

Lee Township Special Meeting  
February 1, 2020

Present were Brad Boggs, Jesse Merckle, John Pyles, Kevin Winkler, Kris McPeck, Dave Caywood, Frank & Jackie Hinkle, Bill Brake, Jim Miller and Tony Arno. President Jesse Merckle called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

- Jackie Hinkle asked about renting space in the community center to hold music classes for the youth. Trustees stated that there are currently two rooms available and didn't see a problem with Jackie's request. Instructed her to work on the details and get back with them. Jackie asked about the piano and if it needed tuned. Kevin stated that he was told by the Rouse family who donated it that it needed tuned. Jackie was going to contact someone she knew to find out if he would be willing to tune the piano.
- Tony Arno, representing Equitrans Midstream, stated that the Jackson 10 project had not started yet. He would like to have a RUMA on TR 494, 495 & 724. Trustees looked over the maps presented by Tony. Tony stated that would bring the new RUMA to the March meeting.
- Bill Brake stated that some road repairs need completed on TR 437. Bill said the road needs ditching, there is a slip coming down on the road and potholes need filled. He said there is a culvert at the end of the road by SR 255 that gets full of debris. This culvert needs extended to keep people from driving in the ditch causing it to get plugged. There is a rusted out old culvert that needs replaced. Bill also said that in the straight stretch a culvert may be needed to get the water off the road.
- Bill mentioned he would like to do a seminar on road maintenance.
- Dave asked the width of Garage Street.
- Jim Miller approached the trustees with a letter from the children of Grover & Dorothy Stalder and the original cemetery deed. The letter states that the children would like to give the cemetery plots that they own by inheritance to the families of Jim & Ruth Ann Miller and Cecil & Carole Hindman at the Sardis Cemetery. Jim asked if a new cemetery deed could be made and requested that he would like to keep the old deed for sentimental reasons.
- Kevin stated he the new tractor has made it to Motrim in Cambridge to have the boom mower installed. It usually takes around 45 days to complete this work. Township should have the tractor mid-March.
- A motion was made to make a Resolution of the Board authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, construction, enlarging, improving, and/or extending its tractor and mower to serve an area lawfully within its jurisdiction to serve. Whereas, it is necessary for Lee Township to raise a portion of the cost of such undertaking by issuance of its bond in the principal amount of \$82,000. To accept a grant amount not to exceed \$50,000. Motion made by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jesse. All trustees voted yes.
- Trustees signed multiples documents from the Attorney handling the bond issuance for the tractor loan.
- Kevin discussed the need to create debt service fund for the USDA/Grant Loan for the tractor. Recommended setting aside \$800 per month out of the Gas Tax receipt into a debt service fund starting with February's receipt for approximately 119 months.
- A motion was made to create a Debt Service Fund called USDA/Grant Loan – Tractor. Motion was made by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad. All trustees voted yes.
- A motion was made set aside \$800 per month out of the Gas Tax receipt into the debt service fund starting with February's receipt for approximately 119 months. Motion made by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jesse. All trustees voted yes.
- Kevin stated that the USDA Grant/Loan closing would be held Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. at the Community Center. All three trustees and the fiscal officer must be present.
- Kevin stated that Mary Ash was turning over her craft shop to Marsha Stalder. Marsha asked for a new lease with the same terms as Mary's.
- A motion was made to sign a new lease with Marsha Stalder "The Olde Schoolhouse Craft & Décor Shop" starting February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Motion was made by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad. All trustees voted yes.
- Kevin stated that he had been in contact with Kerry Brown regarding the dozer work at the Sardis Cemetery. Kerry said he would start the work as soon as it either dries up or freezes.
- Since the last meeting the trustees have located a new 2019 Ford F-550 truck with a stainless steel bed and snow blade at Ricart Ford in Columbus. The asking price is \$79,723.00.
- A motion was made to the new 2019 Ford F-550 truck with a stainless steel bed and snow blade from Ricart Ford in Columbus for \$79,723.00. Motion made by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad. All trustees voted yes.

- Kevin stated that there will be a CDBG grant program meeting on Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Commissioner's office. Kris McPeek and he are planning to attend.
- Kevin stated that he had submitted a letter to the County Recorder stating that Lee Township has no zoning resolutions.
- A Resolution was made to accept the Permanent Appropriations of \$821,608.17 for 2020. Motion made by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad. All Trustees voted yes.
- Discussion was held regarding the mowing of the township cemeteries. Trustees agreed to put them of for bid.
- A motion was made to put the township's four cemeteries out for bid. Motion made by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jesse. All trustees voted yes.
- The trustees accepted the financial reports as presented by the clerk. They also signed the warrants, purchase orders, blanket certificates and bank reconciliations.
- A motion to adjourn was made by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jesse. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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Krista D McPeek, Fiscal Officer

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Jesse Merckle, President

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Brad Boggs

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John Pyles