

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Held October 13, 2020 at 8:30 p.m., Page 594

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, Doug Riedel, Liaison with the Delaware County Engineer's Office and Ron and Karen Nolting, residents.

Minutes of the September 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 September were reviewed and initialed by the trustees.

Financial Report - September 30, 2020 balances: Total \$363,797.81

1000 - \$162,512.18	2031 - \$ 5,803.26	4951 - \$ 2,563.20
2011 - \$ 13,193.65	2041 - \$ 2,183.26	4952 - \$ 1,286.87
2021 - \$159,389.12	2231 - \$16,835.67	9001 - \$ 30.60

Residents, Ron & Karen Nolting expressed their concerns of the zoning violations in regards to the property located at 8895 US Highway 42. Duane explained the process the township has had to follow which also includes the following; On February 11, 2020 a Resolution of Declaration of Nuisance and Abatement of Nuisance was passed by the Oxford Township Board of Trustees on this property per the Delaware County Prosecutor's office. The township hired Junk Pros at the April 14, 2020 meeting to clean up the property. The Nolting's stated that the property has more debris, trash and unlicensed vehicles sitting around now than it did back in April before it was cleaned up. Duane Matlack stated that the township was aware of the situation and has already issued the property owner another Letter of Violation on September 28, 2020. The letter states the owner has 30 days to clean up the property. The Delaware County Prosecutor's office is still involved and said since it was turned over to them within the last twelve months we could pass another resolution to have the property cleaned up for the second time at the cost of the property owner. To clean up the unlicensed vehicles the township would have to file a lawsuit against the property owner for the removal of the unlicensed vehicles and have them held at an impound lot at the expense of the township until the suit was settled. Duane assured the Nolting's the township is in the process of cleaning up the property again, but the township has to follow proper guidelines in getting it done. The Nolting's property value was increased by the county auditor and the Nolting's feel it should have decreased due the situation at 8895 US Highway 42. The Nolting's asked the trustees if they could put something in writing regarding the property at 8895 US Highway 42, that they could give the county auditor to help lower their own property value. Duane stated the county prosecutor said this is not a function of the township and recommends not writing a letter. The prosecutor's office suggested the Nolting's do a request of public records on the property to help them with their request to the county auditor. At this time Karen Nolting requested public records of the property located at 8895 US Highway 42 for the Zoning Violation, Declaration of Nuisance and Abatement of Nuisance. Fiscal Officer Leienberger will notify her when copies are ready to pick up.

Doug Riedel, Liaison with the Delaware County Engineer's Office discussed the final documents for the 2021 OPWC Grant Application for Piper Road. The project would reclaim, widen to 17' and overlay Piper Road from Steamtown Rd. to SR 229 and overlay Piper Road from Steamtown Rd. to Shoemaker Rd. Total cost of the project is \$407,700.00. Local funding for the project is 26%; Delaware County would pay 19.5% at \$79,502.00 and Oxford Township would pay 6.5% at \$26,500.00. After discussion a motion was made by Pittman and seconded by Hatten to designate Steve Lewis, Trustee as CEO of the 2021 OPWC grant project. Vote: Pittman, yea; Hatten, yea; Lewis, abstain. Motion carried. Doug also discussed having a road tour with the trustees. After discussion it was decided upon that Doug will notify the trustees and Jim Viers of a date in November that he is available. Doug asked trustees if they had any other concerns; Hatten stated the guardrail on Ashley Rd. just north of Maloney Rd. had been hit. Doug was not aware of that and will let proper authorities know. Pittman discussed the possibility of lowering the speed limit on Ashley Rd. He stated the traffic is so much busier and there are dangerous curves and intersections on the road. Doug explained that ODOT establishes the speed limits. The township would have to go to the county and have them do speed checks with counters. If there is enough data to justify the request it would be turned over to ODOT. The data is very involved; if enough traffic is currently driving the speed limit it is hard to get to lowered. It probably means they are just exceeding the speed limit and then local authorities need to be involved. Doug said he will voice the townships opinion with the county officials.

Tabled from the September meeting there was further discussion regarding posted roads for the 2021 winter season from the Delaware County Engineer's office. There was previous discussion regarding Piper Road and Steamtown Road. After further discussion a motion was made by Hatten and seconded by Pittman to have no roads posted for the 2021 winter season. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer Leienberger presented the following Resolution No. 10-2020-10; IN THE MATTER OF

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DECLARING TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OBSOLETE, UNFIT FOR PUBLIC USE, AND OF NO VALUE AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSAL. WHEREAS; the Oxford Township Board of Trustees is in possession of the following property that it has no use for; Dell Printer 1710n CN-OJ9884-48730-57J-00R1, Dell Printer US-OJHDF5-48730-18Q-070W, Dell Printer 1720n CN-ODK795-73190-872-2713, and Computer FS740. The Board hereby finds and declares that the property is obsolete, unfit for public use, and of no value and authorizes its disposal. A motion was made by Pittman and seconded by Hatten to adopt this Resolution No. 10-2020-10 Vote: All yeas. Resolution adopted. Jim Viers will properly dispose of the property.

Fiscal Officer Leienberger closed the Safety Deposit Box at the First Commonwealth Bank, Ashley Branch. The First Commonwealth Bank will be closing the Ashley branch on December 11, 2020. They have asked that the safety deposit boxes be closed and moved to another branch of the First Commonwealth Bank. She presented an inventory list of the contents from the safety deposit box. After discussion a motion was made by Pittman and seconded by Hatten to open a new Safety Deposit Box with the First Commonwealth Bank, Delaware Center Branch. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried.

Pittman discussed the tires on the 94' International truck. He stated they are getting very thin and felt we should get new ones put on before winter. Hatten also agreed. After further discussion a motion was made by Pittman and seconded by Hatten to get new tires put on the 94' International truck from Cardington Home & Auto for a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried.

Jim Viers discussed with trustees the Elm Valley Fire Joint District inspection report. There is no occupancy sign in the lobby stating maximum capacity and there were a few bulbs burnt out in the emergency exit signs. Jim is fixing both issues and will then notify the Elm Valley Fire Joint District for a re-inspection.

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

- 9/28/2020 - Rotary Products Inc., 9982 US Highway 42 N.; 20,000 sq.' Factory

Zoning Violation:

- Brenda L. Ramey, 8895 US Highway 42, Debris, unlicensed vehicles and trash. 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.

Current bills of \$26,703.08 were presented for approval and payment during October. After review, a motion was made by Hatten and seconded by Pittman to pay same. Vote: All yeas. Motion carried. (Cks -11059 - 11086 - \$22,528.44 Vchr. 86 - \$203.81, Vchr. 88 - \$2,543.24, Vchr. 89 - \$12.00, Vchr. 92 - \$1,093.28, Vchr. 93 - \$265.27, Vchr. 94 - \$57.04). 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 10:05 P.M.

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

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