

The regular meeting of Newbury Township Trustees called to order at 7:13 p.m., May 5, 2021, with Bill Skomrock and Greg Trof in attendance at the town hall, and Glen Quigley attending via Zoom.

Mr. Skomrock opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 7:15 p.m., Mr. Quigley proposed opening a Hearing for the purpose of amending the legal description for Grange Park, located at 10705 Kinsman Road, identified by parcel # 23-7079338. Also in attendance was Steven Boughner, from the Zoning Commission The sale of the property is dependent on the correction. Mr. Quigley asked if there were any comments or questions. No one asked to be recognized. Hearing closed at 7:18 p.m.

Vote to approve zoning amendment to change legal description. Mr. Skomrock moved to approve. Mr. Trof seconded the motion.

Amendment passed unanimously and to take affect immediately. Mr. Quigley will see that the amendment is filed with the Recorder's office.

Mr. Steve Boughner from the Zoning Commission asked to be recognized. He read a letter from the Zoning Commission with reference to changes to zoning regulations that the trustees have been proposing under the direction of Mr. Quigley. The letter underlines the Commission's authority to make changes to zoning regulations. They are concerned that the revisions are not being properly presented to the Zoning Commission for their review and input. The Commission has been working on their own plans. Specifically, the commission would like to make changes to certain areas zoned as Professional Office district. Currently the area in question is a mixed use, but under current zoning potential buyers and investors cannot get financing for loans or construction due to the restrictive zoning. The Zoning Commission would like to remove Article 8 from the Zoning regulations, and restore the district in question as it was originally zoned.

Mr. Skomrock thanked Mr. Boughner and the Zoning Commission for their letter and praised the thorough and professional information. After discussion Mr. Skomrock agreed that the problem needs to be addressed. He proposed that the trustees have a meeting with the Zoning Commission to work on changes that would promote business and development. Mr. Boughner said the next Zoning meeting would be May 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Boughner will let the trustees know when a meeting can be scheduled.

Fiscal officer presented two opinions regarding the wearing of masks at a public government meeting. One from the CDC stating that if all or most attendees of a small meeting have vaccinated, then wearing a mask is optional. The other opinion, from the Ohio Department of Health, specifically exempts the masking requirement if communication with a hearing-impaired individual is taking place. Trustees decided to continue the masking requirement for Township meetings, until the governor lifts the health mandates.

Ms. Sustar requested the approval of minutes from regular meeting April 21, 2021. Motion to approve minutes was made by Mr. Skomrock, 2nd by Mr. Trof and a unanimous affirmative vote by all.

Ms. Sustar presented April 2021 financials for review.

Receipts:	570,682.51
Payments:	607,134.74
Checking account balance:	386,283.04
Investments balance:	1,665,597.66
Total balance April 30, 2021	1,971,002.98

Trustees present signed the Bank Reconciliation report.

Fiscal Officer requested approval of resolution 20210505-01

Supplemental appropriation of \$10,000.00 for Road fund Equipment. Due to multiple storms this Winter and Spring, Road department has had to rent additional equipment to take care of damage and clear roads.

Motion to approve additional appropriations by Mr. Trof seconded by Mr. Skomrock.

Voice Vote: Three ayes.

Fiscal Officer presented a Certificate of Need for the 1.90 Mill Road Levy first voted in 2012 that will expire at the end of 2021, with last collection in 2022.

Current Estimate of revenue generated with Renewal of levy is \$ 330 003 annually  
Estimate of revenue generated with Replacement of levy is \$ 335,668 annually

The replacement of the levy only increases revenue by about \$6,000, but taxpayers will pay higher tax rate. Fiscal officer recommends renewing existing levy in order to retain Owner Occupied and Residential Credits for taxpayers. Smaller additional levy can be discussed for tax year 2022.

Trustees signed the Certificate of Need, which will be submitted to the Auditor's Office, along with a request for a Certificate of Property Tax Revenue, which will give official certified revenue figures for renewal of levy.

Mr. Fagan reported calls for the month of May so far was 11. Total calls received in April was 55, with total calls year to date of 206.

Mr. Zimmerman reported for the road department.

Annual problem of water at corner of Auburn and Pekin. This is an ongoing problem due to beaver dams.

Mr. Zimmerman reported on damage to roof at service garage nearest to recycling drop site. Estimate for repair was \$4,500.00. Completely re-roofing the building would cost approximately \$25,000 for entire building. Mr. Skomrock moved to approve roof repair. Mr. Tropf seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Three ayes.

Road crew is in process of replacing pipes in anticipation of road project getting underway soon.

Clean Up Day on schedule for June 5<sup>th</sup>.

He is working on the five-year plan for the road department, to be used for the 2022 budget submission.

Mr. Skomrock received the call report from the Sheriff's Office of 183 calls in April. This is still below average for this time of year.

Mr. Skomrock reported on application of NOPEC grant. On the wish list for this year is additional lighting for the flags at Veterans Park and a emergency generator for the service garage.

The unsafe structure on Portlew has been demolished. Contractor will come back to plant grass seed.

Mr. Dan Boughner asked to be recognized. Mr. Boughner explained that his shed was also demolished during the work done on Portlew. Mr. Skomrock expressed his regrets and explained that the contractor is bonded. Mr. Skomrock asked Mr. Boughner to make a list of all the items that were damaged. The trustees will work with Mr. Boughner and the contractor to make it right.

