

Eden Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2019

8:00 pm

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Baker, with all present standing to recite the pledge of allegiance. In addition to Mr. Baker, the following Eden Township personnel were present; Trustee Ken Hall, Trustee Don Glover, Fiscal Officer Chelsea Fulk and Road Supervisor Rob Nethers. A copy of the minutes, a monthly cash journal report and fund, appropriation and revenue status reports were given to the trustees. Trustee Hall moved to waive the reading of the minutes, Trustee Glover seconded the motion all voted in favor, and the minutes were filed for the permanent record.

Public Participation: NONE @ the beginning of the meeting. Prosecutors from Licking County arrived after attending Washington Twp meeting. They informed the board that there were 337 foreclosures in Licking County during 2019. There are multiple ways a foreclosure can process.

1) Sheriff Sale-county gets their \$ first, then the bank

2) Written Contract with the County Treasurer

3) County can bring forth foreclosure against homeowner. A Sept. notice of delinquent taxes is published, then one year to file against the homeowner.

4) Tax Sale-Tax Ease (a company for foreclosure situations) can buy the home for the exact amount needed---they charge 18% on their investment.

They also informed the board of the terms and conditions for vacant/abandoned properties.

Board of Revisions-consisting of Auditor, Treasurer and one other member. Property must go to 2 consecutive Sheriff Sales, thereafter the Land Bank can handle these properties where they typically tear down the home/structure etc and make the land more "attractive" to buyers to better the township/city/village etc.

Old Business: Trustee Glover said the amount of a job must remain under \$45,000 or it has to be bid out. Small's adjusted their quote and the amount came back at \$44790.75 for the project on Swick Holton/Blacksnake-Tarlton Rd. Trustee Hall said all members of the board thought the amount was \$50,000 but once he spoke with the prosecutor he was informed non-equipment purchases are \$45,000. Over \$45,000 would have needed to be advertised and bid out. Trustee Hall moved a motion to accept Small's updated quote/contract, Trustee Baker seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Trustee Hall informed the board he had spoken with Jillian Flowers @ the county about the equipment grant program. It is something that could be applied for but she would need additional info to give us more details/information. Ex: Year of vehicle, type of vehicle, make/model etc. Trustee Hall also informed the board he has talked with Rodney Lothes, trustee at Mary Ann Twp, regarding the amount they would be fronting for the Issue 2 grant on Stickle Road. Mr. Lothes said they haven't determined an amount yet but they have until October to decide.

New Business: Trustee Hall said he wrote up the rules and regulations for the cemetery. They are need submitted to the state before July 19, 2019. The board discussed the possibility of someone asking to bury a pet. They agreed the cemetery is not acceptable for this type of situation, unless being buried with their owner, in the same plot. The board agreed to add in the restriction of pet burials/purchase of plots for pets. Trustee Hall moved a motion to accept the rules and

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regulations regarding the cemeteries in Eden Township, Trustee Glover seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Trustee Hall said he feels we need to look into the hiring of an Admin. Assistant to the Fiscal Officer. He said he feels this is necessary due to the situation they had arise when Steve Little was the Fiscal Officer, and his wife became ill and he couldn't process all the monthly reports/checks/statements etc on occasion. He said he hates to see the township in this situation again when it could be avoided by having someone train alongside, Chelsea Fulk, to understand at least the monthly details needed to keep the township functioning in the event Chelsea was ever unable. He said he had briefly spoke with Mallory Hysong, township resident, when he ran into her in a store and she would potentially be interested if it is something we move forward with. Trustee Baker said he didn't like the idea and he was sure township residents wouldn't either, he doesn't believe they would want their tax dollars going to an unneeded cost. Fiscal Officer, Chelsea Fulk, said she believed it was a good idea and would be a great asset to the township if her absence ever occurred. She said for 5-10 hours a month approx. she could teach someone the monthly process needed to keep the township afloat. The cost to hire someone on an hourly basis is \$11.00/hour per the Organizational Minutes of 2019. Trustee Glover agreed with Trustee Hall and said they've been in the situation prior and if it is avoidable, he believes spending less than \$100.00/mo would be a great investment for the township. It was decided to table this topic to the next meeting, due to all members of the board not being in agreeance.

Road Report: Road Supervisor, Rob Nethers, said they has cold patched Baker Rd. S. Baker Rd N was graded and they spread limestone. They piped the salt tank onto the 2002 International truck, since the yellow truck isn't in road worthy condition. He informed the board there is water damage on Pine Crest Road. The culvert work needs completed asap on that road but the weather has to allow it happen. He also asked about Stickle Rd repairs prior to the Issue 2 project. The board said there is work to be completed prior to the project, such as culvert replacements, potential ditching etc. The board agreed to complete the Issue 2 application with Mary Ann Twp and determine the percentage we will front at a later date. Trustee Hall motioned, Trustee Glover seconded. Logging on Baker Rd S, they have drug logs up the road and there are pieces of log laying all over the road. Resident, Kyle Broseus, asked if the township could get the logging company to pay for the damages they have caused to the road? Fiscal Officer, Chelsea Fulk, will check with the Prosecuting Attorney to see. 150 tons of 57 limestone will be needed from Martin Trucking. Resident, Colby Perkins, had asked Rob when they could get his culvert installed. Rob said they would complete it ASAP once the weather allows and the ground dries out some. They were going to begin mowing today but the heavy rain we got last night ruined that plan.

Trustee Baker moved a motion to pay bills, Trustee Glover seconded. All in favor, bills passed for review & signatures.

Trustee Glover made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Hall seconded the motion and all Trustees voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

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