 5:30 p.m., Township Hall.
 - Park, September 11, 2013, 6:30 p.m., Township Hall.
 - Highway/Traffic, November 13, 2013, 6:30 p.m., Township Hall.
- Friends of the Park, September 11, 2013, 7:00 p.m., Township Hall.
- Jackson Township Recycling Station Board, August 28, 2013, 11:00 a.m., Buehler's Community Room.
- Jackson Farmers Market, Thursdays through September 19, 3:00 – 6:30 p.m., North Park.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Public Speaks – Open Forum

No one came forward.

Walters called a short recess until 5:30 p.m.

ATTACHMENT 08/13/13 K

At 5:30 p.m., Walters called the General Session back to order and opened the Public Hearing for the proposed Streetlighting District on Concord Street NW. He turned the meeting over to Fiscal Officer Gonzalez.

Gonzalez told the Board a petition has been received for a streetlighting district and that it has been signed by 51% of the property owners. He explained that the Board has a street lighting fund that has been building up for approximately ten years for projects like this. He said it pays for the upfront cost to erect the lights and then the property owners are assessed for the installation cost which goes back into the fund. He said the estimated cost per lot is \$73.24 per year for the first five years and after that the amount is \$19.40 per year for operating costs.

Walters asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor of the district.

Sue Street of 1320 Concord said she was in favor of the district because it is a dark street with a lot of traffic, walkers and children.

Teresa Ponchak of 1150 Concord said she was in favor.

Walters closed that portion of the hearing. He asked if anyone wanted to speak out in opposition to the district.

Several people were opposed because of the cost, aesthetics and the fact that it does not necessarily inhibit crime.

Those speaking out in opposition were:

Frank Gessel of 1125 Concord

Mary Aaby of 1155 Concord

William Smith of 2556 Stahl

Michelle Semple of 1261 Concord.

Walters closed that portion of the hearing.

Gonzalez read several opposition letters into the record. He said one was from Greg Price and there were two other e-mails in opposition. He also explained that the pole was chosen because of price. He said a more decorative pole would be very expensive.

The Board asked Ms. Street several questions. There was some additional discussion between the Board and residents.

Pizzino moved and Walters seconded a motion to continue the hearing at the August 29 meeting. **3-0 yes**

It was suggested that a letter be sent to the petition signers explaining the type of pole and the cost. If they want to remove their name from the petition they can attend the meeting on August 29, send an e-mail, write or come to the Hall during business hours.

Walters moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Police Department Personnel (Appointment/Employment/Compensation). **3-0 yes**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Public Works Department (Park Division) Personnel (Appointment/Employment/Compensation). **3-0 yes**

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for Administration Department Personnel (Appointment/Employment/Compensation). **3-0 yes**

Upon return from Executive Session, Walters called the General Session back to order.

Walters moved and Hawke seconded a motion to adjourn. **3-0 yes**

James Walters

Randy Gonzalez