

A special meeting of Newbury Township Trustees called to order at 7:00 p.m., September 30, 2021, with Bill Skomrock and Glen Quigley in attendance at the town hall

Trustee Greg Tropf was not in attendance.

In attendance as well: Dave Gifford, Roger Mezak and Fran Dittrich

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

In regular business:

Supplemental Resolution 20210930-01 was presented
Increase Park Expenses 1000-610-590-0000 by 6,500.00
(purchase of equipment shed for Oberland Park)
Increase Cemetery materials 2041-410-490-0000 by 1,000.00

Mr. Quigley moved to approved the resolution, with Mr. Skomrock seconding the motion. Voice vote 2 ayes, one absent. Motion approved.

Mr. Skomrock moved the discussion to discuss a response to the West Geauga Board of Education's proposal regarding the formerly Newbury School property. Property consists of seven parcels.

Mr. Skomrock objects to resurveying property to carve out the small building (the auditorium and former intermediate building). He insists on all 39 acres.

Mr. Skomrock also objected to the demolition of the former bus garage, stating that the building could be used to house township equipment.

Mr. Quigley and Mr. Skomrock object to the proposal that any subleasing of the property be approved by West Geauga School Board to ensure that the lessee does not conflict with their school mission and commitment.

Trustees requested that Mr. Gifford draft a letter of response, stating the trustees' objections. Also requesting a face to face meeting between the school board and the board of trustees.

Theater group Curtain 440, and an orchestra group would like immediate access to the building. Trustees Skomrock and Quigley believe that West Geauga should work with both groups to advance their occupation of space in the building.

Regarding the main building, there does not seem to be a reason for West Geauga School board to retain. It is probably cost prohibitive to rehabilitate or remodel. Mr. Quigley stated that he thinks that West Geauga is overly concerned that the property will be used as a charter school.

Ms. Dittrich asked if the intermediate building is being maintained.

Mr. Gifford stated that he has seen West Geauga personnel on site and in the building several times per week. The question opened up the need for a property manager to oversee the maintenance to the building if the township acquires the property.

Mr. Quigley restated the they do not want to combine the seven parcels. They wouldn't need to change utility meters, as they could prorate costs to tenants. He does not want West Geauga to oversee leases.

Mr. Gifford stated that he was a little concerned that West Geauga has not backed down from their negotiating points at all. Mr. Gifford presented a draft letter of response that he had been working on.

Trustees compared points of difference between West Geauga's offer, and what the Newbury Task Force has advised the trustees to ask for. Task Force has advised the trustees that certain items should be non-negotiable.

Mr. Quigley and Mr. Gifford will work to revise the draft letter. A special meeting will need to be called to approve the response.

Mr. Mezak asked to speak. He wanted to remind the trustees that there is a difference between a residential and commercial leasing.

Trustees that they are aware that any lease would have to be drawn up by the trustees' attorney.

A special meeting was scheduled for October 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm to review changes to the letter of response.

Warrants approved by signing prior to or at this Meeting:

323-2021	9/20/21	\$449.75	John Boksansky
324-2021	9/20/21	\$910.76	Joseph Colini
325-2021	9/20/21	\$71.68	Timothy H. Hegedus
326-2021	9/20/21	\$1,288.75	Randal O. Hollis
327-2021	9/20/21	\$804.22	John H. Mansfield
328-2021	9/20/21	\$1,368.90	Timothy A. Mansfield
329-2021	9/20/21	\$1,033.43	Lorraine Sevich
330-2021	9/20/21	\$1,531.91	Douglas J. Zimperman
332-2021	9/22/21	\$235.00	Ohio Public Employees Deferred Comp.
346-2021	9/30/21	\$25.00	Middlefield Banking Company
36229	9/20/21	\$352.30	Ohio Child Support Payment Central
36230	9/20/21	\$635.07	Medical Mutual Of Ohio
36231	9/20/21	\$5,723.65	Medical Mutual Of Ohio
36232	9/20/21	\$373.13	Aris Company
36233	9/20/21	\$2,097.90	Chagrin Oil & Gas Co. Inc.
36234	9/20/21	\$286.44	Chagrin Valley Auto Parts

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