**Island Creek Township**

Regular Monthly Meeting

October 8, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Island Creek Community Building

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Sam Grafton at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call Present: Sam Grafton, *Chair*; Thomas Phillips, *Vice-Chai*r and Brenda Powley, *Trustee* and Amy Browning, *Fiscal Officer*

Also in attendance:Jake Bates, *Road Foreman* and Jeffrey Brown, *Solicitor*

PRE-REGISTERED

Harold LeMasters – expressed interest in continuing the Pleasant Hill Ball Association with the Trustee’s permission and if able to get enough to sign up. Harold is going to try and find someone to manage the league. Yetis and Pleasant Hill agreed to work together in scheduling of the fields. Harold stated that if they are able to start-up they will do fundraisers in addition to the signup fees in order to have money available.

Trustees clarified that the Trustees or Yetis did not throw the Pleasant Hill Ball Association out of the township. They were unable to pay their outstanding bills and disbanded on their own.

Sam stated that if the park is not being used for the community, it will go back to the Pleasant Hill Garden Club and Rothackers.

LeMasters also requested that township plow snow in front of the fire department doors so they are able to get out in an emergency. Sam will check the laws and options.

OLD BUSINESS

Grader Bid – Bids are due on November 1st. If no bids are received, township will set a selling price. Jeff checking into the process for doing so.

JSWCD MS4 Review – Brenda and Jake met with Mark of JSWCD. Brenda stated that she ordered pig mats as suggested.

Community Cleanup Update – no tires, hazmat, electronics, or construction materials. Amy will deliver food. Eastern Ohio Correctional will provide supervisor and four guys to help.

Pine Lane Letter – Commissioners letter provided. As stated last month, after the public viewing of Pine Lane, trustees agree that it is not a good idea or feasible for the township to acquire the road due to the cost associated with getting the road up to speed. Township declined to take it on as is.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Foreman

* Jake stated that everything is good.

Jeff Brown

* Jeff negotiated a contract with ezPallet Company admitting to the damage on Backbone Road. Company will pay $5,500 for repairs.

Thomas made a motion to accept the agreement with ezPallet, seconded by Brenda.

Roll Call: Sam – yes; Thomas – yes; Brenda – yes. Motion passed.

Brenda Powley

* Brenda stated that as a reminder from the Fire Prevention Officer that there is a burn ban in effect and that there is currently a Hurricane Drive taking place at Toronto VFD and Kelly’s Excavating. Amy signed the contract.
* Brenda stated that Trick or Treat date and times need to be set. Brenda made a motion to observe the holiday on October 31st from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., seconded by Thomas.

Roll Call: Sam – yes; Thomas – yes; Brenda – yes. Motion passed.

* Brenda stated the Seven Ranges and TEMS is working hard on getting grants.
* Brenda specified that there is a new HB in effect in Ohio that requires townships to have defibrillators accessible on site.
* Brenda going to start meeting with the fire departments on contract negotiations.
* Nancy and Sealock survey going forward in next two weeks.
* Truck tires being purchased through Ferguson.

Thomas Phillips

* Thomas suggested adding the agenda to the website prior to the meeting so that community knows what is going to be discussed.
* Thomas will start cleaning the township building.

Sam Grafton

* Sam requested that road survey spreadsheets be provided to Jake monthly.

Amy Browning

* OEMA – Due November 4th. Brenda is going to complete with the help of Laura (OEMA).
* Amy requested the signed soccer contracts from Thomas.

Executive Session

Brenda made a motion to enter into Executive Session for personnel matters, seconded by Thomas.

Roll Call: Sam – yes; Thomas – yes; Brenda – yes. Motion passed.

Coming out of Executive Session with no action take, Brenda made a motion to layoff Brian Sayers for financial reasons effective October 30, seconded by Thomas.

Roll Call: Sam – yes; Thomas – yes; Brenda – yes. Motion passed.

FINANCIALS

Brenda made a motion to approve the September minutes, seconded by Thomas.

Roll Call: Sam – yes; Thomas – yes; Brenda – yes. Motion passed.

Brenda made a motion to approve the October financials as presented, seconded by Thomas.

Roll Call: Sam – yes; Thomas – yes; Brenda – yes. Motion passed.

Brenda moved to accept the supplemental appropriations for the month, seconded by Thomas.

Roll Call: Sam – yes; Thomas – yes; Brenda – yes. Motion passed.

Trustees signed checks and Purchase Orders.

ADJOURNMENT

Thomas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brenda.

Roll Call: Sam – yes; Thomas – yes; Brenda – yes. Motion passed.

Next scheduled meeting November 12, 2024

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SAM GRAFTON, CHAIRMAN

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AMY BROWNING, FISCAL OFFICER