

WORK SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

The meeting convened at 9:15.

Members Present: Williams, Nellist, Carlson, Schnell, Tomak

Diane Nellist gave a short presentation asking to move forward purchasing a sign acknowledging the work at the dog park by the Friends of Lyon Township. The sign is \$27.00. The Board agreed to purchase the sign.

Carlson-Planning Commission: There is a Planning Commission meeting Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 and a ZBA meeting September 14, 2020 at 6:00.

Nellist said the annexation of Beaver Creek into Lyon Township is on hold until the new board for Beaver Creek takes over.

Schnell brought up the language on the sign at West Road where the owners of the dock promote an association. Schnell checked to see if that was legal and found there was nothing that stated promoting an association on the dock is prohibited.

There was a discussion on the Payroll Tax deferral which states that each business can elect to defer payment of social security taxes. People would still have to pay the money back at the end of the year, and if an employee, for whatever reason, could not pay it back the employer would be responsible for the money. The Board decided to leave it alone and not do anything with it.

Steve Schultz sent information on a situation in Macomb County where someone was asked to leave a public meeting. There was discussion on limiting the amount of time for each public comment. Schnell suggested a three-minute time limit. Carlson wanted to think it over before putting on as a motion. It was decided to hold off on it.

There was a discussion on the selling of parcels at the last board meeting. Nellist stated that the attorney and assessor said the property should be sold at fair market value. Nellist contacted Dale McDonald, Realtor, and he agreed to look at the parcels and give the township a fair market price. Schnell thought going forward if there is an offer for property, there should be an add placed in the paper to give others an opportunity to bid on it. Nellist suggested doing a motion after the new board takes over if that is what they decide to do. Daily wanted to know what the board was going to do about the property he offered to purchase. Nellist said they would wait until after speaking with the assessor and the township attorney.

Schnell received an email from Ron Fritz about road ends on Sam-O-Set. Schnell wanted it noted that the road ends on Sam-O-Set are not a township issue but are a road commission issue.

Williams: There is a meeting on September 16, 2020 with the credit card company. Susie Greer will be joining in on that meeting. The meeting will be a demonstration on how the credit card system works. Williams also talked about bringing Greer in as the Deputy Clerk to work prior to October 8, 2020 when BS&A comes in.

There is an audit coming up on September 21, 2020.

Tomak: MTA books need to be ordered for the all of the committees. Schnell asked about the MTA book that was on the filing cabinet in the office and Tomak said that she had it.

Tomak had a question about the roof on the cemetery. Schnell said he contacted Brian Minto, and Minto said if the shingles come in, he will be starting by the end of the week.

Tomak requested a formal letter stating that she had to take a leave of absence.

Tomak wanted to know if she would be in on the BS&A training because she would be coming back on November 4, 2020. Schnell pointed out that if she won the election, she would not be able to come back into the receptionist's position. Carlson explained that if she wins, she will either have to resign the position or take a leave of absence for the duration of her term. He explained that a board member can have additional duties but could not hold an employee position.

Tomak wanted to know why the board did not vote on the hiring and firing of current positions. Schnell stated that the board agreed on positions and that the board does not need to vote on persons to fill those positions. He referred back to the motion which gave the supervisor administrative power over employees. Carlson stated that he had asked about hiring and firing when the motion was made and was told the board would still have that power. Nellist said that Tomak's comments were noted.

Tomak requested an electronic copy of the work session. Schnell told her that all electronic copies are available on the shared site and as a Trustee she can come in and get one.

Carlson-Recreation: Carlson mentioned that a flag pole is needed at Park 27 and a new flag is needed at Phoenix Park. The committee would like to see the fence completed at the parks, and there was a discussion about a sea wall at Phoenix Park.

Schnell: Discussed the dentist office and the stop work order on that project. The Mapplebeck's, owner of the property, did contact Dave Doll and the issue was resolved. Schnell stated based on advice from the attorney, the first letter sent on condemned houses should be sent without a return address and the second should be sent certified.

Nellist: Nellist explained that he has been checking into another engineering company for sewers. The company is the Spicer Group, and they said they will look at the feasibility of tying into the Camp Curnalia system. It would take the cost down significantly, and Lyon Township would have control of their own system. They would break with Gerrish. There would be no charge for the preliminary study. After the study, the Spicer Group would meet with the Township Board to discuss their findings.

Dailey: Dailey requested purchasing rain gear for when he and J. C. Holder work the compost. J.C. needs someone to work the compost on Saturday and said the township needs to hire someone. Nellist said that people do not want to work. It was suggested putting an ad in the

paper. Dailey voiced his concerns about the contractors bringing brush into the compost. He stated there are some bringing in brush from other townships and suggested that rates be raised. Daily suggested \$500 for residents and \$1,000 for non-residents. Dailey also suggested purchasing a loader for the compost.

Cleeves: Cleeves discussed selling one of the ambulances, 631 and then putting a loader on 632. He is thinking about selling the ambulance for \$33,000.

Schnell: Schnell informed the board that he and Carlson have a meeting with Gerrish Township for discussion of the Joint Sewer Authority and wanted to know if anyone on the board had questions for the meeting. There were no questions.

Phillip Czech suggested having a special meeting by phone if there is an issue that requires a board vote on hiring and firing.

Sam Boodoian suggested that the township board hold their public comment section up front rather than at the end. He said the county does their meetings that way and it works out well.

Wayne Hall stated how important a sewer system is to the lake and urged the board to get the sewer system done.

Motion by Williams, supported by Carlson to adjourn. Yeas: 5. Nays: 0: Motion passed.
The meeting adjourned at 10:56

The minutes were prepared by the Deputy Supervisor and when approved will be posted on www.lyontownship.org.

Doug Schnell – Clerk

Ed Nellist - Supervisor