

CAMDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FEBRUARY 18 2020

Chairman Trustee Ristas opened the **February 18, 2020** meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Hozalski, present; Ristas, present; Woodrum, absent; Karney, present

**OTHERS PRESENT:** A. Woodrum, M. Fannin

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

1. M. Fannin inquired who purchased the Mills property on Rowell Rd. Trustee Hozalski said it was Mitch Cloudt.
2. M. Fannin also inquired about a recent accident on Rt. 20 west of Baird Rd. A. Woodrum responded that a car went in the ditch on the icy road with no injuries reported.

**MINUTES:** Trustee Hozalski moved to approve the February 3, 2020 Board of Trustees minutes as Written. Trustee Ristas seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion passed. Trustee Hozalski moved to approve the February 6, 2020 Joint Zoning & Trustees minutes as Written. Trustee Ristas seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:** C. Allomong absent

1. Discussed vacancies on Zoning Commission Board. Trustee Hozalski noted that two individuals are interested in serving on the board: Scott Rounds and Marty Whitney. Further discussion tabled until next meeting.
2. Trustee Hozalski stated his opinion that the new job duties where the Zoning Board of Appeals secretary sends out the hearing notices to property owners and puts ad in paper needs to be revisited at the next meeting. He felt that all zoning records should be kept in the Township office and maintained by the fiscal officer's admin asst.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:** A. Woodrum

1. C. Karney reported that the new fire protection contract was received from Henrietta Twp and the check for the revised amount of \$8,500.
2. Pancake breakfast is set for Sunday March 29; notice will be on our website and Kipton Village will be notified.
3. The bottles on the air packs are still being tested; because the units are very old, it is probable that at least 2 or 3 will have to be replaced. These will have to be purchased from the original vendor to be compatible with existing equipment.
4. May need to purchase more new hoses to be compliant with new standards.
5. The tube heater in the second bay is not working. Wellington Indoor Comfort came out and gave an estimate of \$1,400 to repair the heater and another \$450 for a new board. So Dennis Grog Heating came out but was interrupted before he could give an estimate.
6. Upcoming firefighters' training includes "fools" training (a mock set-up with various emergency scenarios) at Norwalk fairgrounds and air pack training in Oberlin.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:**

1. Reminder – need resolution to participate and a list of roads for the 2020 Chip & Seal program by March 20, 2020.
2. Septic inspection at 303 needs a response to the EPA on the 4 recommendations. Gust Ristas will follow up with Tom Pippert.
3. Trustee Hozalski has been in contact with Steve Adams (LC Engineers office) and Don Romancak (Stormwater) looking for information on possible fees to be imposed by the LC Commissioners for ditch work done on the property of any landowner with easements. This will cause distrust from the landowners; before executing the easements recently received from LC County Engineers for prior ditch work, Trustee Hozalski will attend the Feb. 27 SWAC meeting to obtain more information.
4. Trustee Hozalski clarified that the easements recently received from LC Engineer's office were for prior ditch work, not for the 2020 SWAC application. He confirmed that we will not be applying for the 2020 SWAC per a motion approved at the Dec.16, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting.
5. Reminder that salt contract expires April 30; we still need to purchase at least 35 tons (90% of contracted amount).

**TRUSTEES REPORT:**

1. Trustee Hozalski inquired if Jim Morman from Wakeman funeral home had contacted the office. C. Karney has left two messages inviting him to attend a meeting but has not received a response.
2. Trustee Hozalski called Jeff Lee, property owner of the barking dogs. He informed Mr. Lee that Camden Township has adopted a barking dog ordinance that will be enforced by the Sheriff's Dept. and that compliance is the responsibility of the property owner.
3. Trustee Ristas that no one was pulled for the random DOT drug test.
4. Trustee Ristas contacted Rebecca Underwood, owner of the property at 48715 303, to discuss clean up of the property that was damaged by a fire over two years ago. She stated she intended to keep the property but was not able to clean up at this time due to poor health and financial difficulties. Ristas invited her to attend the next Board of Trustees meeting to discuss future plans for clean-up.
5. Trustee Woodrum was absent but asked fiscal officer to report on information received from LC Auditor's office relevant to tax levies. The estimated annual revenue if the 2.5 mill road levy was replaced by a 2.5 mill levy to build a fire station, the revenue generated would be approx. \$220,841 per year. This would be enough to build a fire station costing \$1 million. Further analysis will have to be provided by the LC Auditor to estimate the tax impact on residents.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

1. The permanent budget was approved by LC Auditor as submitted; copies of the amended certificate of estimated resources are in the Trustees' folders.
2. Just received an email from LC Auditor that NEXUS paid the lower amount of taxes based on the anticipated approval of all of the requested exemptions. This will reduce our annual NEXUS revenue to approx. \$74,000 for the first year. The latest certificate has the full amount of the NEXUS revenue before exemptions in the real estate taxes column so the far left column of the certificate is overstated; we will have to set aside sufficient funds to cover the potential shortfall from NEXUS.
3. Reports to initial: January Huntington and StarOhio bank statements.
4. Reports to sign: super BC for 303 equipment
5. MTD Reports for information: Fund Status Report, Payment & Receipt listings

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Reminder to plan for use of \$1,000 cemetery grant; must submit expense before June 30, 2020.
2. Reminder to return RSVP by tomorrow if attending SWAC meeting on Feb. 27.
3. Communications for the Health Dept. public meeting on May 5 at our 303 Complex is being completed by the Health Dept. personnel.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Gust Ristas will attend annual LC Public Health meeting at 9880 S. Murray Ridge Rd., Thurs Mar. 12 @ 5:30.
2. Message from Tom Kelly that an email posing as the CDC is circulating. The email invites the recipient to set up an account, and promises to send a full listing of all active infections. This fraudulent email contains and embedded link that will extract personal information.

**PAY BILLS:**

Trustee Hozalski **moved to pay the bills** providing the fiscal officer says the funds are in place. Trustee Ristas seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Trustee Ristas **moved to adjourn** at 9:01 p.m. Trustee Hozalski seconded the motion. All voted yes. Meeting adjourned.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

**Board of Trustees Meeting      Mon. Mar. 2, 2020      7:30p.m.      42 Court Street, Kipton**

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