

The Trustee meeting of the Newbury Township Trustees was called to order on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., with Glen Quigley, Bill Skomrock and Greg Trops present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Ken Fagan presented the annual Fire Contract. Trustees accepted and signed the contract as presented.

Mr. Fagan also reported the department had 38 calls in February, and 9 so far in March. Total calls year to date was 103.

Resolution 20200304-01 for the Convenience and Necessity of the township, to move forward with the Road Paving projects for 2020.

Mr. Quigley moved to approve the resolution, Mr. Trops seconded the motion.

Voice vote: Quigley - yes, Trops - yes, Skomrock - yes

Resolution 20200304-02 to accept the Geauga County Engineer's office specification for asphalt resurfacing of various roads within Newbury Township. Engineer's office will send specs out to bid.

Mr. Quigley moved to approve the resolution, Mr. Trops seconded the motion.

Voice vote: Quigley - yes, Trops - yes, Skomrock - yes

Mr. Quigley spoke regarding installation of a 30 x 50 foot concrete pad at the current recycling drop off site versus just going with the new county recycling site, on Merritt Road. GTSWD has a \$10,000 grant that may be available. Mr. Quigley will check with the county to see if the plan for the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District to construct a facility on Merritt Road is still in the works.

Mr. Quigley stated that he had been contacted by Royal Oak Retriever, regarding paper recycling. He believes that the township should have all recycling handled by GTSWD. GTSWD has a record of being reliable.

GTSWD also has a \$2000 community grant that Mr. Quigley would like to apply for. He believes the grant could be used to substantially pay for benches made out of recycled materials. These benches would be installed at several locations at Veteran's Park.

Mr. Quigley also confirmed the annual tire grant, will be in the amount of \$1,881.

Discussion turned to the annual Community Clean Up Day. It will be scheduled as usual on the first Saturday in June. This falls on June 6th this year. Any furniture must be wrapped in plastic.

Mr. Quigley said the application for tax equalization exemption is completed, and is ready to be sent to the state.

Trustees discussed opening of Oberland Park. Two portable restroom units were rented seasonally in the past. The question this year is whether to spend \$150 to have ADA compliant unit, or stick with the cheaper \$75 non-compliant unit. It was decided that the township should have ADA facilities available at the park.

Two residents from Little Punderson Lake Allotment Association were in attendance. They asked if there was a way for the township to help take care of the roads. Mr. Skomrock indicated this has been a question that has come up several times over the years. The roads in the subdivision are privately owned. There is not sufficient right of way to satisfy the county engineer's specifications. Mr. Skomrock said that nothing could be done at this time, but he would speak to the County Engineer to see what if any options could be available.

Mr. Trops turned the discussion to the maintenance of the soccer fields. Typically there are four fertilizations done per season. He received two bids. One from Lawn Matters for \$4600. Another quote was from H & M landscaping for \$4800. Both are Newbury based companies. He will contact Lawn Matters as the lowest bidder to let them know that they can proceed.

The Geauga Soccer Federation is interested in using the fields on Monday and Thursdays, from 6-7:15. Chardon Lacrosse is also interested in using the fields on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It was proposed that a fee schedule should be in place. Collection of fees could offset the costs of mowing and fertilizing.

The topic of cemetery headstones was addressed. Is the township still willing to have upright monuments installed? More cemeteries are transitioning to flush headstones. They are easier to maintain. Grounds crews do not have to trim around and they can be moved directly over. Discussion was tabled at this time, with a recommendation that no further upright stones be placed past the mausoleum. A formal policy should be prepared and in place.

Mr. Skomrock share that sheriff's report of 167 calls for the month of February.

Final suggestion for the evening is reaching out to an attorney specializing in local government to advise on process to pull the plug on the joint recreation district.

Warrants approved by signing prior to or at this Meeting:

37-2020	3/5/20	\$496.31	John Boksansky	O
38-2020	3/5/20	\$713.17	Joseph Colini	O
39-2020	3/5/20	\$162.20	Timothy H. Hegedus	O
40-2020	3/5/20	\$1,137.82	Randal O. Hollis	O
41-2020	3/5/20	\$829.63	Marcia J. Mansfield	O
42-2020	3/5/20	\$1,212.83	Timothy A. Mansfield	O
43-2020	3/5/20	\$910.03	Glen E. Quigley	O
44-2020	3/5/20	\$475.05	Lorraine Sevich	O
45-2020	3/5/20	\$725.91	William J. Skomrock Jr.	O
46-2020	3/5/20	\$670.89	Gregory J. Tropf	O
47-2020	3/5/20	\$1,323.34	Douglas J. Zimperman	O
49-2020	3/5/20	\$3,762.01	Middlefield Bank	O
50-2020	3/5/20	\$738.47	Treasurer of State	O
51-2020	2/29/20	\$1,145.41	Medical Mutual Of Ohio	C
34483	3/4/20	\$105.00	Marcia Mansfield	O
34484	3/4/20	\$91.14	M.T. Business Technologies	O
34485	3/4/20	\$300.00	Patsy Keyes	O
34486	3/4/20	\$125.93	John Boksansky - v	O
34487	3/4/20	\$9.25	Lorraine Sevich-v	O
34488	3/5/20	\$550.33	Jodie K. Swartwout	O
34489	3/5/20	\$406.93	Ohio Child Support Payment Central	O
34490	3/5/20	\$37.70	Delta Dental	O
34491	3/5/20	\$13.29	VSP	O
34492	3/5/20	\$425.00	Ohio Public Employees Deferred Comp.	O
34493	3/5/20	\$6,405.88	Ohio Public Employees Retirement System	O
34494	3/5/20	\$119.73	VSP	O
34495	3/5/20	\$339.14	Delta Dental	O
TOTAL		\$23,232.39		

Mr. Quigley a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tropf seconded the motion, and a unanimous affirmative vote by all.

William Skomrock, Jr. - Chairman

Glen Quigley - Vice Chairman

Greg Tropf

Marcia Mansfield – Fiscal Officer