**TRUSTEE MINUTES**

**PLEASANT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday, September 20, 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

Board Members; Jeff Haenggi, Katie Gossman and Julie Winslow were present for the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ORGANIZATION PRESENTATIONS

None

OVERSEER’S REPORT

Trustee Haenggi announced that we’ve hired 4 new employees in September, 2 part time and 2 full time, and introduced the new Overseer, James Kutz. James gave a little of his background of growing up on a farm in Wisconsin and his experience grading roads there. James recently retired from being an Air Force mechanic in the position of crew chief. He and his family have lived in Rose Hill for almost 3 years. Trustee Haenggi conveyed the Overseer’s report since James wasn’t here in August: Steve Jones did a great job and worked extra hours for the township in August: grading roads, hauling rock, mechanical repairs, clearing junk from ditches and the accumulation in the township yard was taken up to El Dorado, etc.

CLERK’S REPORT

Clerk Winslow reported on the discussions in the Agenda meeting from Monday, 9/17/18 among other items: Pros and Cons of having an engineering firm do the road count project for us, some emails about the roads that she had gotten, a citizen sent a Picture of Jack Armstrong moving rock on 160th, That no report has been filed with Butler Sheriff’s office regarding the unleaded fuel at the township shop, That the Sheriff prefers that the grader not be driven without a CDL. James responded that he has spoken with DOT and a State Trooper who is unaware of a regulation like that, Speculated that payroll company will increase their rate they charge us, Made public aware of 911, Director Davis calls the township re: road problems, she has taken her name off of the call list “because she didn’t want another @ss chewing email from the Trustee”, she then claimed to have gotten bad location information from Butler County, and that she dispatched our Overseer to check out the tree across the road. She stated that she gave the Trustee’s personal cell phone number to Butler County dispatch even though he has a township phone and then offered to give his personal number out to the public. Trustee Haenggi demanded that she not give out his personal number to anyone. Winslow also gave out information to the public as to how to contact the Treasurer during the night or when the Treasurer has her phone turned off for personal reasons. Winslow asked that the Overseer communicate equipment needs to the whole Board instead of to the Trustee, She announced that she had made some adjustments to her version of the meeting minutes since the she thinks the Trustee’s minutes were out of order, She made note that the two items on the Agenda were not discussed in the Agenda meeting – the hiring of the employees that all three Board members did and a repair on one of the trucks.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Gossman asked the public not to contact her during off hours as she needs to have some private time. She reported contacting the auditing firm regarding 2014 & 2017 audits and is waiting to hear on status. She reported for period ending 8/31/18 - Beginning balance in August of $505,960, and after all transactions cleared $481,426. Gossman made notice of an odd $4,260.17 deposit of Rick Brown’s final check being returned to us and said we’d take steps to make sure his estate gets a replacement check. Motion made and seconded to approve the vouchers incurred in the month of August 2018. **VOTE 2:0 FOR –** Winslow Abstained

TRUSTEE’S REPORT

Trustee Haenggi reported that information and pictures of the new employees will be put on the website. That the Board is making the last payment on the Caterpillar backhoe so it is now fully owned by the township. That the chip seal project on 160-2 (160th from Butler Rd to Prairie Creek) has been finished by Butler County.

BOARD BUSINESS:

1. Consider hiring James Kutz as Full Time Overseer, Robert McGowan as Full Time Operator, Daniel Harshbarger as Part Time Operator and Doug Jungers as Part Time Operator. **VOTE 3:0 FOR**

1. Consider repair to blown wheel seal and thin brake drums on Int’l Pro Star and belly dump trailer. Estimates from Summit Truck and Kenworth are in the $3,000 - $5,000 range. **VOTE 3:0 FOR**
2. Motion to move forward with road counter project using the trail cameras we own. **VOTE 3:0 FOR**

ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT

Discussion was held about the current millings project, the road counting project and the chip seal project for next summer.

The Moyers asked that 146th be finished with millings all the way to Prairie Creek. Linda Roberts asked about fixing her culvert and ditch, whether employees could be insured or bonded, that she would prefer no unleaded gas tank at the shop, and that the concrete bridge culvert to the south of them they would like the County to inspect.

Thea Kilpatrick thanked the road crew for fixing Indianola and asked what the Boards procedures were for answering emails from citizens and asked if relationships had a weighting towards emails being answered. She repeated a rumor of a reason why the Trustee hadn’t responded to her. Trustee Haenggi took exception to that rumor, challenged her on it and asked where she had heard that. Clerk Winslow interrupted yet again, claimed that he had said that in an Agenda meeting. Thea explained that she sent the email to the Trustee, with copies to County Commissioner Woydziak and the Kansas Governor’s office. She said “she was informed that because she was a Kilpatric that she didn’t warrant being answered by her township Trustee”. Trustee Haenggi asked who had informed her of that. Thea chose not to say who, and said she would ask them later if she could reveal their name. Trustee Haenggi tried to answer. She then stated her frustration again. Haenggi said, “You’re right, that’s fair” to her frustration and stated for the record that he had never said she was not entitled to a response. He expressed his frustration that her first contact with him included, “I have contacted the Governor’s office.” Thea interrupted and offered to read the email to Trustee Haenggi and offered to read it to the audience and claimed “that is not what she said.” She proceeded to read the email which included “I have sent a request to the Governor’s office.”

