**TRUSTEE MINUTES**

**PLEASANT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday, May 17, 2018**

**Rose Room in Rose Hill, Kansas.**

**More detail is available on the meeting recording available at www.PleasantTownshipBuCo.org**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All three Trustees; Katie Gossman, Julie Winslow and Jeff Haenggi were present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the April 2018 meetings were approved **VOTE 2-0 FOR - Winslow against**

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ORGANIZATION PRESENTATIONS

None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OVERSEER

Richard Collins gave us notice on Tuesday May 8th that Friday May 11th would be his last day. Rick Brown was introduced as the new township Overseer who started on April 30th. Trustee Haenggi detailed some of Rick’s experience with Belle Plain township and 6 years with City of Mulvane Public Works.

OVERSEER’S REPORT

Trustee Haenggi reported on the work of hauling rock, grading the roads, picking up lots of junk from township ditches that Richard had done in the month of April and some of the project type work of installing culverts, clearing out ditches, and finalizing some millings project work. Rock hauled from the quarry ytd is approximately as follows: Jan = 12 tons, Feb = 116 tons, Mar = 260 tons, April = 1,285, and 2 weeks into May 1,251 ton have been hauled. This is all by a combination of our guys and hiring Bannon trucking from the quarry.

CLERK’S REPORT

Trustee Winslow reminded the audience of statute KSA 68-524 referencing meeting dates and township bill paying. She asked whether we had received a culvert request from the county for the Williamson family. Ranse Williamson was at the meeting and discussed the culvert. Randy Elliot asked about outsourcing of projects and whether we were taking sealed bids for jobs. Randy proceeded to pitch his services of culvert laying, etc. Trustee Winslow raised her concerns about the BREC conditional use permit for their Solar Farm, including that BREC may have multiple buildings and/or a lay down yard and would have future negative affects to the township’s roads. Trustee Winslow asked for copies of any emails received through the township website and asked Trustee Gossman if she knew what percentage of our annual budget we had spent so far for the year. Trustee Winslow asked if Rock Brown, the new Overseer had been given his township radio, keys, and a phone. Also, whether an inventory had been done after Richard and Shawn had left. It was done after Phillip left but not done after Richard. Trustee Winslow expressed her frustrations with the previous township administration and feels this administration is out of compliance with the way we hired Rick as our Overseer. Trustee Winslow claimed that we didn’t approve, in a formal meeting, our Annual Report to the county, nor the Annual Report to the county engineer’s office. Trustee Haenggi explained that Trustee Winslow had agreed to turn in the final report to the engineer’s office after she had verified all the numbers. She had an agreement with the county engineer and did turn in the report. Trustee Winslow explained how she has sent a letter to the county attorney and has spoken with a private attorney about possible mediation with the township board and that any attorney fees would have to be paid for by the township’s insurance company.

Dorothy Miller asked the question of “Why wasn’t Trustee Haenggi allowing Trustee Winslow to do her job”. Trustee Winslow interrupted Trustee Haenggi multiple times in his attempt to respond. Trustee Haenggi said he would have Trustee Winslow removed from the meeting if she continued to interrupt and be disruptive to the meeting. Dorothy Miller called Trustee Haenggi rude and obnoxious and made a false accusation about his treatment of a citizen and their understanding of the financials. With Trustee Haenggi trying to explain, Dorothy Miller continued her accusations, including standing up and shaking her finger at the board and raising her voice, to which Trustee Haenggi, while raising his voice to try to retake control of the meeting, cut her off saying, “Don’t make false accusations” and “Excuse me, you don’t run this meeting.” At this point, Randy Elliot stood up from his front row seat and approached Trustee Haenggi in a threatening manner, saying that Trustee Haenggi “couldn’t talk to a citizen that way.” Trustee Haenggi stood up reacting to Mr. Elliot coming towards him, instructing him to “sit his ass down”. Mr. Elliot responded, “You don’t talk to me that way”. Trustee Haenggi responded with “You don’t come up and approach the Board. This is a government meeting and you are interrupting.” Mr. Elliot continued to interrupt, saying, “You were rude to that woman and you need to apologize.” Trustee Haenggi responded, “You’re excused, bye bye”. – Yes, it was heated, and confrontational, then everyone calmed down. Trustee Gossman offered an explanation of just one of the extra efforts we have made to help the citizen in question understand the financials. Dorothy Miller then made another accusation that Trustee Haenggi was further rude in clicking his pen so it ends up so loud in the meeting recordings. Trustee Haenggi responded that he hasn’t used a pen in three years in these meetings. An audience member said she had seen Trustee Winslow doing it.

