Cleveland Twp.

August 22, 2023

The Cleveland Twp. Planning Commission Members did not meet this night.

The Cleveland Twp. Supervisors held their meeting at the regular meeting place starting @ 7 pm. All supervisors were present. Chairman, Skip Litwhiler, opened the business meeting.

People who attended: Zoning officer-Jim Wesloskie, (2) planning commission members (Dan Knoebel & Mark Zenyuch), & (2) citizens. Attached to these minutes are said names.

Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed to the supervisors and (1) copy for the public. Skip made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Jack Jeffrey 2nd the motion. All approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT ITEMS ON AGENDA – NONE.**

Old Business: Kurtz subdivision – DEP approved the sewage planning module on 7/31. At the county’s meeting on 8/15, the board gave this subdivision a conditional approval.

Haladay subdivision – At the county’s 8/15 meeting these plans were approved.

Twp. website – Administrator, Marianne Zenyuch, was present and given the floor. She stated that Cathy advised her that a bill was received from Domain Networks for $289.00. She reviewed the bill and stated in her option this is a scam. A bill will be coming from Wix for $260 - $280.00. If the above mention bill is true, the cost to have a website could be $500 to $600.00. Marianne stated she has no way of knowing how many people have reviewed the website. The account she started on face book was cancelled somehow. Marianne stated she is doing research on different websites. The twp. website will continue, but will be reviewed again.

Zoning officer Jim Wesloskie was given the floor. He stated that solar farm companies have been contacting him. He asked the supervisors what he should do if plans are submitted. Supervisors stated as long as it meets the zoning requirements, issue a permit since the twp. has no solar ordinance on the books yet.

No old business from Jack or Steve.

Skip took the floor. He spoke about the (4) Dirt & Gravel applications he submitted to the conservation district. None of them were approved as the board awarded the money to other twp. projects. Under DGLVR project, Skip submitted (1) application for bank stabilization by Davis covered bridge on Queen City Rd. He submitted an amount of $58,000.00 with the twps. in kind work of $15,000.00 that the twp. would pay for. The conservation district only has $40,000.00 left in this program. After some discussion by the board, Skip made a motion to move along and accept the $40,000.00 but if the equipment cost to go down the bank is too expensive and becomes an issue to forget this project with that money. Steve 2nd the motion. All approved.

Skip spoke about the incident on the property on Happy Valley road owned by Michael Garcia. The twp. engineer emailed what FEMA requirements are and the twp. responsibilities. Vehicles & pull type trailers are allowed in flood plain/flood way for 180 consecutive days. They must be removed then and if not the twp. contacts the county to come an assets value for living quarters. April 1st to end of September is the time

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permitted for summer activities. Skip advised the zoning officer that the branches of Roaring Creek &

Muggers Run need to be watched for said activity.

Skip reported about the Fisherdale Schoolhouse meeting. He emailed Betsy at the Redevelopment Authority about receiving grant money to fix said building. Betsy has not responded as of this date.

Skip reported that Richard Cecco received his written decision on his January variance hearing after last month’s meeting.

New Business: Received June & July’s report for Tri-Co COG IBC. Jim to look over them.

Police meeting will be held on Aug. 29th @ 7 pm in the Locust twp. building.

Received a ballot for election of trustees for PSATS UC Group Trust. (2) trustees to vote on with only (2) listed. Skip made a motion to vote for the (2) trustees listed. Steve 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Zoning officer, Jim Wesloskie, was given the floor. He reported that Austin Stine received a zoning permit for his new dwelling on Madison Dr. A driveway was cut in but no paperwork for that driveway was submitted. Jim also reported that Knoebel’s amusement resort received a zoning permit to install a switch gear building for electric cars in the parking lot located on the Mensch’s land.

Jack Jeffrey was given the floor. He spoke about reviewing the police contract. He stated that a committee of (1) supervisor from the (4) twps. was set up and a meeting was held which he attended. At the present time the amount owned for police protection is by number of calls in the twps. It was suggested that payment be calculated by per capita or population in the twp. Our twp. population is 1,120 people X $147.50 each totaling $165,200.00. This year’s billing for police protection totals $124,523.66. By calculating by per capita, the amount owed for the same protection is over $40,000.00 more. That makes police protection ½ of the twp. budget for expenditures. Raising of mills is necessary. Raising 1 mill or total of 5 mills would generate extra revenue of $25,400.00. Raising 1 ½ mills or 5.5 mills would be extra $38,130.00. Raising 2 mills or total of 6 mills would be extra $45,455.00. Skip stated he would talk to Dick Knoebel about their % of contribution they pay towards police protection.

Skip took the floor. He reported that a logging company dumped trees in the ditch line on Madison Dr. He suggested the twp. needs to implement a logging ordinance. He also reported that he got a phone call complaining about Knoebels parking.

Steve took the floor. He stated that as soon as road name signs are installed they are going missing.

Twp. received a quote from Susquehanna Fire Equipment for (2) emergency lights. Their quote was $270.00. The supervisors are exploring other options.

Treasurer’s report was submitted along with the amount of money to be transferred and withdrawn. Skip made a motion to pay the bills and ratify the transfers and withdrawals. Steve 2nd the motion. All approved. Attached to these minutes is said report.

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**PUBLIC INPUT:**  Marianne Zenyuch was given the floor. She stated not to raise mills up to 8 mills. This would put a burden on every tax payer. After more discussion by the board, it was decided to raise mills

up to 6 mills. For next month’s meeting a resolution will be presented and possibly voted on for that amount

of millage for the year 2024.

Being no further business, Skip made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8 pm. Steve 2nd the motion. All approved.

Secretary,