

Bethany Township

Minutes for Regular Meeting on April 12, 2022

Present: Fowler, Howd, Mikek, Devine, Humm

Absent: none

Others: Richard Teeter

Meeting was called to order by Mikek at 7:00 pm.

- Howd read minutes – motion to accept by Fowler, 2nd by Humm – Motion Carried
- Fowler reviewed bills – motion to pay bills by Humm, 2nd by Devine – Motion Carries
- GCRC – 2 culverts need replaced – there were others, but GCRC checked and they are not failing. Total cost for two culverts just under \$43,100k. Chip seal of Croswell for \$2600. Motion to do all the needed work by GCRC by Humm, 2nd by Fowler - Motion carried.
- Mikek – Breckenridge-Wheeler Twp Fire & Rescue Dept standby fee motion to accept by Fowler, 2nd by Devine – motion carried
- DTE settlement – 10% refund of 2016-2021 tax years and if 2022 is included 100% of that year - Maximum amount Bethany could owe is \$10k. Motion to for Supervisor and clerk to approve a settlement agreement as long as it does not exceed \$10k by Howd, 2nd by Fowler. Motion carried.
- Webpage – K Beeson (PR) is doing a website for \$2500. New website needs to a dot gov. Rep would be willing to have someone come and talk to us. Mikek will invite whomever PR is using.
- Solar – Mikek discussed with attorney – suggested permit of \$10k with a \$15k escrow. Humm – for zoning, do we have a map showing where they can go. Special use will need to go through planning commission. Resolution to amend fee schedule for Large Solar Energy Systems 2202-2 by Humm, 2nd by Fowler. Roll Call – Fowler, Yes; Devine, Yes; Humm, Yes; Howd, Yes; Mikek, Yes. Motion approved.
- DTE solar farm communication to be reviewed by attorney before township will agree.
- Campbell will mow again this summer. Same fee. \$600, ½ to be paid in May and August.
- Smith Farm – maintain area between road and fencing – leave inside fencing area alone
 - Long – clean up brush, trees, sticks along State Rd, kill and remove debris - \$895
 - 1x brush hog \$250
 - Sherwood – mow 2x during the year for \$700
 - Motion to have Long do the full brush clean-up (\$895) and 1x brush hog (\$250) for 2022 season by Fowler, 2nd by Devine -- Motion carries
- Fowler – will begin looking into the reporting for ARPA to get account set up.
- Fowler – sewer at trailer park – excess rains - sewer costs go up drastically. Mikek will reach out to drain commission
- Devine – Trash meeting was postponed for yesterday. Special waste drop-off dates have been set and posted at the hall. Board is in agreement to drop recycling due to costs.
- Teeter
 - Trash/blight south of tracks at Blair. Trash put out throughout week and animals get into it. Complainer would not provide written complaint.

- Ostrander (Olive St) - 40x50 to 64x102 change in building. \$25,000 barn to \$250k building. No issues with setbacks. No other building currently on parcel.
- Browns – adding addition – permit written on Sept 2021 by Long.
- Humm –
 - Miller, Michael: State Road south of McGregor
 - Land division 13 acres -3 acres with house and 10 acres
 - Houses and building are already over property lines from previous
 - Motion to approve land division as state by Fowler, 2nd by Humm, motion carried
 - To protect township from issuing permits in question, require survey if building within 30 or 35 feet of the property line
- Howd
 - Thursday @ PRCR all Township meeting
 - Reminder – May 3rd – election for RESD
 - Public testing is April 28th @ 4:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm