

A regular meeting of Newbury Township Trustees called to order at 7:02 pm, July 21, 2021, with Trustees Bill Skomrock and Greg Trof in attendance at the town hall. Trustee Glen Quigley was not in attendance.

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

Fire Chief Ken Fagan gave calls update. There have been 44 calls so far in July, with 348 total calls year to date.

Doug Zimperman gave an update on the road projects. The contracted paving project for 2020 is nearly complete. Repaved roads are ready for striping. County Engineer's office is asking for an estimate of Salt usage for this winter. Mr. Zimperman will estimate slightly higher for the coming winter.

There have been multiple flooding issues reported due to recent heavy rains. Mr. Zimperman believes that there are one or more pipes in the Kiwanis Lake Subdivision that need to be cleared. He is not sure if the pipes are located on private property or within the road right of way. He will look at the areas in question, and possibly check with the engineer's office.

Since most of road work is nearly complete, he would like to get started on the preparations for paving Music Street next year. Mr. Zimperman asked if there are funds to begin tree work. Fiscal officer confirmed that nearly \$20,000 is available. Mr. Zimperman also stated that if time and materials permit, they can start beefing up the berms. He also stated that there are approximately 10 drives that will need pipe replacement and he would like to get started now for next year.

Revisiting the Kiwanis Lake flooding, Theresa Arturo spoke. MR. Trof explained that the outlet from Kiwanis Lake ultimately drains into the swamp at the intersection of Pekin and Auburn roads. Since the flooding is impacting Auburn Road, the county may have an interest addressing the issue. Clearing the beaver dams may possibly help,

A resident asked about the Fire levy that will be placed on the ballot in November. Mr. Fagan explained that most of the revenue from the levy would be used to supply full time staffing. In the last few years, the number of calls increased, especially rescue calls, but the number of volunteers has decreased. Hopefully, by offering a predictable income and possible benefits, they can attract qualified personnel.

Mr. Fagan also thanked Mr. Trof for the letter to Alltel to remove the tree along Ravenna Road that had been heavily leaning on wires. He said the Fire Department was receiving multiple calls for trees on wires.

Mr. Jim Stefancin gave an update from the Park Board. The Scouts worked throughout the weekend and the bocce ball court looks good. He thanked Mr. Zimperman and the road department for the excavating and drainage work. He said the court looks good and is ready for play.

Mr. Stefancin said that he was approached by the Geauga Soccer Federation regarding a soccer training court. Costs and responsibility were discussed. No action will be taken.

Mr. Tropf gave an update on the Cemeteries.

Complaints have been received regarding burials and setting of headstones. He met with Lorraine Sevich, Doug Zimperman, and fiscal officer to identify problems. Several hours were spent reviewing files. He suggested that the trustees may need to hire an outside contractor for a specified period of time, to audit and correct files and documents. Mr. Skomrock agreed with the importance of good record keeping for the cemeteries. No motion was passed to hire outside contractor at this time.

Mr. Skomrock discussed the OPWC grant. The matching grant for paving of Music Street has been approved. He spoke with Shane Hajar regarding specifications for project.

NOPEC grants have been filed, but Mr. Skomrock hasn't received confirmation of award yet. Mr. Tropf suggested speaking with Dean Hayne our regional representative. He will get Mr. Hayne's contact information to Mr. Skomrock.

A resident in attendance asked about cable and internet providers. He tried to contact multiple carriers and was told they are not allowed to service his address. Due to the rural nature of the township, many providers are not interested in making the investment in lines and cable. Based on his address, a provider was suggested. Also, the latest round of Federal COVID related grants have carved out an infrastructure expansion eligibility. Any improvements will likely take time to put in place.

Mr. Skomrock moved to go into executive session at 7:43 pm to discuss the possible sale or use of the prior Newbury School District property. Mr. Tropf seconded the motion. Mr. Dan Thoreson and Mr. Bill Beers from the West Geauga Board of Education, as well as Dave Gifford and Maggie Zock from the Newbury Task Force committee were invited into the session.

Mr. Skomrock moved to exit executive session at 9:11 pm. No action was taken during the session, and no decisions were made. Trustees Skomrock and Tropf thanked Mr. Beers and Mr. Thoreson for their time and discussion.