The discussion continued with further interruptions by Trustee Winslow. Mr. Elliot apologized for standing up and approaching the Board. Trustee Haenggi apologized if Dorothy Miller thought he was rude. He said he took issue with her accusation not her question.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Gossman reported for period ending 4/30/18 - Beginning balance in April of $480,057, and after all transactions cleared $443,998. Trustee Winslow expressed her wishes for timely notification if payroll would ever be late. Motion made and seconded to approve vouchers incurred in the month of Apr 2018. **VOTE 3:0 FOR**.

TRUSTEE’S REPORT

Trustee Haenggi reported on Phillip Boucher doing 4 volunteer workhours for the township on Friday, May 11th. Regarding the F250 pickup – it was driven to check the mileage on the odometer vs miles traveled (11mpg in that trip), Phillip was spoken to and he reported that he and Earl had worked on the speedometer and had had the dash pulled apart but couldn’t speak specifically to the odometer. A discussion was had with A Butler Sheriff’s deputy regarding how to proceed and the two options are to bring evidence or talk to a detective. There are several articles, discussions, and forums online about that year range for that truck that has had consistent problems with its PSOM. (Programmable Speedometer Odometer Module). Fuel orders from Southwinds were summarized: 2016 averaged approx. 164 gallons per month. 2017 averaged 184 gallons per month. Mr. Elliot reported that Southwind had the lowest fuel prices by a good margin.

GPS fuel caps were discussed.

BOARD BUSINESS:

1. Decide on Day, Time and Location for future Monthly Meetings – Third Thursday of each month, 6:30pm, at the Rose Room. **VOTE 3-0 FOR**

2. Hire Rick Brown as township Overseer - **VOTE 3-0 FOR**

3. Authorize ordering of new book of township checks - **VOTE 3-0 FOR**

4. Authorize repair to white semi EGR cooler - Estimate $3,300 - $4,100 - **VOTE 3-0 FOR**

5. Place township insurance with ICI Agency in El Dorado to renew EMC, Accident Fund and Philadelphia Insurance - **VOTE 2-0 FOR, Winslow against**

6. Consider written agreement with Asplund re: tree trimming swap for burning - **VOTE 3-0 FOR**

7. Payroll policy changed so that work done the 1st thru 15th of month is paid on the 22nd of the month, work done from the 16th through the last day of the month will be paid on the 8th of the following month. If the 8th or the 22nd fall on a weekend employees will be paid the Friday preceeding. **VOTE 3-0 FOR**

8. Consider BREC Road Agreement on 140th regarding solar farm – **Tabled – more discussion pending**

9. Instruct Chad Andra auditors to finalize the 2013 audit - **VOTE 3-0 FOR**

ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT

Don Miller asked about the millings on 158th St. Dorothy Miller expressed frustration with the email contact process on the township website and asked again about the Clerk’s duties. Trustee Winslow interrupted again. Linda Reed complimented Rick Brown’s grading and asked about the chip seal road selection process and potential operator candidates. Heather asked about the neighborhood millings project. Millings were discussed further. Mr. Elliot stated that he came to the meeting to offer his help to the township, some of the pros and cons of millings and crushed concrete, and some equipment ideas.

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:22pm