

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M. at Ledge Park Building

November 1, 2017

Trustee Erwin Leffel opened the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Erwin Leffel, Frank Sirna, Al Safick, Cindy Lausin, Danny Robison, Dorothy Battles, Jim Koster, Carol Radigan, Ross McElligott, Alison Leanza, Marie Cindric, Bill Poe, Howard Mittower, Frank Casalnuovo, Don Rice from Metzenbaum, John Manfredi, Alex Roth from State of Ohio Treasurer office

Minutes from October 18th meeting approved as written & set out for viewing

Don Rice from Metzenbaum Center gave a statistical update on people that use the services and how people can get help from the Center.

John Manfredi, a Berkshire Board of Education candidate, spoke about his candidacy and his background with Berkshire School Board.

Alex Roth from State of Ohio Treasurer spoke about the Ohio Checkbook program, where government agencies can place their checkbook info on the State's website for public viewing.

Fire Department: Chief Danny Robison stated the department has been busy with a few fires & mutual aid. The old squad will need replacing in the near future. Some departments have shown some interest in the old engine that will be replaced next year, for use as a parade vehicle. The fire assn has agreed to spend approx \$1600 for LED lights on the Pierce engine. Asst Chief Battles is still working on BWC paperwork for a grant to purchase a gear extractor – a type of washing machine to clean the gear.

Police Department: Police Chief Koster reported the dept is busy with complaints, domestics & drug issues.

Resident Frank Casalnuovo expressed concern about the speed of vehicles coming away from the square.

Roads & Zoning: nothing

Old Business: Resident Alison Leanza has concerns about the wolf/dog sanctuary. Trustee Sirna stated that the prosecutor sent an email to the township & zoning personnel. She states that based on info received, My pack of Wolves is exempt from twp zoning as the care of animals is animal husbandry, an agricultural use of property.

Resident Frank Casalnuovo asked about the mowing of the old football field, appears it was only mowed once this summer. Wondered if it could be mowed a little more, he realizes there are money constraints.

Trustee Leffel said that Berkshire held a Professional Development Day at the TTCC, said the space worked well, wished it had WiFi.

Library bond will be voted on next Tuesday.

The cleaning is continuing at the Cemetery Storage building.

New Business: Tidbit newsletter articles are due by next Wednesday. Voting is next Tuesday at the Methodist Church. There is a Road & Bridge 1 mil renewal levy on the ballot.

Resolution 56-17: Trustee Safick motioned to approve Then & Now PO 92-2017 to Osborne for \$2,400 for #57 Fines a/c 2031-330-420-7 & Then & Now PO 93-2017 to Arms Trucking for \$12,000 for #57 Slag a/c 2031-330-420-6, seconded by Trustee Leffel. Roll: Leffel – yes, Sirna – yes, Safick – yes.

Resolution 57-17: Trustee Leffel motioned to make the tree lighting on Dec 3rd @ 7pm to be a township activity, seconded by Trustee Safick. Roll: Leffel – yes, Sirna – yes, Safick – yes.

The following bills were examined by the trustees and approved to be paid:

Payroll Check # 10547-10558 totaling \$9,212.56 dated 10/31 & 11/1/2017

Warrant Check # 10559-10568 totaling \$12,319.85 dated 11/1/2017

Warrant EFT pmts totaling \$843.28 to be processed

Receipt # 4011-4020 totaling \$15,184.48 was recorded.

Business completed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erwin Leffel, Chairman

Cindy Lausin, Fiscal Officer