

# Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees

February 17, 2014

The regular meeting of the Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairman Mark Diedrick at 7:30 p.m. in the Pittsfield Township Hall. Trustee Mark McConnell and Trustee Forrest Mohrman were present as well as Fiscal Officer Tari Diedrick. Also present were 17 guests.

## **#14-51 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Motion was made by Mark McConnell and seconded by Forrest Mohrman to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2014. The motion passed on a roll call vote.

## **#14-52 APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Motion was made by Mark McConnell and seconded by Forrest Mohrman to approve the financial reports as presented.

Current fund balance	\$177,004.92
Balance on 1/31/14	\$336,415.71

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

## **#14-53 APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS**

Motion was made by Forrest Mohrman and seconded by Mark McConnell to approve the following purchase orders:

PO #25-2014	\$5,000.00	Lorain County Metroparks – Splash Zone
PO #26-2014	\$ 499.83	Lorain County Treasurer – Election Fees

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

## **#14-54 APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS**

Motion was made by Mark McConnell and seconded by Forrest Mohrman to approve the following:

- Vouchers #9-2014
- Warrants #9507 through #9530
- All totaling \$158,812.04

The motion passed on a roll call vote.

## **MEETING REPORTS –**

- RLCWA – Feb.12 - Mark McConnell
- CLCAD – Feb.13 –Mark McConnell
- OTA Conference – Mark McConnell and Forrest Mohrman
- WFD – Feb.5 –Mark Diedrick

## **OLD BUSINESS –**

Forrest Mohrman gave an update on the Quasar storage lagoon issue. He read a letter from the Ohio EPA stating that the property owner, Donald Ortner, no longer wants to pursue the land use as biosolid storage by the French Creek Bioenergy on his property. Therefore the issue with the EPA seems to be resolved at this point. The Army Corp of Engineers will be proposing a plan for the restoring of the property and the elimination of the lagoon site.

An update was given on the storage of the cemetery records. Mark Diedrick is pursuing quotes for the purchase of a fire-proof safe for the storage of the original cemetery documents. The cemetery records have been copied in paper form and also on a storage CD. The software purchased for computer storage of the records is not easily applicable to the Pittsfield Cemeteries. A spreadsheet is currently being created to store the data until another form of software is purchased.

The land purchase was discussed. Mark McConnell reported that the former land owner will be doing some clean-up of the property as soon as the weather permits.

A discussion was held concerning the Township dumpster service. Currently Republic Services provides biweekly pick-up of a 4-yard dumpster at the cost of \$107.62 per month. Although it was previously voted that the Township would switch this service to Rumpke Waste and Recycling for \$45.00 per month, it was discovered that the Township is still under contract with Republic Services until August of 2015. There is a substantial penalty for ending the contract early. In negotiations with Republic, they have offered a new price of \$51.00 per month for the same services.

**#14-55 APPROVAL TO CONTINUE CONTRACTED SERVICES WITH REPUBLIC WASTE SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP DUMPSTER**

Motion was made by Mark McConnell and seconded by Forrest Mohrman to continue with the contracted services of Republic Waste Services for the monthly dumpster pick-up for the price of \$51.00 per month. The topic will be reviewed again at the end of this contract. The motion passed on a roll call vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There has been a policy change with OPERS and the employees who are paid on a “per-meeting” basis are no longer eligible for OPERS retirement benefits. The Township can no longer withhold contributions to OPERS. These employees will pay Social Security withholding taxes instead.

Bert Latran stated his concern about a tree falling towards the road on State Rt. 58. ODOT will be contacted about the concern.

Forrest Mohrman read a letter from resident Lad Harrison concerning the overflow of a creek into his driveway when water levels are high. There was a discussion of the current ditch projects and the problems involved with the cleaning of the ditch on Route 303.

It was suggested that the Township newsletter be mailed in late April, before the May elections. An article about the State Bond interest money would be informative at that time. Also, the announcement of Pride Day on May 17<sup>th</sup> could be included in the newsletter.

It was announced that the Pittsfield schoolhouse was moved to its temporary location on this day. It will be located between the Town Hall and the township garage until its permanent location is available. The restoration of the interior will continue.

**#14-56 ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Forrest Mohrman and seconded by Mark McConnell to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The next meeting will be held on March 3, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

A work session was held after the meeting to begin the compiling of a policy book for the Township.

**THE PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

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