**Island Creek Township**

Regular Monthly Meeting

July 9, 2024

5:30 p.m. Budget Hearing and

6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Island Creek Community Building

Regular meeting was proceeded by Budget Hearing. The Fiscal Officer explained the estimated Budget for 2025 to be $1,517,136.76. This is slightly higher than 2024.

Brenda made a motion to accept the estimated 2025 Budget, Thomas second. All in favor. Signed Certificate of the County Budget will be forwarded onto auditors office.

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

There being no further Business regarding the Budget, Sam moved to continue onto the regular monthly meeting.

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**

James Lackey – Frost Law (did not attend)

Robert Naylor – Jefferson County Port Authority

Mr. Naylor explained that the Port Authority is putting in a Spec Building at the Industrial Park and is concerned about the pot holes being a deterrent to incoming business as well as causing issues for current businesses located in the Industrial Park. Mr. Naylor and Commissioner Morelli want to work with the Trustees to come up with a feasible plan to fix the crumbling concrete. Estimates are needed for fixing the problem areas and a future meeting will be planned to discuss.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Recreation Grant – Tony Morelli hand delivered $3,000 check awarded the township for Recreation Grant. Tony congratulated the Trustees on a job well done.

Ball Association – Nate Cline and Janelle Miller addressed the Trustees regarding the Ball Associations current financial situation. League is looking for ways to raise money in order to pay their bill to township which is over $500 to date. In an effort to reduce their bill, Thomas made a motion to remove the garbage dumpster immediately, seconded by Sam.

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

Thomas requested that the township only charge the Ball Association half of what they owe and the township pay the other half. Jeff expressed concerns due to setting a precedence for other organizations to ask for the same break.

Association is considering starting an Adult League, Sam reiterated that the park bylaws do not allow for alcohol on the premises and that they will have to monitor the adults who play.

Currently there is no contract signed, Sam moved to table until next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

AT&T – OTARMA paying claim.

Recreation Grant – mulch delivered but will not be spread until Spring.

Public Road Petition – Letter and signed petition has been approved by the Commissioners. There will be an onsite inspection and public hearing. Sam stated that there will need to be a cul-de-sac installed for trucks to turn around for snow removal and road will need to be brought up to standards. Trustees need to make a point to attend the public hearing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Road Foreman – Jake spoke on behalf of all the workers and expressed their appreciation for the work the Trustees did to help them finish a job that day.

Fire Prevention – Brenda stated that the 911 setup will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Brenda address the following:

* safety of red truck and that rotors need fixed immediately
* AC/Backhoe (Donnie looking at)
* Montgomery Lane installing a mirror ($100)
* John Hood Jewett Road washing out
* Road Inspections
* Logging on Fairview

Sam stated that EZ Pallet Company has not done the work to fix County Road 381. Sam requested Jeff send them a letter. Amy will provide Jeff the information.

Thomas reviewed his road inspection stating there is no road sign on TR 381/380 and that Backbone road is not in good condition.

Amy provided Trustees with information regarding joining the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Safety Council. Trustees decided not to join.

Amy also provided Trustees with information regarding completing Fraud Training required under Ohio Law. Training must be completed by September 28 and certificate of completion provided to Amy.

Sam reviewed his road inspection stating that the roads have not all been cut and should be by this point in the season. Also expressed concerns on Maplewood and Kings Drive.

Sam ended the regular meeting and moved to enter the financial meeting.

**FINANCIAL MEETING**

Sam asked for a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Brenda.

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

Sam asked for a motion to accept the financials as presented. Thomas made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, seconded by Brenda.

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

Sam suggesting getting 200 more tons of clean slag. Brenda made a motion to purchase 200 more tons of slag, seconded by Sam.

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 meeting will be a Special Meeting to open Grader bids on July 25th at 11:00 a.m.

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SAM GRAFTON, CHAIRMAN

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AMY BROWNING, FISCAL OFFICER