

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Newbury Township was called to order at 7:00 p.m., June 21, 2023 at the Newbury Township town hall. Chairman Bill Skomrock, and Trustees Greg Tropf and Glen Quigley were in attendance.

Also in attendance:

Ken Fagan	Fire Chief
Doug Zimperman	Road Superintendent
Jim Lang	resident
Lynn Lang	resident
David Lair, Jr.	resident
C. D. Boyd	resident
Tim Charvat	resident
Chris Frohring	resident
Jeff Munn	resident
Diana Colucci	resident
John Zarlin	non resident

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

West Geauga property:

Lighting costs have been very high on the vacant property. Dean Hayne from First Energy was consulted. Solution to disconnect the athletic lights and reduce the number of street lights. Additionally, some lights will be disconnected with the demolition of the old restroom facility.

Portlew & Highview new street light:

Project is with the Engineering Department of First Energy. Mr. Quigley asked if the fiscal officer could pay the invoice so the project could move forward. Fiscal believes that invoice has already been paid, but will verify with Mr. Hayne.

Park Lighting

For Oberland Park the repurposed poles can be converted to LED. Glen will contact NEO Electric or Shiffler Equipment for appropriate fixture.

Mr. Quigley would like to see something more stylish for Veterans Park. NOPEC grant has carried over from 2022. He will check to see if that grant can be used for lighting and electrical upgrades to Veterans Park.

Other Businesses:

Coyote spotting. Resident reported seeing a coyote in her backyard. Game warden was advised. Do not leave small pets unattended.

Lisa DiMatio would like to join the park board as a member. Trustees approve the appointment. A letter will be sent.

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Glen will ask Doug to put up temporary markers to identify location of Engine Brake signage. Markers to be placed 12 feet from road. ODOT will take care of RT44 and RT87. County Engineer will place on other roads.

Bill will contact Tom Fitzsimmons to prepare a blank form for use of the athletic fields. The baseball federation will take charge of the seasonal scheduling.

Road Department Update:

Mr. Zimperman informed the trustees that the 2008 plow truck needs a new exhaust manifold. Estimate is \$6,600. Trustees approve. Fiscal officer will verify that appropriations are in place.

Preconstruction meeting for Burton Hts. Nothing yet.

West Geauga Property:

Doug had a walk through with representative from OTARMA. They pointed out safety issues and what needs to be inspected and how often. Of immediate concern is the playground on the West G property. An additional four inches of mulch needs to be put down to comply with safety code. A couple of 6x6 landscape timbers that are used to hold the mulch in place, also need to be replaced. Trustees gave go ahead.

Mr. Zimperman asked if he should go ahead and cut the fields with the brush hog. Growth needs to be kept down. Nothing has been done by the parties that wanted to use the fields. Trustees agreed. Requested that the service dept take care of that.

Fiscal Officer's Report:

Trustees asked for motion to approve casual labor pay for Community Clean Up Day in the flat rate of \$180.00 per worker.

Mr. Skomrock made a motion to pay the non-township worker a flat rate the same as last year. Greg Tropf seconded the motion.

Voice vote: two ayes. One absent.

Resident Diana Rossi Colucci asked to speak:

Ms. Colucci wanted to complain about the items that were removed from her deceased husband's grave. Items included a small patio table and two chairs. Various other items were also removed as violations of Cemetery Policy. Ms. Colucci and an additional person both spoke at length about her loss and how the items gave Ms. Colucci comfort. Ms. Colucci said that the policy had changed since she placed the items. She was corrected that the policy had not changed and that any special items that someone wanted to be placed on or near a grave must be presented to the trustees in an open meeting, at which time the trustees would vote whether to allow. Ms. Colucci was notified and asked to remove the items. They were not removed in a timely manner. The items in question were deemed a safety hazard and were removed by township employees. The patio set was picked and returned to her at a later date.

