

7:00P.M.

July 18

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The seconded meeting of the month was held in the Town Hall meeting room with Ruehr, Jr. (Frank R.), and Ronald Kotkowski (Ron K.). The Trustees from here on out will be addressed as the BOT (Board of Trustees), and Fiscal Officer, Jill Corbett present. Chairman, Frank Ruehr, Jr. called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Greg Benner.

Others present –Dean Engelhart, Lloyd Harper, Jr., Greg Benner, Maude Bias, John Bojer, Mike Ferry, Mike Collins, Larry Jenkins, and Denise Smith.

Ron K. made a motion to dispense with the reading of the July 3, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, and to approve as written. Frank R. seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: Frank Ruehr, Jr., Yes, and Ronald Kotkowski, Yes.

Two Cemetery Deeds were signed by the BOT and witnessed.

Visitor: Portage County Engineer, Larry Jenkins spoke on the OPWC Grant for Cooley Rd. Resurfacing Project that the Shalersville Township was awarded. The BOT received 7 bids for the project, and Ronyak Paving was awarded the bid for a total of \$269,150.00. This was under the Engineer Estimate. Larry explained that the project will be overseen by Quality Control Inspection, Inc. (QCI), they will provide a full-time Resident Project Representative to monitor and document the work of the contractor in accordance with the Contract Documents. The cost for this service is \$8,124.05 and the township to pay their share of \$4,264.00. Frank R. made a motion to accept QCI to oversee the project. Ron K. seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: Frank Ruehr, Jr., Yes, and Ronald Kotkowski, Yes.

Visitor: Project Manager, Portage County Engineer Dept., Mike Collins spoke on the process of disbursements for the project. Mike will work with Fiscal Officer, Jill Corbett with this directly.

Frank R. opened the sealed bids for the new driveway and parking lot for the Shalersville Township Park which will be located south of the Shalersville Township Town Hall. The Bids were set up in three categories; Virgin Stone, Recycle Concrete, and Recycle Asphalt. The bids are as follows:

Company	Virgin Stone	Recycle Concrete	Recycle Asphalt
Freedom Construction	\$232,000.00		\$222,640.00
NOTE: Freedom Construction bid did not have a bond included in their bid. Per ORC 153.24 their bid could not be accepted.			
United Earthworks	\$295,000.00	\$242,000.00	\$260,000.00
Wes Leininger	\$299,999.00	\$285,999.00	\$282,999.00
Vizmeg Landscaping	\$352,800.00	\$290,500.00	\$296,800.00
Geauga Highway	\$425,000.00	\$425,500.00	\$339,500.00

NOTE: Vizmeg Landscaping bid was broken down by materials and labor. Frank will verify with Vizmeg that the above numbers are the total amount for the project.

Barring different amounts from Vizmeg Landscaping, Frank R. made a motion to accept United Earthworks bid for recycle asphalt in the amount of \$222,640.00.. Ron K. seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: Frank Ruehr, Jr., Yes, and Ronald Kotkowski, Yes.

Visitor: Mike Ferry asked the BOT to use the Shalersville Township Park parking lot on St. Rt. 303 to use for distribution of Azure Standard, a source for quality, healthy food at affordable prices. They supply frozen, refriderrated, dry goods, and fresh produce. They will have a truck located at the park once a month. Residents can go to their website, www.azurestandard.com/start Enter code mikeferry1 to sign up. This will be typically week day mornings. The BOT agreed to allow Mike Ferry to use the park parking lot for distribution.

