

Rochester Township
Board Meeting Minutes
August 08, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Jeff Orth.

Members present - Jeff Orth, Douglas Butler, Matthew Kitzmann, Jamie Neisen and Becky Hoschouer.

Guests - Mark Cochran, Deputy Tracey Pagel, David Meier-TCPA, and 3 citizens

Minutes - Jamie Neisen moved to accept the July 11, 2019, minutes as presented. Douglas Butler seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Deputy's Report - Deputy Tracey Pagel reviewed the call report of 50 calls.

Metes and Bounds - Dave Meier-TCPA, presented on the request for 5264 40th St SW, for an additional 17 feet of access. Douglas Butler made a motion to accept the request and Matthew Kitzmann seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Call for other agenda items - Chair Orth called for additional agenda items. Von Wald Discussion was added. Herring Property concerns was added.

Herring Property - The Board, Dave Meier-TCPA, and Mark Cochran discussed the Herring property concerns. A concerned citizen added further to the discussion. Dave Meier provided the IUP from 2017 and an aerial photo. Jamie Neisen reported he reviewed the site a year ago. Matthew Kitzmann and Jamie Neisen will inspect the property.

School District Land Purchase - Chair Orth presented updates on the School District's plans for Hart Farms and the City of Rochester's current perspective. The city may be softening its stance. Currently, the plans are for middle school. Willow Creek and John Adams are over capacity. The District would include plans to eventually add an elementary school and a high school, as well as sporting fields and parking.

WHKS Road - Mark Cochran updated the Board.

Storm Report/Road Maintenance - Mark Cochran stated he met with Mike Bromberg and presented his report, which was accepted. Mark then presented to the Board the multiple photos of serious erosion damage which were part of his report to the county. Damaged areas included: 45th, Old Valley Road, 55 and 50th, Glencroft Lane, Meadow Crossings, and West Hill. In addition, three huge trees had come down that required expensive cleanup.

Chemical Spray - Mark Cochran reviewed the procedures for spraying right of ways. Nuisance trees and foliage growth in the right of way are to be eliminated. Property owners are encouraged to consider tree growth when planting near the right of way. He also presented the safety data on the two herbicides. TORDON is a safe, top quality product used by the Township that has zero lead time for animals to go through safely. Also, adverse effects on edible plants is negligible. Milestone, the second chemical, can be used up to water's edge. It has no harmful effect on frogs. After discussion, Jamie Neisen made a

motion to post the week before spraying and include annually the safety information of the chemical sprays. Douglas Butler seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Family Picnic - Doug Butler reviewed food purchase and serving assignments. Mark Cochran stated he would provide mailbox specifications for those needing to replace/update their mailboxes (per reminders provided on the picnic postcards and website).

Von Wald Discussion - Douglas Butler reported that Dan Pfarr, Executive Director of 180 Degrees, had requested that the Township endorse financial support of Von Wald to the County Commissioner. Discussion occurred that, as representatives of the Township, it was most likely not an appropriate manner in which to support Von Wald. It was decided to table the topic to continue discussion at a later date.

Olmsted County Law Enforcement - The annual law enforcement contract with Olmsted County was reviewed and discussed. Jamie Neisen made a motion to accept the contract as is. Matthew Kitzmann seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Matthew Kitzmann made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented with a balance of \$955,581.90. Jamie Neisen seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Rochester Township Claims - Jamie Neisen moved to approve and pay claims #4334-4353 in the amount of \$37,768.34 and payroll for \$5,674.93. Matthew Kitzmann seconded the motion. Jeff Orth abstained. The remainder voted in favor. The motion carried.

JPB Claims - Jamie Neisen moved to accept and pay the Joint Powers Board claims #4626-4648 and the Rochester Township share in the amount of \$16,851.12 and a payroll share of \$10,411.79. Douglas Butler seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

TCPA Report - Jamie Neisen reported on the recent TCPA meeting.

Board of Adjustment Report - Did not meet.

Planning and Zoning Report - Will meet to review Lilly 3rd Farms

Upcoming Rentals - None at this time.

Meeting Adjourned - Jamie Neisen moved to adjourn. Matthew Kitzmann seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Hoschouer, Clerk

Jeff Orth, Chairman