Mrs. Kilpatric went on expressing her frustration and Trustee Haenggi went on expressing his frustration that she had drawn conclusions without asking questions and had included the Governor in their first communication. Their back and forth continued with Trustee Haenggi trying to explain his position and having Mrs. Kilpatric interrupt him several times, he raised his voice asking “Can I finish a sentence please?” To which, Clerk Winslow interrupted, butted in, and admonished him, ”Hey, knock it off!” As Mrs. Kilpatric continued to interrupt, Haenggi again loudly said, “Are you kidding me, you’re not going to let me finish a sentence?” Clerk Winslow then threatened to call the police on Trustee Haenggi, to which he replied, “Call em’”. Treasurer Gossman asked Winslow, “Call them for what ?”

Mrs. Kilpatric continued her frustrations, expressly laying out exactly what she wanted to hear from Haenggi. (On the recording you can hear Clerk Winslow on the phone with 911 and some citizens in the background)

Haenggi said, “Fine, I apologize, I should have handled it better”. She asked about a specific problem on her road, Haenggi reiterated the new employees just starting, and Overseer Kutz said he had seen the issue and discussed priority areas. Mrs Kilpatric and Overseer Kutz continued to discuss her washout while Clerk Winslow continued talking to 911. Mrs. Kilpatric continued with a question about some sort of warning of new rock laid down since she had recently almost hit a pile of rock in the middle of the road. Trustee Haenggi explained it was a fluke mistake that the rock got laid too thick on accident. Mrs Kilpatric, “Ok, thank you.”

Clerk Winslow complained about the meeting minutes the Trustee had done and made more accusations about both the minutes and the website.

Trustee Haenggi spoke into the recording calling all of Clerk Winslow’s claims garbage and reiterated that “he’d be happy to answer any questions about the website, about the minutes, about any of this.”

Clerk Winslow was continuing her accusations when the Rose Hill Police Officer walked in and asked, “If I can interrupt for a second, who called the police?” Winslow raised her voice in anger and proclaimed, “I did! Because a lot of yelling got wind on and he was the yellin’”. Officer, “Ok, if you could go ahead and step out with me and talk for a couple minutes.” to which Clerk Winslow replied, “I can’t do it ‘till, Can you just give me one more minute?” Officer, “No, We’re going to need to talk real quick and then you can come back” Winslow, “Ok”.

Clerk Winslow asked a citizen to watch her recorder “to make sure it doesn’t get turned off”.

Trustee Haenggi started to continue the vote on accepting the minutes, then reconsidered and said they would wait and not vote while Clerk Winslow was out of the room.

( Time Stamp approx. 1:25:52 on recording )

( Background noises on recording are some citizens leaving and some talking )

Trustee Haenggi apologized again to Mrs. Kilpatric and offered to talk more to her after the meeting if she wished.

Treasurer Gossman explained to a citizen why we were waiting.

Trustee Haenggi explained into the recording what was going on in the meeting with Clerk Winslow outside with the Rose Hill Officer and everyone was just waiting for her return to continue the meeting.

The officer returned and asked Mrs. Kilpatric to step outside to give her version of the events. Clerk Winslow returned.

(Time Stamp approx. 1:30:22)

Winslow returned from speaking with the officer. Trustee Haenggi continued the meeting, trying to vote on approving the previous month’s meeting minutes. Clerk Winslow interrupted and continued with more accusations claiming that the previous meeting’s recording wasn’t posted to the website yet. Trustee Haenggi explained that it was actually uploaded the night of the last meeting.

A citizen in the audience commented about a “township Facebook page that you post on and only certain people can post on.”

Clerk Winslow raised her voice responding, “Hey, it’s not a township page. It’s a personal page”

Treasurer Gossman, “It is a voted on township page”

Clerk Winslow, “What ?”

Trustee Haenggi, “We voted that you need to change the name of that page” to which Clerk Winslow shouted “So, Sue me Jeff. Sue me ! Sue me !”

Trustee Haenggi asked, “Now who’s raising their voice?”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 2018 minutes were approved. **VOTE** **2:1 FOR** - Winslow opposed

Meeting adjourned 8:05

NOTE: The police being called warrants the outcome being noted here: The Officer had separate discussions with Clerk Winslow, Mrs. Kilpatric and Trustee Haenggi (Haenggi, immediately after the meeting) – Mrs. Kilpatric and Trustee Haenggi both agreed that the police had never needed to be called. The officer watched the two of them talk briefly after the meeting, shake hands, and leave separately.