Mr. Skomrock then moved to go back into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue. Mr. Tropf seconded the motion.

Mr. Skomrock moved to exit executive session at 9:37 pm. Mr. Tropf seconded the motion. No decisions were made or actions taken during executive session.

Mr. Tropf made a motion to release Jodie Swartwout from employment with Newbury Township, due to job performance. Mr. Skomrock seconded the motion. Mr. Skomrock and Mr. Tropf will meet with the employee on Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Tropf will prepare an exit letter. Keys and credit card will be collected.

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

251-2021	7/8/21	\$22.55	Medical Mutual Of Ohio
252-2021	7/8/21	\$62.18	Medical Mutual Of Ohio
253-2021	7/9/21	\$35.47	Medical Mutual Of Ohio
255-2021	7/20/21	\$333.92	John Boksansky
256-2021	7/20/21	\$937.38	Joseph Colini
257-2021	7/20/21	\$391.34	Timothy H. Hegedus
258-2021	7/20/21	\$1,320.78	Randal O. Hollis
259-2021	7/20/21	\$601.46	Randal R. Hollis
260-2021	7/20/21	\$909.47	John H. Mansfield
261-2021	7/20/21	\$1,397.72	Timothy A. Mansfield
262-2021	7/20/21	\$685.50	Lorraine Sevich
263-2021	7/20/21	\$1,651.18	Douglas J. Zimperman
265-2021	7/19/21	\$22.55	Medical Mutual Of Ohio
266-2021	7/21/21	\$235.00	Ohio Public Employees Deferred Comp
36098	7/20/21	\$466.64	William F Meyers
36099	7/20/21	\$352.30	Ohio Child Support Payment Central
36100	7/21/21	\$635.07	Medical Mutual Of Ohio
36101	7/21/21	\$5,723.65	Medical Mutual Of Ohio
36102	7/21/21	\$440.37	Jodie K. Swartwout
36103	7/21/21	\$163.00	Aris Company
36104	7/21/21	\$899.75	Arms Trucking Co., Inc.
36105	7/21/21	\$105.00	Burnham & Flower of Ohio, Inc.
36106	7/21/21	\$3,301.72	Chagrin Oil & Gas Co. Inc.
36107	7/21/21	\$218.87	Chardon Oil Co.
36108	7/21/21	\$1,560.96	Cuyahoga Asphalt Materials
36109	7/21/21	\$786.56	First Energy
36110	7/21/21	\$1,114.37	First Energy
36111	7/21/21	\$339.46	Hill Mfg. Co. Inc.
36112	7/21/21	\$2,013.22	Iron Man Contractors Supply
36113	7/21/21	\$447.66	Kimball-Midwest Inc.
36114	7/21/21	\$1,150.00	Lawn Matters Ltd.
36115	7/21/21	\$31.00	Newbury Auto Parts
36116	7/21/21	\$112.50	Newbury Technologies
36117	7/21/21	\$137.99	Ohio CAT
36118	7/21/21	\$2,500.00	Planning and Zoning Services LLC
36119	7/21/21	\$89.99	Spectrum Business
36120	7/21/21	\$450.81	Star2Star Communications LLC
36121	7/21/21	\$1,336.40	The Penn Ohio Corporation
36122	7/21/21	\$175.00	Greg J Tروف
36123	7/21/21	\$14.07	Waste Management of Ohio Inc.
36124	7/21/21	\$45.42	Marshall Power Equipment
36125	7/21/21	\$7,967.00	Countryside Truck Service, Inc.
36126	7/21/21	\$47.25	ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
36127	7/21/21	\$56.45	Jodie Swartwout - v
36128	7/21/21	\$50.00	Susan McKale
	<b>Total</b>		
	<b>Payments</b>	<b>\$41,338.98</b>	

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:40 pm by Mr. Skomrock and seconded by Mr. Tropf.

Meeting was adjourned by a unanimous affirmative vote.

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William Skomrock, Jr. - Chairman

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Glen Quigley - Vice Chairman

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Greg Tropf - Trustee

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Beverly Sustar – Fiscal Officer