

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Oxford Township Board of Trustees

Held November 10, 2020 at 8:00 p.m., Page 596

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Oxford Township was called to order by Chairman Lewis.

Roll call: Steve Lewis, present; Jim Hatten, present; Craig Pittman, present. Also present: Jim Viers, Duane Matlack, Amee Sword, Director of the Wornstaff Memorial Public Library and George Patterson, resident.

Minutes of the October regular meeting were previously read by each trustee and a motion was made by Hatten and seconded by Pittman to approve the minutes as read and presented. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried. The bank statement and the bank reconciliation for October were reviewed and initialed by the trustees.

Financial Report - October 31, 2020 balances: Total \$354,490.84

1000 - \$152,964.23    2031 - \$ 5,820.78    4951 - \$ 2,563.30

2011 - \$ 11,446.09    2041 - \$ 2,183.26    4952 - \$ 1,286.94

2021 - \$160,904.20    2231 - \$17,252.96    9001 - \$ 69.08

Amee Sword, Director of the Wornstaff Memorial Public Library updated trustees on the following:

- The Hot Spots used for internet service are now available to be checked out from the library. The Hot Spots were purchased through a grant from the Cares Act / Library Service Technology Act.
- The Library also received \$25,000.00 from the Cares Act for reimbursement of masks, wipes, equipment and salary.

Joyce Leienberger Fiscal Officer updated trustees on the following:

- The special meeting with the Village of Ashley regarding the appointment of a board member to The Ashley Union Cemetery Board will be held at the Ashley Municipal Building on December 1, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.
- Informed trustees that Dave Wheeland's term on the Oxford Township Board of Appeals will expire on December 31, 2020 and Howard Thatcher's term on the Oxford Township Zoning Commissions Board will expire on December 31, 2020.

Fiscal Officer Leienberger closed the Safety Deposit Box at the First Commonwealth Bank, Ashley branch due to the closing of the location. A motion was carried at the October 13, 2020 board meeting to open a new safety deposit box at The First Commonwealth Bank, Delaware Center branch. In doing so, The First Commonwealth Bank has asked for a copy of the minutes listing the authorizing signers. After discussion a motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Pittman to have the following as authorizing signers on the new safety deposit box at the First Commonwealth Bank, Delaware Center branch; Joyce Leienberger, Fiscal Officer and James Hatten, Trustee. Vote: Lewis, yea; Pittman, yea; Hatten, abstain. Motion carried. Leienberger and Hatten will set up an appointment to open the new safety deposit box.

There was discussion regarding the Delaware County Engineer's Office 2021 Road Improvement Program. Not knowing if the township has been approved yet for the OPWC Grant for Piper Rd. it is unclear the total budget for the 2021 Road Improvement Project. The trustees decided to do outside bidding on their own for the roads in 2021 and not participate in the Delaware County Engineer 2021 Road Improvement Program.

Hatten received notification from Doug Riedel with the Delaware County Engineer's Office in regards to a road tour of Oxford Township. It is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. They will be meeting at the township hall. Hatten invited the other trustees and Jim Viers to come along if they were able to make it. Jim Viers suggested that Doug should look at Wheeler Rd.

In regards to the election last week, Hatten discussed the issue of political signs on the property. Property owners can make their own decision if they want political signs on their property, but the township cannot have any signs with-in 100 feet of the front door of the township hall because it is used as a polling location. The discussion was in regards to the rest of the township property. After discussion a motion was made by Hatten and seconded by Lewis to not allow any political signs on any Oxford Township property. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried.

Duane Matlack discussed the property located at 8895 U.S. Highway 42, Ashley, OH 43003. To clean up the property, Mark Fowler, Delaware County Assistant Prosecutor, stated that since the original resolution was filed with-in the last year, it still stands and the township can go ahead with two new resolutions to move forward with the clean-up. The conditions have not improved since the violation letter for debris, trash and unlicensed vehicles were received by the property owner. After discussion the trustees approved the following resolutions:

- A motion was made by Hatten and seconded by Pittman to adopt Resolution No. 11-2020-11; DECLARATION OF NUISANCE AND ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE, PURSUANT TO R.C. 505.87, ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8895 U.S. HIGHWAY 42, ASHLEY, OH 43003. WHEREAS, the Board believes the Property is not maintained by the Property owner and is a nuisance

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as it contains vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris that is dangerous, unhealthy and unsightly, and; WHEREAS, the Board previously declared the Property a nuisance in Resolution 02-2020-03, such declaration and resolution being less than twelve months from the date of this resolution, and; WHEREAS, the Board hereby seeks to abate, control and/or remove vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris from the Property and recover its costs in so doing, all in accordance with ORC 505.87. Trustees have approved up to \$3,000 for the clean-up of the property. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried and resolution duly passed.

- A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Hatten to adopt Resolution No. 11-2020-12; DECLARATION OF NUISANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES, PURSUANT TO R.C. 505.871, ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8895 U.S. HIGHWAY 42, ASHLEY, OHIO 43003. This resolution will give the property owner 30 days to comply or action will be taken by Oxford Township of the removal of junk vehicles, with all costs to be recovered by the property owner per pursuant to R.C. 505.871. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried and resolution duly passed.

Duane Matlack, Oxford Township Zoning Inspector updated trustees on the following:

Zoning Permit:

- 11/3/2020 – Andrew Hanif, 2980 St. Rt. 229; 2557 sq.' New Residence.

Zoning Violation:

- Brenda L. Ramey, 8895 US Highway 42, Debris, unlicensed vehicles and trash. Sent certified mail on October 12, 2020. This will be the second nuisance order issued on this property.

BZA Cases:

- 10/12/2020 - Christopher Purcell, 2591 Shoemaker Rd., variance for 572 sq.' addition. The BZA meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2020, 7:00 P.M. at the township hall.

Current bills of \$35,586.47 were presented for approval and payment during November. After review, a motion was made by Hatten and seconded by Pittman to pay same. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried. (Cks -11087 - 11110 - \$31,990.11, Vchr. 96 - \$2,561.96, Vchr. 97 - \$12.00, Vchr. 100 - \$793.05, Vchr. 101 - \$182.08, Vchr. 102 - \$47.27). A list of these checks and their payees are on file in the fiscal officer's office.

This concluded the business for the meeting and a motion was made by Hatten and seconded by Lewis to adjourn. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Officer