

Minutes of Penfield Township Board of Trustees Meeting

March 17, 2009

All of the trustees and 8 guests were present for the regular meeting of the Penfield Township Trustees which convened at 8 P. M. The minutes of the March 3rd meeting were approved with one correction – the acquiring of the tractor from Polen Implement should read “purchase” instead of “lease.” The correction was made.

The Fiscal Officer had notified the Board that she is temporarily unable to carry out the duties of her office due to illness in the family. She requested that a Deputy Fiscal Officer be appointed. Chairman Conrad then read Resolution 03-17-09 prepared by the prosecutor’s office appointing a Deputy Fiscal Officer. Upon motion by Younglas, second by Gordon, Richard A. Donahue was appointed to serve in that capacity without compensation. Roll call all yes. Chairman Conrad then administered the oath of office to Donahue and witnessed his signature on the Bond application.

Under the public comment portion of the meeting, Jackie Johnson suggested that the physical address for the hall be added to the website so that people searching the internet can find directions. She further requested that hand sanitizer service be added to the agreement for the park port-a-johns. Duane Johnson requested that, if the weather permits, the water be turned back on in the park by March 28th. Trustee Younglas will see to it. He further requested that the Palm Sunday Brunch notice be put on the sign in front of the hall. He remarked that the Reverse Raffle Fund raiser was a success. Al Leiby requested that a copy of the recently adopted Dog Nuisance Resolution be sent to the County Dog Warden. He presented the township with a gift of 14 original letters sent to residents of the township from soldiers serving in the Civil War, a report card from Penfield Union School from 1896, and, and a notice of the Sooy family’s 10th annual reunion from 1911. He presented this in a binder with archival sheet protectors.

Trustee Conrad moved to pay bills and sign purchase orders, second by Gordon. Roll call all yes. They then signed an order under Ohio Revised Code Section 505.86 requiring removal of the debris on the property at 22862 Indian Hollow Rd by June 1st. Failure to do so will result in the township contracting for the removal and placing costs as a tax lien upon the property. Final approval was given on the contents for the spring newsletter to the residents. The agreement with the Solid Waste District was taken up; basically there are no significant changes except that we will co-operate with a curbside pickup program this year. We are in compliance with the terms of the agreement. Upon motion by Gordon, second by Younglas they agreed to sign the contract. Roll call all yes.

Zoning Inspector Donahue reported that the Grudier property is now in full compliance with the court order. Since this is a permanent injunction, any further violation could subject the property owner to contempt of court proceeding.

Under the Trustees comment portion of the meeting, Gordon noted that in the purchase contract the replacement tractor mower model number was changed, it costs more money and is seven horsepower less. He was able to negotiate for the same model as last year, at the same price, which would not affect the government bid program for next year. Motion by Gordon, Second by Younglas. Roll call all yes. Under the same purchase program the loader tractor designated for this year does not have a self-leveling loader. It can be replaced with a model that has a self leveling bucket for an additional \$175 and external side view mirrors for an additional \$125. Both options are an enhanced safety consideration. The mirrors were requested by the roadman for safety when mowing roads. The purchase with the safety options was approved upon motion by Gordon, second by Younglas. Roll call all yes.

Gordon reported he met with a risk management consultant for OTARMA in the past week reviewing our policies and procedures for insurance purposes, which resulted in a few minor actions that needed to be taken, such as a checklist for vehicles lights, brakes etc. when they are used. He has arranged to obtain road salt through the County. He has suggested that we look into obtaining new high water barricades with lights and reflectors to be visible at night. He reported that the Alumni Band has requested their concert be advertized on the board in front of the hall. Trustee Younglas reported one burial in the cemetery since the last meeting. He stated that the bids for the Sooy Rd. project are still at the prosecutor's office. Donahue will follow up. Conrad remarked he had taken in a load of recyclables last week and was advised that if the milk jugs were separated, clear from the colored jugs, they would be worth more. Steps have been taken to point out the change to persons utilizing the drop off center. He also reported on his attendance at the annual meeting of the Lorain County Health District

There being no more business to be brought forward Gordon moved for adjournment at 8:55 P.M. second by Younglas. Roll call all yes.