

BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
February 9, 2021

The Brunswick Hills Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at Brunswick Hills Township Town Hall.

Board of Trustees, Vice-Chair John Witthuhn, Trustee Christina Kusnerak, Zoning Inspector Evelyn Czyz, Police Chief Sopkovich, Fire Chief Strazzo and Service Foreman Paul Magovac present.

Witthuhn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and noted the meeting was properly advertised.

PRESENTATION:

Witthuhn invited Grant Pfleiderer from Troop 2517, to speak about the proposed Eagle Scout Project at Town Line Cemetery to clean the headstones and add bench(es).

MINUTES:

January 26, 2021 Regular Meeting, Witthuhn moved to approve. Kusnerak seconded. Kusnerak - yes. Witthuhn - yes. Motion carried.

Witthuhn provided off camera summary.

(For detailed information on special or off camera items review the posted minutes on the website: www.brunswickhillstwp.org)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Zoning Department:

Czyz read the Zoning Department monthly report for January 2021.

Kusnerak stated she received the two remaining items for Wexford Subdivision Documents that we requested.

Police Department:

Sopkovich stated they have found a K9 from Excel K9 Services, for the new K9 program, K9 Ajgo. Sopkovich requested to accept the donation of training and K9 Ajgo. From the Brunswick Hills Police Association in the amount of \$13,800 to Excel K9 Services. Brunswick Hills Township will own the K9. Witthuhn moved to approve. Kusnerak seconded. Witthuhn – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried

Sopkovich requested to accept the donation of installation of K9 equipment for the patrol vehicle, from the Brunswick Hills Police Association in the amount of \$6,715.44 to Hall Public Safety. Kusnerak moved to approve. Witthuhn seconded. Witthuhn – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

Sopkovich requested to Purchase SWAT Training Simunitions Conversion kits and Ammo from

Kiesler Police Supply. Purchase order to Kiesler Police Supply, in the amount of \$1,273.96, other supplies and materials. Kusnerak moved to approve. Witthuhn seconded. Witthuhn – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

Sopkovich requested to pay the delinquent contributions to OPERS Retirement System for Patrolman Walsh, in the amount of \$11,898.57 which was due to an oversight. The Township will be responsible for payment of the employer contribution with interest and employee contribution interest, only (\$7,444.76) to be paid from other salaries, terminating pay. Sopkovich requested remaining portion, the employee's contribution of \$4,453.81, be taken out of the employee's pay throughout the rest of the year (2021). Sopkovich stated that this information has been forwarded to the union for consideration. Witthuhn stated that he would not comment on the union side, but would address the management portion and moved to approve. Kusnerak seconded. Witthuhn – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

Fire Department:

Strazzo presented the annual Fire Department Report for 2020, which has been posted to the township website.

Strazzo read the Fire Department monthly report for January 2021.

Strazzo requested a PO to the Treasure of the State of Ohio, in the amount of \$4,500.00, payment to another political subdivision, for MARCS user fees. Witthuhn moved to approve. Kusnerak seconded. Witthuhn – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

Strazzo requested training for Firefighter Nick DiSalvo, to attend Rope Rescue Operations training at Tri-C. PO #38 to be used for the amount of \$500. Kusnerak moved to approve. Witthuhn seconded. Witthuhn – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

Strazzo announced the Fire Department received the Ohio Fire Marshall Marcs Radio Grant, in the amount of \$1,320.00 to offset user fees.

Service Department:

Magovac read the monthly Service Department Road report for January 2021.

Magovac requested to purchase an 11ft carbine blade from Henderson, in the amount of \$782.60. Kusnerak moved to approve. Witthuhn seconded. Witthuhn – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

Magovac requested the Board to sign the road mileage report from Medina County Highway Engineer, ODOT. Kusnerak and Witthuhn have signed.

TRUSTEES' REPORT:

John Witthuhn:

None

Christina Kusnerak:

None

FISCAL OFFICER:

Witthuhn read the Fiscal Officer Report.

Witthuhn moved to approve payment listing, dated February 1, 2021, in the amount of \$48,794.84. Kusnerak seconded. Witthuhn – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

Kusnerak moved to approve payment listing, dated February 8, 2021, in the amount of \$37,606.09. Witthuhn seconded. Witthuhn – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

Witthuhn moved to approve payroll, dated February 9, 2021, in the amount of \$55,305.19. Kusnerak seconded. Witthuhn – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Witthuhn motioned to approve the revised Republic Waste Opt-out dates. Forms will be received until February 19th at 2:30PM. Kusnerak seconded. Witthuhn – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Witthuhn moved to approve the Cummins Planned Generator Maintenance Renewal Quotation, in the amount of \$2,152.46 and sign on behalf of the Township and include all necessary po's. Kusnerak seconded. Witthuhn – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS & CORRESPONDENCE:

Witthuhn received notice from Armstrong Cable, announced of a rate increase in video next month. Phone and internet rates will not change. For those customers who use Armstrong be on the lookout for a rate increase.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

BZA: February 16th at 7PM and March 3rd at 7 PM Virtual

Zoning Commission: March 4th at 7PM Virtual

Trustee: February 23rd at 7PM

PUBLIC INPUT:

Ron Wettermen, 1085 Substation asked if the Opt-Out notice can be published for the residents who opted-out last year. Witthuhn stated notices have been posted on the Township website, notices were sent in the mail and announced multiple times at public meetings. When the program started over a year ago, everyone who opted-out were aware it is an annual requirement. Witthuhn shared the same concerns and asked the Police and Fire Departments to post notice on social media, Facebook pages.

OFF CAMERA:

Witthuhn moved to go off camera at 8:00PM to conduct any other business brought before the Board and noted Warrants will be signed at a late date due to logistical issue. Kusnerak seconded. Both voted yes. Motion carried.

Kusnerak moved to approve Grant Pfleiderer to complete his Eagle Scout project at Town Line Cemetery as requested and presented to clean headstones and add bench(es) under the direction of Foreman Magovac. Witthuhn seconded. Both voted yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Kusnerak moved to adjourn at 8:04PM. Witthuhn seconded. Both voted yes. Motion carried.

Michael Esber, Chair Trustee

Katherine Esber, Fiscal Officer

John Witthuhn, Vice-Chair Trustee

Christina Kusnerak, Trustee