

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
WINDHAM TOWNSHIP
JULY 7, 2016**

Windham Township Trustees met in special session on July 7, 2016 at 6:30pm to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for 2017, was duly advertised and public invited. All trustees and fiscal officer were present; no one from the public attended the meeting.

Regular meeting was called to order at 7pm, with all trustees and fiscal officer present. All trustees received their monthly financial reports.

7-1-16 Dann Timmons moved to approve the proposed budget for 2017 Rich Gano seconded all voting yes motion carried.

7pm Road bids for the Werger Road project were to be opened; one bid was received from Luli Construction in the amount of \$15,560.00.

7-2-16 Dann Timmons moved to accept the bid Rich Gano seconded all voting yes motion carried.

7-3-16 Rich Gano moved to approve June minutes Dann Timmons seconded all voting yes motion carried.

7-4-16 Dann Timmons moved approve expenditures Rich Gano seconded all voting yes motion carried.

Guests: Butch Christy, American Legion requesting permission to put some shrubs and general landscaping around the veterans monument, board approved but requested that he coordinate with Bill Isler since he takes care of all the ground maintenance in the greens.

They also wanted to know if they could get a cement pad poured in front of the veterans mound at the cemetery as well as a walkway for the honor guard to stand on at the veteran's funerals. They Legion would pay for the cost. The board was inclined to approve pending a submitted drawing of what exactly it is they want to do, they will get something drawn up and submitted.

Terri McIntee introduced herself, she is running for State Representative, she is from Burton Township.

Roads: The portage county engineers gave a bid of \$2711.49 to do the 2 culverts on Gotham Rd.; Rich pointed out that this does not include the culvert pipe. Brian said the pipe should cost in the ball park of \$300.

7-5-16 Rich Gano moved to approve the bid from the Portage County Engineers Dann Timmons seconded all voting yes motion carried.

There was also discussion on the water issue on Gotham east, Po.Co. Engineers had offered some solutions, Brian and Rich will go talk to the landowners to see if they would agree to the modifications and will be contacting Water and Soil as well.

Brian said he spoke with Eckman about removing some trees branches throughout that are a potential hazards and he gave an estimate of \$500 to \$700.

7-6-16 Rich Gano moved to approve Dann seconded all voting yes motion carried.

Brian also noted that they will be replacing another culvert on Colton Rd, and homeowner will purchase materials.

Cemetery: Rich reported a large tree that needs to come down immediately as it is a hazard, he will try and get a couple of estimates and get it taken care of.

He would also like in the near future consideration of possibly siding the shed, as it can't really tolerate much more paint, Tom Tauche was present and he will pull together an estimate.

We have currently ran into a new issue that people are wanting to purchase monuments on line and having them shipped to the township and wanting us to set them. The board agreed this was not a practice that would like to start doing; this would be just due to the liability factor. The rules will be modified to include that all stones must be set by a monument company.

7-7-16 Rich Gano moved to approve amending the rules Brian Miller seconded all voting yes motion carried.

Zoning: Joe Pinto presented as check for \$350.00 from Elaine Sluka for a variance wanting to put up a double car garage and, hearing was held 6-29 and the ZBA did not approve but gave her several options and 90 days to amend her request. He also addressed resident on Bryant Rd. for unlicensed vehicles and they complied. He said he had spoken to Teresa at the Treasurer's Office about a property at 9088 Horn Rd, the property has been under foreclosure and he has run into a dead end at locating owner. With the approval of the board it can be placed into the Land Bank. This property has been unkempt for years, neighbors have been mowing the front but the back is overgrown.

7-8-16 Dann Timmons moved to approve Joe authorization to move forward on getting the blighted property into the Portage County Land Bank, Rich Gano seconded all voting yes motion carried.

Dann said he spoke to Chris Meduri in regards to the pending litigation on the Collins case and it is going to be probably be fall before it even gets into the docket.

Fire District: Rich Gano updated the board on FD matters.

There being no further business Rich Gano moved to adjourn Dann seconded all voting motion carried.

Brian Miller, Chairman

Jayme Neikirk, Fiscal Officer