CLAY TOWNSHIP
Board of Trustees Meeting

May 21, 2018

The regular meeting of Clay Township Trustees was called to order by Trustee President Dave Vore at 5:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and a moment of silence was observed for our military veterans and first responders serving our community and country.

Roll call:
Requarth, present    Woolf, present    Vore, present

Trustee Vore moved to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2018 regular Trustee meeting; motion seconded by Trustee Requarth.

Roll call:
Requarth – Yes    Woolf – yes    Vore – Yes

Hearing from the Public:

Larry Bridenbaugh, resident, inquired as to when the Township was going to start mowing the side ditches. Road/Cemetery Superintendent indicated they will as soon as they have things caught up in preparing the Cemetery for Memorial Day. Trustee Woolf indicated they are in the process of hiring part-time help to assist with the road and cemetery work. In following the Township hiring procedures, part-time help will probably not be hired until the first of June. Mr. Bridenbaugh expressed his concerns with certain weeds.

Gary Horstman inquired as to Fire Levy status by various precincts in failing at the last election. Trustee Vore indicated the precincts that failed.

Joe Garrett, representative from Trebel LLC for energy services on aggregation for residents. Mr. Garrett gave a general description on aggregation and how residents can get group a purchase discount. Aggregation is a program that must be voted in by the voters. Some of the changes in the aggregation program is that they can have set prices for the residents. Trustee Requarth inquired on the downside on an aggregation program. Mr. Garrett indicated residents are limited to who they can buy their electric from when an aggregation program is in place. However, residents can opt in and opt out with no termination fees. Trustee Vore expressed concern with it effects local company electric company (Dayton
Power & Light). General discussion. If the Township approves aggregation, residents cannot be pulled out of their existing supplier’s plan if they wish to continue. Trustee Requarth inquired about the process of getting the aggregation plan on the ballot and who would do the work in informing the residents on aggregation. Mr. Garret indicated that Trebell, LLC would provide the work in informing residents for the ballot issue. Trustee Vore requested information from other Townships similar in size for discussion. Mr. Garrett will send us additional information.

Resident Vernon Brown asked the Board for any advice on storm water and issues of water for him and his neighbors. He stated he has a lot of standing water after large rains and looking for proper channels to address the tile issue running through this property, which the tile entering his property comes through the Township property. He has been working with Stefan Bridenbaugh, Montgomery County Storm Water Management. Trustee Vore indicated for Mr. Brown to meet with Zoning Officer Brown and to have Road Superintendents Maleski work with Zoning Officer Brown to see what can be to clean out the clog tile. Trustee Woolf suggested possible grants that might be available for water issue areas; he would like to help with the project. Trustee Vore recommend to get with the County Engineer in working to resolve the problem.

**Department Reports:**

**Police** – Chief VanGundy shared appreciation to Ridge Church for their recent recognition of the Police Department this past week.

**Cemetery/Road** – Superintendent Maleski had nothing to report.

**Zoning** – Zoning Officer Brown had nothing to report. His report had been distributed earlier to the Trustees.

**Fiscal Officer:**

Detailed financial Information for February and March 2018 had been distributed earlier to the Trustees.
Fiscal Officer Limbert presented Appropriation Reallocations to allow for payment of bills. Trustee Vore moved to approve the Appropriation Reallocations; Trustee Requarth seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Requarth – Yes  Woolf – Yes  Vore – Yes

Fiscal Officer Limbert presented Blanket Certificates and Purchase Orders for the payment of bills. Trustee Vore moved to approve the Blanket Certificates and Purchase Orders as presented; Trustee Woolf seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Requarth – Yes  Woolf – Yes  Vore – Yes

Fiscal Officer Limbert presented warrants, electronic payments and payroll vouchers/warrants for approval. Trustee Vore moved to approve warrants and electronic vouchers as presented; Trustee Woolf seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Requarth – Yes  Woolf – Yes  Vore – Yes

Fiscal Officer Limbert reported that the “Township Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources” that had been submitted the county had been approved.

Fiscal Officer Limbert reported that the Township had recently received a $2,194.08 Capital Distribution for their continued participation in the OTARMA insurance program.

Fiscal Officer Limbert reported that he has been contacted by the accounting firm to start planning the 2016-2107 audit that is to be completed later this summer.

Unfinished Business:

Trustee Requarth reported that the mailbox for trash payments will be installed when the Road/Cemetery department get caught up on their mowing.

Trustee Requarth had received quotes for installing new exterior doors for the Township to replace the mail drop door that needs to be replaced and others that have begun rusting, etc. over the years. After reviewing quotes received for the door replacements, Trustee
Requarth move to accept the quote of $7,502.30 by Modern Entry System; Trustee Vore seconded the motion.

Roll call:
Requarth – Yes       Woolf – Yes       Vore – Yes

Trustees Reports

Trustee Requarth had received several inquiries concerning what is the Township going to do with the fire levy failing again. Trustee Requarth suggested looking at Fire/EMS services with the fire chiefs in a couple of months; however, he would not recommend placing it again on the November elections/ballot after failing twice. Trustee Requarth recommends the Township needs to discuss where we are going with the Fire/EMS services with the providers and their respective chiefs. The current contracts are through December 31, 2019.

Trustee Woolf reported the response he had received from our agent, Sean Spouse, concerning the questions we had on the recent health insurance manual change. The change in the manual was basically as a result of the HRA requirement and its presentation; not because a change in our coverage.

Trustee Woolf reported that with the current production schedule, late July/early August is when we can expect to see delivery of the new backhoe recently purchased.

Trustee Woolf reminded everyone of the Memorial Day service at Arlington Cemetery in the morning at 10:00am; everyone is invited.

Trustee Woolf indicated they have received several of applications for the Road/Cemetery part-time job. To facilitate the hiring process, he inquired as to any objections in doing background checks and drug screening on the individuals they are interested in hiring prior to the next Township meeting. Everyone thought that would be a good idea.

Trustee Vore moved to go into Executive Session inviting Chief VanGundy for the discussion of a personnel matter at 5:33pm; Trustee Requarth seconded the motion.

Roll call:
Requarth – Yes       Woolf – Yes       Vore – Yes

At 5:58pm, the Trustees returned from executive session.

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Trustee Vore moved to adjourn the meeting; Trustee Requarth seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Requarth – Yes  Trustee Woolf – Yes  Vore – Yes

Meeting adjourned at 5:59pm.

Jeff Requarth, Trustee

Steve Woolf, Trustee

Dave Vore, Trustee

Bradley E. Limbert, Fiscal Officer

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