Contract for purchase of Grange Park was received. Mr. Skomrock will have Mr. Myers review it before asking the trustees to sign. Closing is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Quigley gave an update on the additional flag installation at Veterans Park. Trustees expressed concern over too many flags and if the poles would be high enough to keep the proposed 3x5 flags high enough off the ground to prevent mischief. Mr. Quigley will continue to work with Park Board.

Mr. Skomrock discussed Memorial Day. The VFW Post has not committed to a community service or parade. They will probably do individual services as each cemetery.

A letter was received from Jim Dvorak from the Burton Rotary, asking permission to have a sign advertising Jeep Night, in conjunction with Maddrick's Tavern, at Teague Plaza. Proceeds would benefit the Veterans Food Pantry. Mr. Quigley offered the Park Board's mobile illuminated sign for advertising.

Discussion of opening town hall up for other meetings. Trustees will ask for opinion from prosecutor, but will continue to restrict meetings to official business until opinion is received.

Mr. Trops left meeting at 8:24.

Mr. Skomrock moved to go into executive session at 8:24, citing discussion of land acquisition. Invited into session was Newbury Task Force members Kimya Matthews, Dave Gifford, Dave Lair. Also invited was attorney Joe Weiss.

Executive session ended at 9:53 p.m. No decisions were made and no actions taken.

**Warrants approved by signing prior to or at this Meeting:**

156-2021	4/22/21	\$250.00	Ohio Public Employees Deferred Comp.
159-2021	4/27/21	\$52.25	Medical Mutual Of Ohio
161-2021	5/5/21	\$568.73	John Boksansky
162-2021	5/5/21	\$992.66	Joseph Colini
163-2021	5/5/21	\$533.98	Thomas J Csepi
164-2021	5/5/21	\$210.77	Timothy H. Hegedus
165-2021	5/5/21	\$1,341.09	Randal O. Hollis
166-2021	5/5/21	\$815.45	John H. Mansfield
167-2021	5/5/21	\$1,446.56	Timothy A. Mansfield
168-2021	5/5/21	\$925.43	Glen E. Quigley
169-2021	5/5/21	\$781.35	Lorraine Sevich
170-2021	5/5/21	\$655.26	William J. Skomrock Jr.
171-2021	5/5/21	\$1,360.92	Beverly A Sustar
172-2021	5/5/21	\$659.13	Gregory J. Trops
173-2021	5/5/21	\$1,613.18	Douglas J. Zimperman
175-2021	5/5/21	\$250.00	Ohio Public Employees Deferred Comp.
176-2021	4/30/21	\$25.00	Middlefield Banking Company
35288	5/5/21	\$504.01	Jodie K. Swartwout
35289	5/5/21	\$35.40	Delta Dental
35290	5/5/21	\$12.37	VSP
35291	5/5/21	\$318.38	Delta Dental
35292	5/5/21	\$111.43	VSP
35293	5/5/21	\$227.14	ABCO Printing Plus, LLC
35294	5/5/21	\$171.10	Geauga County Maple Leaf
35295	5/5/21	\$64.51	Jodie Swartwout - v
35296	5/5/21	\$34.16	John Boksansky - v
35297	5/5/21	\$1,641.20	Ironhawk Industrial Distribution
35298	5/5/21	\$32.94	Lorraine Sevich-v
35299	5/5/21	\$96.57	Marshall Power Equipment
35300	5/5/21	\$49.10	MT Business Technologies INC.
35301	5/5/21	\$100.00	Patton Pest Control Co., Inc
35302	5/5/21	\$40.00	ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
35303	5/5/21	\$352.30	Ohio Child Support Payment Central
35304	5/5/21	\$375.00	Patsy Keyes
35305	5/5/21	\$751.97	1st Ayd Corporation

35306	5/5/21	\$107.44	Bradford Neal Machinery Inc.
35307	5/5/21	\$205.64	Concord Road Equipment Mfg.
35308	5/5/21	\$229.46	County Wide Welding, LLC
35309	5/5/21	\$1,114.37	First Energy
35310	5/5/21	\$61.11	Dominion East Ohio Gas
35311	5/5/21	\$20.00	Green Vision Material
35312	5/5/21	\$34,205.40	Geauga County Engineer
35313	5/5/21	\$200.00	Geauga County Township Association
35314	5/5/21	\$20.76	Hans' Truck & Trailer Repair, Inc.
35315	5/5/21	\$517.67	Kimball-Midwest Inc.
35316	5/5/21	\$837.36	Ohio Cat
35317	5/5/21	\$210.88	Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp
35318	5/5/21	\$9.00	Sunrise Springs Water Co. Inc.
35319	5/5/21	\$126.75	Universal Oil Inc.
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>\$55,265.18</b>	

**Purchase Orders approved by signing prior to or at this meeting:**

24-2021	4/26/21	\$7,500.00	ScapeAbilities (John Suvak)
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Motion to adjourn was made at 9:53 PM by Mr. Quigley and seconded by Mr. Skomrock.  
Voice vote: Two ayes.

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William Skomrock, Jr. - Chairman

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Glen Quigley - Vice Chairman

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Greg Tروف - Trustee

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Beverly Sustar – Fiscal Officer