

PENFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

June 20th, 2023

The regular meeting of the Penfield Township Trustees was called to order at 7:30 PM. All officers were present with the exception of Fiscal Officer Denes. Minutes were recorded by Assistant Fiscal Officer Rachael Duling. Seven guests attended the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected with a motion made by Chairman Flynn, seconded by Trustee Conrad. A motion was made to approve Voucher #'s 14329-14336, payment voucher 25-2023, PO # 42-2023, and cemetery deeds 183 and 184 by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Chairman Flynn.

Correspondence from fiscal officer Denes included new salt program pricing and a ballot for LMRE code change.

Zoning Inspector, Scott Hopkins, reported the process for the possible cell tower is being put on hold. Hopkins reached out to the Lorain County Health Department on the foreclosed home. They inspected the home and stated that the house is unfit for human habitation. Trustee Johnson drafted a letter that will be sent, along with the letter from the Health Department and the letter from Troy Pitts, to the owner of the house and the bank that holds the lien. The three trustees will sign the letter and then distribute to Inspector Hopkins to send. Hopkins assigned a new address on Route 18 for a house being built. He mailed out a few letters regarding junk car violations. Chairman Flynn advised Hopkins that there is a business on 301 N who has a tire business and has been warned to not burn tires.

Greg Younglas had no questions or comments.

Jerry Rathwell had no questions or comments.

Joy Rathwell had no questions or comments.

Deputy Osborne and Deputy Fuller were in attendance. They are the TIU (Township Impact Unit) for Penfield Township. They distributed badges for zoning inspector Hopkins and the three trustees. Deputy Osborne reported that she received 35 calls for service in the last month for Penfield including abandoned vehicle complaints, traffic stops, weapon complaints, and welfare checks.

Trustee Johnson reported the new PA batteries are installed. He stated the new floor of the PHS Office in the recycle building is complete. Johnson received a check from Tom Reed for \$100 as a donation. He also picked up a drop box to place at the township hall.

Trustee Conrad reported that he met with Don Romancek and is near completing all easements needed for the Curtis and Gott ditch project.

Chairman Flynn reported that he would like to consider keeping our funds with Farmer's Savings instead of moving it to Star Ohio because Farmer's Savings is secure whereas Star Ohio is not. Trustee Conrad moved to keep CD at Farmer's Savings, Trustee Johnson seconded. Trustee Conrad moved to rescind motion to move \$100,000 to Star Ohio, Trustee Johnson seconded. Chairman Flynn reported that he spoke to Tony at Polen Implement and our new tractor is in and we will be receiving it in the next week or two. Chairman Flynn met with plumber, Terry Lyon, and they worked on the sinks together at the township hall. The faucets don't spray the water so aggressively now. They also looked at a toilet that was running while they were there, and they looked at the potential work to make the new fridge work. Flynn reported he installed the new tires for the mower and Bob says they're working great. Fiscal Officer Denes reported to Flynn that she saw a potential water leak; the three trustees will follow

up on this. Chairman Flynn moved to go into executive session at 8:09pm, Trustee Conrad seconded.

Chairman Flynn – yes

Trustee Conrad – yes

Trustee Johnson – yes

Chairman Flynn declared the meeting back in regular session at 9:30pm.

Chairman Flynn – here

Trustee Conrad – here

Trustee Johnson – here

Trustee Conrad moved to hire Keri Gordon as part time help for Theresa Seman for the month of July. Chairman Flynn seconded.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm with a motion made by Trustee Conrad, seconded by Chairman Flynn.