

MINUTES OF REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD JUNE 13, 2017

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TATE TOWNSHIP MET IN REGULAR SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: TRUSTEE REED, TRUSTEE BURNS, TRUSTEE DAUGHERTY AND FISCAL OFFICER KATHY BRANNOCK.

RES. DAUGHERTY TO APPROVE MAY 9, 2017 MINUTES. SECONDED BY BURNS. ALL YEA.

RES. BURNS TO APPROVE MAY 16, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY DAUGHERTY. ALL YEA.

RES. DAUGHERTY TO APPROVE MAY BILLS. SECONDED BY BURNS. ALL YEA.

RES. DAUGHERTY TO APPROVE MAY PAYROLLS, EFT'S, AND WITHHOLDING VOUCHERS. SECONDED BY BURNS. ALL YEA.

VISITORS: JIM REES-VISITING	PATTI MURDOCK-ZONING
MARJORIE R. JONES	CLAIRE MURDOCK-ZONING
GEORGE RANSON	JOE GARRETT
MARK BISHOP	BILL GRAFE

GEORGE RANSON AND MARJORIE JONES BROUGHT AN ISSUE REGARDING THE CEMETERY TO THE TRUSTEES ATTENTION. THEIR FATHER WHO LIVES IN THE TOWNSHIP PURCHASED TWO CEMETERY PLOTS FOR \$1000.00. HE ATTEMPTED TO PAY FOR THEM WITH CHECKS FROM RELATIVES THAT LIVE OUTSIDE OF THE TOWNSHIP. THE CEMETERY SEXTON WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE CHECKS AS PAYMENT BELIEVING THAT THE PURCHASER MAY LIVE OUTSIDE OF THE TOWNSHIP. THEIR FATHER HAD TO MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS TO GET MONEY TO PAY FOR THE PLOTS. THEY WERE ASSURED THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN RESOLVED AND THEY WERE ISSUED AN APOLOGY. MARJORIE ALSO QUESTIONED WHY 400 SHEPHERD'S HOOKS WERE "THROWN AWAY". SHE WAS TOLD THAT THEY HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE GRAVES FOR SAFETY REASONS BUT WERE LABELED AND STORED WAITING FOR OWNERS TO CLAIM THEM.

MARK BISHOP AND BILL GRAFE FROM ENERGY ALLIANCES DISCUSSED ELECTRIC AND GAS AGGREGATION. THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL RESIDENTS DO NOT QUALIFY SINCE THE VILLAGE IS PROTECTED FROM AGGREGATION SINCE THEY OWN THEIR OWN UTILITY COMPANY. ONLY RESIDENTS AND SMALL BUSINESSES OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE UTILITY CAN PARTICIPATE. THE ONE SCHOOL THAT IS OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE COULD PARTICIPATE. THERE IS NO FEE TO EXIT FROM THE PROGRAM. ALL ADVERTISING, ELECTION COSTS AND MAILINGS ARE PAID BY THEIR COMPANY. AUGUST 8TH IS THE DEADLINE TO FILE WITH THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS. QUARTERLY REPORTS WILL BE ISSUED SHOWING THE ENERGY COST SAVINGS. EVEN IF THE VOTERS PASS THE ISSUE THE TOWNSHIP IS NOT REQUIRE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE AGGREGATION PROGRAM; IT MERELY GIVES THEM PERMISSION TO DO SO. IT TAKES APPROXIMATELY FOUR MONTHS BEFORE IT WOULD GO INTO EFFECT.

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PATTI MURDOCK WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT TO GROW MEDICAL MARIJUANA. SHE ASKED IF THERE IS ANY ZONING REGULATION REGARDING THE FARMING OF MARIJUANA. THIS FALLS UNDER AGRICULTURAL ZONING. TRUSTEE DAUGHERTY ASKED HER IF THE PROPERTY WOULD HAVE SECURITY. SHE SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE SECURITY THERE. HER GOAL IS TO SELL THE CROP FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES ONLY. THE PROPERTY, WHICH WOULD BE BETWEEN SEVEN AND FIFTEEN ACRES, WOULD BE FENCED. THE BUSINESS WOULD POTENTIALLY EMPLOY 4-12 PEOPLE. THERE ARE ONLY TWELVE PERMITS TO BE ISSUED STATE-WIDE AND THEY WILL BE AWARDED BY A LOTTERY IN SEPTEMBER. OFFICER PIKE WAS ASKED HIS OPINION. HE DID NOT SEE THAT IT WOULD POSE ANYMORE THEFT POTENTIAL THAN ANYTHING ELSE. SHE WAS REFERRED TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE WITH A SECURITY PLAN.