At 8:10, Mr. Tropf moved to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 G(1) and G(2). Mr. Quigley seconded the motion.

Three ayes.

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Out of executive session at 8:29 pm. No actions were taken during executive session.

Mr. Tropf left at 8:30 pm.

Warrants approved prior to or at this meeting:

184-2023	6/8/23	\$225.00	Ohio Public Employees Deferred Comp. Program
185-2023	6/8/23	\$7,721.73	Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
186-2023	6/20/23	\$392.84	John Boksansky
187-2023	6/20/23	\$1,448.01	Joseph S Colini
188-2023	6/20/23	\$304.19	Timothy H. Hegedus
189-2023	6/20/23	\$1,807.90	Randal O. Hollis
190-2023	6/20/23	\$384.30	Randal R. Hollis
191-2023	6/20/23	\$1,155.34	John H. Mansfield
192-2023	6/20/23	\$1,965.51	Timothy A. Mansfield
193-2023	6/20/23	\$1,215.25	Lorraine Sevich
194-2023	6/20/23	\$2,146.74	Douglas J. Zimperman
211-2023	6/21/23	\$51.44	Medical Mutual Of Ohio
37340	6/21/23	\$686.59	Medical Mutual Of Ohio
37341	6/21/23	\$6,179.01	Medical Mutual Of Ohio
37342	6/21/23	\$180.90	Aris Company
37343	6/21/23	\$1,609.09	Arms Trucking Co., Inc.
37344	6/21/23	\$306.75	Bradford Neal Machinery Inc.
37345	6/21/23	\$2,392.97	Chagrin Oil & Gas Co. Inc.
37346	6/21/23	\$1,668.14	Cintas Corp.
37347	6/21/23	\$5,833.45	Cleveland Plumbing Supply Co.
37348	6/21/23	\$94.82	DJM Sales, LLC
37349	6/21/23	\$5,336.00	DS Architecture
37350	6/21/23	\$1,327.26	First Energy
37351	6/21/23	\$168.22	First Quality Power Place
37352	6/21/23	\$163.51	Fisher Auto Parts
37353	6/21/23	\$250.00	The Flag Store, LLC
37354	6/21/23	\$105.00	Geauga County Township Association
37355	6/21/23	\$271.00	Geauga County Maple Leaf
37356	6/21/23	\$300.00	Geauga Safety Council
37357	6/21/23	\$25.00	Green Vision Material
37358	6/21/23	\$274.32	Kimball-Midwest Inc.
37359	6/21/23	\$56.00	Kolsom Tires
37360	6/21/23	\$612.00	Lake Hydraulic Service Co. Inc.
37361	6/21/23	\$11.49	Marshall Power Equipment
37362	6/21/23	\$23.50	MT Business Technologies INC.
37363	6/21/23	\$127.50	Newbury Technologies
37364	6/21/23	\$80,000.00	Newbury Volunteer Fire Department
37365	6/21/23	\$3,982.95	ScapeAbilities (John Suvak)
37366	6/21/23	\$693.00	Singerman, Mills Desberg & Knautz Co, LPA
37367	6/21/23	\$99.99	Spectrum Business
37368	6/21/23	\$627.71	Geauga County Treasurer
37369	6/21/23	\$50.70	Turney Home and Auto
37370	6/21/23	\$14.87	Waste Management of Ohio Inc.
37371	6/21/23	\$352.04	West Geauga Local School District
37372	6/21/23	\$1,079.09	VISA
37373	6/21/23	\$43.65	VISA
37374	6/21/23	\$126.54	VISA
37375	6/21/23	\$50.00	H&M Landscaping
37376	6/21/23	\$180.00	Greg J Tropf
Total Payments		\$134,121.31	

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Motion by Mr. Skomrock to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Quigley. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm by unanimous vote.

William Skomrock, Jr. - Chairman

Glen Quigley - Vice Chairman

Greg Tropf - Trustee

Beverly Sustar – Fiscal Officer