Visitor: Denise Smith with the Portage County Election Board. Denise spoke on the upcoming election, August 8th, 2023. There will be one issue state wide. Issue 1, Proposed Constitutional Amendment. The proposed amendment would 1. Require that the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters. 2. Require that any initiative petition filed on or after January 1, 2024 with the Secretary of State proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio to be signed by at least five percent of the electors of each county based on the total vote in the county for governor in the last preceding election. 3. Specify that additional signatures may not be added to an initiative petition proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio that is filed with the Secretary of State on or after January 1, 2024 proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio. If passed, the amendment will be effective immediately. Denise explained that voters could vote 3 ways, 1. in person with a valid driver license, an Ohio State photo ID, passport or Military ID. 2. Voters can request a form for an Absentee Ballot, this form must be received at the BOE by August 1st., Once you receive The Absentee Ballot it must be postmark by August 7, 2023 or put in the drop box at the BOE parking lot in Ravenna, OH. 3. Early voting at the BOE. The BOE thanked Denise for coming, and stated how well the Portage County BOE runs and the staff in the office are professional and courteous.

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Maude Bias; Secretary for Shalersville Township Zoning, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Assistant Fiscal Officer reported on the following:

1. The Shalersville Township Board of Zoning Appeals approved the Minutes on the J. Allen case.
2. The Shalersville Board of Commission has approved six amendments and have them sent to the Portage County Regional Planning for review.

Greg Benner, Shalersville Zoning Inspector reported on the following:

1. Greg has issued 3 Zoning Permits for a fence, deck and a sign permit.
2. Greg had conference call with the engineer for the company that purchase the corner lot of St. Rt. 303 and St. Rt. 44. They are having trouble with ODOT on the possible egress and ingress of the state right ways on the state highways. The township has no part of this, it is up to ODOT.

Jill Corbett, Fiscal Officer reported on the following:

1. The township received a nice Thank You note for their donation to the American Kidney Fund.

Frank Ruehr, Jr., Trustee Chairman reported on the following:

1. Frank R. made a motion to pay bills. Ron K. seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: Frank Ruehr, Jr., Yes, and Ronald Kotkowski, Yes.

Jill presented the BOT with the June 2023 Bank Reconciliation with a total of \$1,716,462.59.

Jill presented to the BOT with the June 2023 Receipt Listing with a total of \$31,709.47.

Jill had the Withholding Taxes for the IRS, OPERS, the State of Ohio, and RITA.

Sam Eisele	\$	406.76
Dean Engelhart	\$	1,664.50
Lloyd Harper Jr.	\$	1,367.72
Harold Horner	\$	180.83
IRS	\$	3,315.38
Ohio Treasurer of State	\$	599.54
OPERS	\$	4,432.89
RITA	\$	370.99
Basic NEO	\$	50.00
Colonial Life	\$	124.08
F.N.B. Equipment Finance	\$	16,014.02
25397 OTA	\$	324.00
25398 Ohio Edison	\$	662.30
25399 Cintas	\$	643.70
25400 Visa	\$	658.99
25401 Lowes	\$	93.73
25402 Waste Management	\$	441.54
25403 Mantua Auto Parts	\$	121.98
25404 Mantua Hardware Lawn and Garden	\$	41.00
25405 Beaver Petroleum	\$	1,831.69
25406 Industrial Connection, Inc.	\$	50.14
25407 Portage County RPC	\$	869.21
25408 Santander Bank, N.A.	\$	15,785.00
25409 Portage County Water Resources	\$	67.00
25410 Copley Ohio Newspaper	\$	437.00
25411 Visual Edge It	\$	19.36
25412 Leppo Rents	\$	741.00
25413 Todd Lamb Paving and Excavating	\$	8,840.00
25414 Sam's Club	\$	50.00
25415 Brad Hays	\$	550.00
25416 Becky Kuchenbecker	\$	50.00
25417 Christine McMullen	\$	100.00
25418 James Wesley	\$	100.00
25419 Shalerville Historical Society	\$	100.00
25420 Denise Warnack	\$	100.00
25421 Monica Mielcarek	\$	100.00
25422 Portage County Engineer	\$	4,264.00
	\$	65,568.35

No further business, Chairperson, Frank Ruehr, Jr. directed the meeting to be adjourn at 8:00 p.m