

THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 27, 2021

The Washington Township Board of Trustees met this date in regular session for the purpose of transacting business of the Township. Mr. Rex Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, the pledge was recited, and roll call was taken: Mr. Stevenson, yes; Mr. Nelson Smith, yes; Mr. Frank Coad, absent. Also present were Phillip Shaw, Jim Dickson and Lawton Coe.

Mr. Smith moved to waive the reading of and approve the minutes from the regular meeting on April 12, 2021. Mr. Stevenson seconded. Vote: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Stevenson, yes. Motion carried.

The following bills were examined by the Board:

14-2021	Electronic Federal Tax Payment System	1,202.44
15-2021	Treasurer, State of Ohio	299.23
16-2021	Ohio School Tax	131.17
17-2021	Ohio Public Employees Retirement System	1,624.74
6335	Branden L. McDaniel	658.47
	TOTAL	\$3,916.05

Mr. Stevenson moved that the preceding bills be allowed as lawful obligations of the Township and the Fiscal Officer be directed to issue warrants of the Township in payment of the same. Mr. Smith seconded. Vote: Mr. Stevenson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion carried. I certify that there are sufficient funds in the depository and checks have been issued in payment of the same.

Phillip M. Shaw, Fiscal Officer

Public Concerns and Comments:

None.

Employee & Appointee Report & Instruction:

1. Jim Dickson reported that things have been quiet until today, when he received 9 phone calls; and that there is a property owner going to ask for a variance within the ag district. Mr. Dickson submitted his resignation due to health problems. He started the job as zoning inspector on July 24, 1973.
2. Mr. Stevenson reported for Branden McDaniel: he serviced both trucks; wired the lights on the Louisville truck; and, replaced two hoses on the backhoe.

Old Business:

1. The Fiscal Officer reported that the Licking County Auditor contacted him, reporting that the two issues for Fire and EMS services to go on the May ballot must be removed from the special election May 4, 2021. The wording of the resolutions for these issues only includes the voters in the unincorporated areas of Washington Township, not including the Village of Utica.
2. The Board discussed the problems with the Fire and EMS levies to go on the May 4, 2021 ballot. The Board decided that with the mistakes with the wording of the resolutions not including all voters in the Township, the only thing they can do is remove the issues from the May 4, 2021 special election and ask the voter for their consideration on the November ballot.
3. Resolution 21-16 - Mr. Smith moved to withdraw the 1.5 mil fire levy and .8 mil EMS levy from the May 4, 2021 special election. Seconded by Mr. Stevenson. Vote: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Stevenson, yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Mr. Smith moved that the Washington Township Trustees accept the resignation, by means of retirement, from James Dickson as zoning inspector. Further, it is moved that his same compensation continue until June 30, 2021, and that he be asked to assist the new zoning inspector during that time period. On behalf of the citizens of Washington Township, we thank Mr. Dickson for his 47+ years of dedicated service to the Township. Seconded by Mr. Stevenson. Vote: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Stevenson, yes. Motion carried.
2. Mr. Stevenson moved to go into executive session for the purpose of possible employment and to discuss compensation. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Mr. Stevenson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion carried. 7:47 pm.
3. Mr. Stevenson moved to return to open session. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Mr. Stevenson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion carried. 8:05 p.m.

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4. Resolution 21-17 - Mr. Smith moved to appoint William Lawton Coe as zoning inspector as of April 27, 2021 upon the Township receiving a valid bond. This appointment will end at the January 2022 organizational meeting. Compensation will remain \$300 per month. A phone allowance of \$41 per month will be allotted. Mileage necessary for completing the job will be paid at the IRS rate of \$.56 per mile. Necessary expenses pertaining to the performance of the job will be paid by the Township upon proof of purchase. The zoning inspector will attend Township Trustee meetings as requested by the Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Stevenson. Vote: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Stevenson, yes. Motion carried.
5. The Board discussed the Road Improvement Project for 2021. Mr. Stevenson reported that he received the Engineer's estimate for the project.
6. Resolution 21-18 - Mr. Stevenson moved to advertise for bids for the Road Improvement Project for 2021. The Fiscal Officer will advertise for bids in the Utica Herald on Thursday, May 6 and May 13. Bids will need to be submitted by 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, and opened at that meeting. Bid packets may be received from Trustee Frank Coad (740-404-6451). Seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Mr. Stevenson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion carried.
7. The Board discussed starting the process to place the 1.5 mil fire levy and the .8 mil EMS levy on the November ballot.
8. Resolution 21-19 - Mr. Smith moved to ask the Licking County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a 1.5 mil replacement levy for fire protection. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Mr. Stevenson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion carried.
9. Resolution 21-20 - Mr. Stevenson moved to ask the Licking County Auditor to certify the current tax valuation of the Township and the amount of revenue that would be generated by the renewal of an existing 1.5 mil levy for fire protection. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Mr. Stevenson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion carried.
10. Resolution 21-21 - Mr. Smith moved to ask the Licking County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the Township and the amount of revenue that would be generated by a renewal of an existing .8 mil levy for ambulance services. Seconded by Mr. Stevenson. Vote: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Stevenson, yes. Motion carried.
11. Resolution 21-22 - Mr. Stevenson moved to ask the Licking County Auditor the total tax valuation of the Township and the amounts of revenue that would be generated by a .8 mil replacement levy for ambulance services. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Mr. Stevenson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion carried.
12. The Board discussed the next regular meeting scheduled for May 11, 2021. Mr. Smith reported that he will not be able to attend on that date, and Mr. Coad may not be able to attend due to illness.
13. Mr. Smith moved to move the next regular meeting scheduled for May 11, 2021 to Monday, May 10 at the regular time. Seconded by Mr. Stevenson. Vote: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Stevenson, yes. Motion carried. The Fiscal Officer will advertise the change of meeting date in the Utica Herald and post the change on the Township office door.

Mr. Smith moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Stevenson. Vote: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Stevenson, yes. Motion carried.

Rex J. Stevenson, President

Nelson A. Smith, Vice President

Frank G. Coad, Board Member

Phillip M. Shaw, Fiscal Officer