

TOWN OF RIDGEVILLE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
July 13, 2015

Board Members in attendance: Chairman, Mike Luethe; 1st Supervisor, Ron Luethe; 2nd Supervisor, Keith Giraud; also in attendance was Clerk, Rita Williams and Treasurer, Kathy Cale.

The Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Luethe starting at 7:30 P.M.

1. Pledge to the American Flag

The pledge to the American Flag was recited.

2. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

There were no public comments for the evening.

3. Approval of Minutes for the June 8, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting

The minutes of the June 8, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Keith Giraud and seconded by Ron Luethe. Motion Carried.

4. Discussion on Fencing Issue between M. McPherson/F. Rasch-Innswood Whitetails

Matt McPherson's Lawyer, Business Associate, and the Rasch's were in attendance and having a discussion outside, noting that they may come to an agreement. The matter will be addressed later in the meeting.

5. Discussion on Agreement between Village of Norwalk and Town of Ridgeville on Combined Use of Equipment/Supplies

Jeff Gnewikow and Mike Larson, 2 board members from the village were in attendance. It was noted that our board would like to have a written agreement on the combined use of equipment. We would like an agreement that would note things like, whose is responsible for the repair if there would be damage to the equipment. It was noted that in the future if the same board members are not on the board there would be documentation on the agreement. The village board members agreed that we should have that agreement in writing. It was noted that the 2 village members could not make that decision alone, but will take it back to their board and let us know. They are willing to work with our town to come up with that agreement. It was also noted that we both will come up with a list of the equipment/items we may want to use and the cost involved for use.

6. Continued Discussion on Purchasing a Trailer

There was again discussion on purchasing a trailer. Chairman Luethe noted that he had talked to Clerk Williams and we do need to be careful with our finances to make sure we are able to pay the bills for the year. His first thought was that maybe we need to wait on the trailer.

7. Continued Discussion on Damage to Roads

It was noted that we had drafted a letter to the farmers on damage to roads. It was never sent out from the last board meeting because of some concerns as to who the letter actually should be addressed, to the farmer or haulers. It was agreed that it should probably be addressed to the haulers. After some discussion it was decided that a letter would be drafted that would make the haulers aware of the situation with the roads. It was also noted that we should note our website in the letter. We can then note on the website any roads that are being worked on at any given time and any roads that may need to be avoided at that time. The State Statute on damaged roads should also be enclosed in that letter.

At this point we returned to item # 4 on the agenda:

4. Discussion on Fencing Issue between M. McPherson/F. Rasch-Innswood Whitetails

At this time in the meeting, Attorney Chris Butler announced that they had been discussing the fence situation in the parking lot and have come to an agreement. The Rasch's have signed that agreement and Mr. McPherson will sign that agreement tomorrow. Mr. Butler thanked the board for putting this matter on the agenda and for the board's cooperation.

8. Right of Way Maintenance Issue on Landmark Avenue

Board Member Ron Luethe explained the situation with a resident not wanting the vegetation along the road mowed. Last summer we allowed the vegetation to remain and did not mow that area. There are now small trees and shrubs growing in that area and it will be a safety issue and could cause problems for snow removal. Mr. Luethe drafted a letter to that resident noting that if the tree and shrubs are not removed by August 1, 2015 that we will maintain the right of way using standard procedures which including mowing/brush cutting that is used throughout the township for proper right of way maintenance. There was a motion by Keith Giraud and seconded by Mike Luethe to send that letter out to the resident. Motion Carried.

9. Road Patrolman Report

Road Patrolman Bach reported the following:

He has been mowing along the road sides.

He needed to order some new knives for the mower.

He noted that there are some culvert issues on Leather Avenue.

There were some trees down because of the storms.

Kaleb gave us some information on some thoughts of improving the Garbage and Recycling Hauling. He noted one option would be to put dumpsters at an area around 71 Express and have someone man it on the weekend for residents to drop off their garbage and recycling. He also noted that another option would be to put dumpster on a trailer and pick up both garbage and recycling at the same time. Several were in agreement that it would be a good use for a trailer. We will put it on the agenda again for next month and more discussion. Kaleb will get some figures so we can look at the cost of the truck and mileage now, and if we get a trailer.

Ron Luethe noted he felt we should wait and budget for the trailer in November when we do the budgeting for 2016. We will then have a better idea of where we are financially.

James Neumann asked what our plans were for doing maintenance on Lansing Road. Chairman Luethe asked what he wanted done with the road. Mr. Neumann noted that maybe we should just discontinue the road and he would take care of the road himself. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that we will put the matter on the agenda for next meeting. Before that time we will find out what is needed to approve the discontinuance of that road and what the cost would be to the town.

10. Treasurer's Report for June 2015

The treasurer's report for June 2015 was presented by treasurer, Kathy Cale. She reported total current funds of \$73,777.59. She noted that we have \$55,448.88 in checking, \$2,939.95 in savings, and \$15,388.76 in the general and equipment accounts at Madison.

11. Approval of Bills Paid/To Be Paid

The bills paid/to be paid were reviewed. Payment of these bills were approved with a motion from Ron Luethe and seconded by Keith Giraud. Motion Carried. This includes bills paid from 6/9/15 thru 7/13/15. Check # 11885 thru Check # 11912 plus 5 Auto payments all totaling \$1,489.18. Total of all bills approved were \$38,791.89.

12. Set Date for Next Regular Monthly Meeting

The next meeting has been set for Monday, August 10, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.

13. Adjourn Meeting

There was a motion from Ron Lueth and seconded by Keith Giraud to adjourn the regular monthly meeting at 8:05 P.M.
Motion Carried.

Rita Williams
Clerk