JOE GARRETT WITH TREBEL LLC SPOKE ABOUT THE ENERGY AGGREGATION COMPANY THAT HE REPRESENTS. HE EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENCES WITH ENERGY ALLIANCES. TREBEL HAS 106 PROGRAMS VS 30+. RFPs ARE SENT TO ALL SUPPLIERS THAT WILL BID. THEIR RFP WAS WRITTEN BY THE ATTORNEY FOR PUCO AND THEIR RESOLUTION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGGREGATION ISSUE WAS APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF OHIO. ENERGY ALLIANCE PRE-QUALIFIES ITS SUPPLIERS. TREBEL HAS CONTRACTS WITH ALL OF THEM. CONSTELLATION ENERGY HAS AN EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT WITH ENERGY ALLIANCES. TREBEL WILL SEND OUT THREE MAILINGS BEGINNING NINETY DAYS OUT. THERE WILL BE TWO MAILINGS WITH DATE AND TIMES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS. HE DOES NOT RECOMMEND SIGNING ANY CONTRACT OVER TWO YEARS. THE OPT-OUT ONLY GOES TO RESIDENTS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE. OTHERS NOT IN THE PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE A LETTER ABOUT WHY THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE AND HOW TO GET INTO THE PROGRAM. THE CONTRACT IS EDITED SO THE PRICE CAN BE NEGOTIATED OR BE PUT OUT TO BID.

OFFICER PIKE-OLD/NEW BUSINESS
NO OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

ZONING-OLD BUSINESS
ZONING REPORT WAS PRESENTED. SIX PERMITS WERE ISSUED.
UPDATES WERE PRESENTED.

ROAD/CEMETERY-OLD BUSINESS
MAY REPORT WAS PRESENTED
ALL ROADS HAVE BEEN MOWED. ALL CULVERTS HAVE BEEN REPLACED IN PREPARATION FOR PAVING.
THE NEW DUMP TRUCK IS AT KD ROSE.
THE VILLAGE HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT THE TOWNSHIP'S OFFER OF \$75,000 FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK. THEY ARE WAITING FOR THEIR ATTORNEY'S APPROVAL BEFORE THEY APPROVE THE SALE.
THE TRUSTEES SIGNED THE NEW MOWING CONTRACT FOR GREEN IMAGES TO MOW THE CEMETERY.

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DEMOLITION ON THE SPRING STREET PROPERTY WILL BE DONE IN AUGUST. SEVERAL DUMPSTERS WILL BE NEEDED.

FIRE CHIEF-OLD BUSINESS

PRESENTED MAY REPORT: 183 RUNS (41 FIRE/142 EMS)

NEW CHIEF'S VEHICLE IS FINISHED AND IN SERVICE. THE NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING.

ROAD/CEMETERY –NEW BUSINESS

NO NEW BUSINESS

ZONING-NEW BUSINESS

ZONING INSPECTOR CHECKED OUT TWO CAMPERS ON BETHEL NEW RICHMOND ROAD. ALSO, FOUR UNLICENSED VEHICLES.

FIRE CHIEF-NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT RECEIVED TEN FREE DOSES OF NARCAN FROM CLERMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH VALUED AT OVER \$400.00.

CHIEF RECOMMENDED HIRING FOUR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES: JOHN SHAW, GREGORY LUCAS, BRIAN BARGER AND JOSHUA GRIMM. MOTION BY DAUGHERTY TO APPROVE HIRING THE RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES. SECONDED BY BURNS. ALL YEA.

PRESENTED MEDICOUNT RENEWAL CONTRACT TO BE SIGNED BY TRUSTEES. OUR COST WENT DOWN FROM 7 TO 6.5%.

BUDGET HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 PM ON JULY 11, 2017.

MOTION BY BURNS TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY DAUGHERTY. ALL YEA.