

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2020

The Beaver Creek Township Board held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 10:05 am in the Community Center. Present: Van Nuck, Hartman, and virtually: Little and Meisner who called in at 10:10. Absent: Raybuck. There were 5 guests and Attorney Meihn was on the phone.

Consent Agenda:

1. Accounts Payable \$33,358.54
2. Meeting Minutes: September 8, 2020, Regular, September 29, 2020 Election Workers, September 29, 2020, Special meeting for hiring cleaning person.
3. Correspondence
 1. Project Graduation
 2. IT Right

Motion by Hartman and seconded by Van Nuck to accept the Agenda as presented. Four ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

Attorney:

The attorney talked about virtual meetings and will give us information for future.

Unfinished Business:

The two trees at the cemetery scheduled to be removed are still there.

New Business:

1. Financial Report. The treasurer presented a 3-page report, showing cash balances, but they do NOT balance with the Trial Balance. It will be worked on with the accountant next week. The supervisor questioned several line items that appear to show wrong balances: Cemetery Lots revenue and Office Rent revenue. Also, why are substitute secretaries not allowed to put thru money that comes into the township using the BS&A receipting program? She explained that was one of the treasurer's reasoning for the purchase of the BS&A program. Now we are back to doing it like it was done for years, a handwritten receipt. Supervisor accepts the financial report presented, dependent on auditor approval.
2. The supervisor stated that it is possible that both temporary/fill-in secretaries will no longer work for the township in that capacity because of treatment from the treasurer.
3. Discussion regarding snowplowing for the winter. Motion by Van Nuck and seconded by Hartman to hire Kelley's Lawncare to plow the office and transfer site and hire Lt. Morrow to plow the fire department. Roll call vote with four ayes, one absent. Motion carried.
4. No bids have been received regarding snowplowing fire hydrants.
5. Discussion regarding the new Zoning Ordinance. This has been at the County for over 30 days and has come from the planning commission seeking approval of the township board.
 - i. Camping currently states only on 2 ½ or more acres. The zoning administrator asked that it be changed to the same as South Branch, that you can camp on 1 acre and for a fee, can leave it on your property for up to one year. The planning commission has stated that it does not want to change.
 - ii. The clerk asked if planning commission had looked at Beaver Creek Ordinances to see if there were conflicts? Ordinance #31 regarding Dangerous Buildings is one example that seems to conflict with the proposed zoning.
 - iii. Are shipping containers allowed? The new zoning says they are not. (Problem being they have already been allowed by the ZBA.)
 - iv. Are tiny houses allowed?

Motion by Van Nuck and seconded by Little to return the proposed zoning ordinance to the planning commission with a list of notes from board members. Ayes: 4, one absent. Motion carried.

6. Cemetery issues that the clerk would like to clear up. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Little to make the following changes in cemetery records:
 - i. In 2002 a request was made for a grave opening by Judy & Robert Cooper, grave #10, Block 35, for Kathleen Hawley. Because of a dispute, they refused to pay the \$250 for said opening. I am requesting that it be entered into the cemetery records that Lot #1 will not be opened for Judy or Robert Cooper until this

amount is paid. I have asked Judy on several occasions to come in and see me so that this could be settled, but she has not.

- ii. November 1976, John Galloway purchased 10 grave spaces in Lot 101 and only one has been used, grave #1 for Alfred Galloway. I am requesting that the remaining spaces, #2-10, be deeded to Carolyn Helsel, Roscommon, by preparing a new deed.

Vote, Aye: Hartman, Little, Meisner, absent: Raybuck, abstains: Van Nuck. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Little to approve Jamie Hauserman as the Designated Assessor for Crawford County. Ayes: 4, Raybuck absent. Motion carried.
8. Zoning Report, everything going well.
9. County GIS: Motion by Hartman and seconded by Van Nuck to approve the payment to the County for next year's maintenance of the GIS system, in the amount of approximately \$1,200. All ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

Fire Department:

Reports are attached, showing a total of 278 runs for this year, up 17 from last year. The firemen are currently at GP for confined space, we will get the Jaws in two more weeks, and all five County fire departments are working on an "Accountability Board" to be used at a scene to account for all firefighters. Hinman resigned at the end of September and there will be interviews October 31 for her replacement.

Comment was made by board members in support of the fire chief who had a resident send him a note ending in "shame on you." The board did not feel that anyone that it was appropriate to shame the fire chief as he works hard for our community.

DPW:

Buggs is retiring, but will stay on the rest of the year until the new board decides on a replacement etc.

Clerk:

Still struggling with unemployment paperwork showing the fire chief is receiving unemployment benefits, which he is not. Send all paperwork to the attorney.

Public Comments:

Bonamie commented on WIFI/broadband in this area.

Motion to adjourn at 11:10 am.

Sharon K Hartman, Clerk