

Sullivan Township Regular Board Meeting November 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present were: Duane Jenkins, Doug Campbell and Glen Goff

Glen reminded everyone to silence their phones and all recording from the back of the room

Glen made a motion to pay the bills, Duane handed Glen and Doug a copy of his attorney's bill and court case that was filed by Denise Herte to remove Duane as a trustee. It had Duane's attorney bill and responses from the judge and information from the Attorney General.

Glen read from the court reporter papers: "The Court: Okay. Then this case, I am granting motion to dismiss, and costs assessed to the complaints. This is something that you can refile, it's a dismissal without prejudice, and you can file a new complaint if you want to go through that. I do want you to be aware, however, that every time that you pursue this process, especially if we go to a jury trial, and I don't know if you folks have looked at the law, Mr. Jenkins can bill his expenses to the Township, so he's not paying for this the Township is paying for all of this, just be aware of that."

Glen read from the information from Ohio AG Lexis 35: "1998 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 92-001 found that the discretionary authority of a board of township trustees to reimburse a township trustee for his legal fees is "reasonably incidental to the general authority to employ counsel" granted to the board."

Glen made a motion to reimburse Duane for his attorney fees' \$5555.00, seconded by Doug. Approved, 2 yes 1 abstain (Duane).

Glen made a motion to approve the regular bills, seconded by Doug. Approved, unanimously. At this time, 6:05pm, Doug left due to being ill.

Glen mentioned he has told Jeff that if there are any bills, he will have to turn them in to the Fiscal Officer by Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> so that they can be paid out before the end of the year. We will have to set up an end of year clos out meeting and then an organizational meeting.

No minutes will be approved since Doug is not here. However, if Doug cannot make it to the next meeting, Glen and Duane will have to approve them. Glen does not want the to get further behind and to have them done by year end.

Glen: The cemetery, we had set aside \$8,000.00 to fix headstones. We have another company and will have Jeff work with them to look at the worst ones and fix what we can with the \$8,000.00

We need to do something with the old building. He thought about using the new gas tax monies to help with the construction of a new building, 150' X 80' to be build over by the school. Then tear down this old one. He mentioned the cost could be around \$250,000.00 to \$280,000.00.

The cemetery has room in the back, need to start selling those plots, but we need to have someone look at it first.

He said that Jeff will be ordering \$2200.00 in gravel. Expensed from the gas tax.

Glen brought up the zoning and that he has received several calls about questions and the fiscal officer cannot take on zoning. Anyone will need to turn in their request, Jeff will have two weeks to review and write out permits, then the requestor would come to the meeting to get their permit.

Glen made a motion to pay Jeff \$30.00 per written zoning permit, seconded by Duane. Approved, unanimously. Jeff will need a zoning book and will receive the current zoning questions.

Duane: he mentioned Sue is up for appointment on the water board. Sue gave the Fiscal Officer the appointment papers. It will need to be done soon.

He received notice from, Chris Clark, Black River superintendent about Larry Obhof can give donations of funds to the school. Mr. Clark asked if the trustees can send letters to Mr. Obhof to help Black River. Duane and Glen will send a letter and will ask Doug.

He mentioned he found a solicitor from Medina County. It would help having a solicitor at the meetings or available to answer questions. Mainly zoning inspector would use this person the most, as well as the Fiscal Officer and trustees. We will wait until Doug is at the meeting to discuss further.

Fiscal Officer: Anna gave the trustees a few purchase orders and bills to sign. She had a copy of the gas station lease she gave to AJ, AJ turned in a check. She gave Jerry Hodge mail that was sent to the township for him.

Public:

Colby Walter read a letter that he was resigning effective Nov. 25, 2019. He turned in a box with his items and resignation letter. He asked that they be given to Dan.

Tab Bloom: He is the vice president of the association and at the last meeting the fire chief mentioned the association would be working with the township on events. He would like to be involved but can not due to the association's 501C3 status. He can not lose the 501C3 status. The association board meets off and on or if there is an emergency they can meet over the phone. He said the fire chief has no say or sway over the association. Members are from the Sullivan fire and rescue, that is why Sullivan's name is part of the association name. When the plan something it must get done not sit and wait. They never turn away help. Be aware that the association president has the last say. Everything is controlled by votes of the association members. Duane as if he could get a copy of the association by laws. Tab said not unless you have a court order. He will bring it up at the associations next meeting.

Marsha Diaz: put in a records request for the video from November 19<sup>th</sup>. Duane said to be clear no one can do something to township property without approval. There were persons and young kids on the roof of the gazebo and it is a safety hazard. As trustee it is his responsibility to make sure everything is done safely and with approval. Marsha asked why didn't the fiscal officer or trustee Glen call the sheriff? Glen would have helped the young person down if he

had seen this happening. He said it is a safety issue. Even those who painted the inside of the township building had permission to do so. It was asked who drove on the grass, no one new. There is a lot of damage and may be an insurance claim.

Marsha also requested all records on the gazebo maintenance and construction plans. Glen addressed this and said since he has been here or Jeff nothing was done to it. Brenda spoke up and said that here and Sue had permission to plant flowers and Brenda has worked on the gazebo.

Dave Spieker: turned in a 16GB thumb drive for the August 5<sup>th</sup> video.

Tab spoke up and said the association meetings are not open to the public. He will ask at the next meeting if the trustees can get a copy of the bylaws. He was asked by Duane where the meetings are held, Tab said in the community room. Duane said the community room is for open meetings only, if they are not open to the public the association would have to pay for the rental of the room.

The cemetery was brought up again, it was asked if we have the original books. Duane said that donna Riley went into the records room with Janice Steele, and that Janice took the original map. It was not returned before she passed away. We have three books with information but made the decision last year to not sell anymore plots until it can all be straightened out.

Glen made a motion to adjourn at 6:50pm, seconded by Duane. Approved, unanimously.

Minutes prepared by fiscal officer, Anna Gibson

Approved on:

Duane Jenkins \_\_\_\_\_

Glen Goff \_\_\_\_\_



Doug Campbell \_\_\_\_\_

