

OCEOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
Minutes of July 5, 2018

The Oceola Township Board held a regular meeting on Thursday, July 5, 2018, at the Oceola Township Hall, with Supervisor William Bamber, Clerk Jaime Clay, Treasurer LuAnn Pless, and Trustees Lance Schuhmacher, Sean Dunleavy, Robert Henshaw, and Kieth Huff in attendance. Attorney Neal Nielsen also attended. Supervisor Bamber opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Approval of June 7, 2018 Minutes

Schuhmacher moved to approve the Minutes of June 7, 2018, as presented.  
The motion was supported by Henshaw.

The motion carried.

Call to Public

Barbara Gallmeyer of 6123 Bergin said she is unhappy that a property across from her home in an agricultural residential zone is, in her opinion, being used as a business.

Cheryl Stolte of 2383 Eads informed the board that, in her opinion, the road is falling apart.

JoAnn Narsh of 2405 Eads expressed concern that a neighbor's property, which is zoned agricultural residential and abuts a wetland, has not been mowed, and could attract rodents and snakes.

Margaret Crowley-Winiarski of 7082 Hickory Valley asked what the Township's policy is regarding semi truck traffic on private roads in Oceola.

There was no more response from the public.

Public Hearing for Special Assessments for Private Road Maintenance and Snow Removal  
At 7:12 p.m., Bamber opened the public hearing for special assessments for private road maintenance and snow removal.

Mark Kohsmann of 6251 Baker informed the board that he is unhappy with the maintenance of the road and asked what could be done to improve the road.

Susan Henterly of 6156 Baker said that, in her opinion, when it rains, Baker is worse than it was before gravel was added.

Julio Merucci of 6151 Baker added that water runs down the road because there is not enough sand and because the banks at the side of the road have not been cut down, and there is no other place for the water to go.

Paul Yon of Culver Excavating told the board that four inches of 22A gravel has been added to Baker, but that scheduling has not permitted them to cut down the banks and grade the shoulder of Baker yet. He said that Culver intends to address the shoulder on the first part of Baker before autumn.

Gary Novak of 3789 Beckley asked for an assessment to improve Beckley and said that he would like snow removal to continue.

Robert Hall of 3957 Beckley would like snow removal to continue.

Brett Hollandsworth of 2320 Eads would like to continue snow removal. He asked the Township to improve the asphalt on the road, to fix potholes, and expressed concern about trees in the right of way.

Craig Hoffman of 2298 Pleasant Ridge informed the board that he is the vice president of Thompson Road Homeowners' Association and that he supports continued assessment for snow removal in the Booth Assessment District.

Bonnie Runyan of 3944 Emmaus said that she is pleased with the maintenance of the road.

Larry Stamper of 5350 Fern likes the grading and winter treatment and asked for a price per household on Fern for two more chloride treatments and two more road gradings per year.

Joyce Hicks of 6232 Hardy is pleased with the snow plowing of the road and would like to increase the number of gradings, and to increase the assessment for Hardy Lane to \$200 per residence to cover the cost.

There was no more response from the public, and at 7:30p.m., the public meeting was closed.

Special Assessments for Private Road Maintenance and Snow Removal

Schuhmacher moved to continue the assessment districts for the following private roads for five years as presented:

Braun	\$1,000	Charles Huff	\$ 400
Cinnamon Ridge	\$1,000	McGrain	\$ 750
Dault Drive	\$ 800	Moore Place	\$ 750
Des Jardins Lane	\$ 600	Norlynn Drive	\$1,000
Dusty Lane	\$ 600	Oakcrest	\$ 200
Emmaus Beckley Lane	\$ 500	Pine Ext (East Pinecone)	\$ 675
Fairway Vista	\$ 500	Pinecone/Selwyn	\$ 750
Farmer Trail	\$ 500	Purdy	\$ 600
Fern Drive	\$ 500	Red's Way	\$1,500
Gentry	\$1,000	Spruce Ridge	\$1,000
Happy Hollow	\$2,125	Squires	\$ 600
Hickory Valley	\$ 550	Stamper Way	\$ 500

The motion was supported by Pless.

The motion carried.

Huff moved:

- to assess Booth for five years at four hundred fifty dollars even (\$450) and to use the extra money in the account to improve West Pleasant Ridge, Gasser and Eads;
- to assess Baker for five years at six hundred dollars even (\$600);
- to assess Hardy for five years and to change the assessed amount to two hundred dollars even (\$200) per residence, for a total of one thousand dollars even (\$1,000) and use the available balance to add gravel when money is available.

The motion was supported by Henshaw.

The motion carried.

EDC Presentation

Marcia Gebarowski of EDC-SPARK presented an overview of the EDC's involvement in Livingston County in 2018. She expressed appreciation for Ocoola's support for the EDC.

Schuhmacher moved to renew a contract with the EDC for two years at a cost of ten thousand, four hundred fifty-four dollars even (\$10,454) for the first year, and ten thousand, four hundred fifty-four dollars even (\$10,454) with escalator for the second year.

The motion was supported by Henshaw.

The motion carried.

Add Livingston County Watershed Advisory Group to Compensation Schedule for FY 18/19

Pless moved to add Livingston County Watershed Advisory Group to the Compensation Schedule at a rate of sixty-five dollars even (\$65.00) per meeting, with no payment for prep time.

The motion was supported by Dunleavy.

The motion carried.

McKenna – Ocoola Township Zoning Ordinance Reformat

Huff moved to have McKenna proceed with the Ocoola Township Zoning Ordinance Reformat at a cost not to exceed eight thousand dollars even (\$8,000).

The motion was supported by Henshaw.

The motion carried.

5700 E. Highland Road, M1 Industrial District Site Plan Application

Huff moved to approve the site plan for 5700 E. Highland Road in the M1 Industrial District.

The motion was supported by Dunleavy.

The motion carried.

Cooper’s Landscaping at Township Hall

Dunleavy moved to approve an estimate from Cooper’s Turf Management as presented at a cost of five thousand fifteen dollars even (\$5,015) with the beds to be cleaned up now and new plants to be installed in the fall or next spring.

The motion was supported by Huff.

The motion carried.

Budget Revision Approval

Schuhmacher moved to approve budget amendments to increase the budget amount for the Zoning Administrator salary/wages to \$28,367.04, and to reduce the Road Maintenance budget amount to \$687,555.96.

The motion was supported by Henshaw.

The motion carried.

IT Right–New Computer for Treasurer

Dunleavy moved to approve the purchase of a new computer as presented for nine hundred twenty-five dollars even (\$925).

The motion was supported by Henshaw.

The motion carried.

Approval to Send Jim Gonzalez a Copy of the Survey of Property on Golf Club Road

Henshaw moved to send a copy of the survey of Township-owned property on Golf Club Road to Jim Gonzalez.

The motion was supported by Pless.

The motion carried.

Cash Offer to Purchase Property on Golf Club Road

Dunleavy moved to reject a cash offer of fifty thousand dollars even (\$50,000) to purchase Township-owned property on Golf Club Road.

The motion was supported by Pless.

The motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Huff moved to approve the prepaid expenses from the following funds:

General Fund (101)	\$ 107,564.18
Private Roads P ONE (204)	\$ 4,321.89
Road Mills R MONE (403)	\$ 273,111.62
Trust and Agency T FNB (701)	\$ 2,570.07

The motion was supported by Pless.

The motion carried.

Adjournment

Dunleavy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

The motion was supported by Henshaw.

The motion carried.

Recording Secretary CR

Date of Approval 8-2-18