

## REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 7, 2021

The regular scheduled meeting of the Sheffield Township Supervisors was called to order at 7pm by Chairman, Nathan Lindberg at the Sheffield Food Pantry with the pledge of allegiance and the following in attendance:

Supervisors:	Nathan Lindberg, Jay Fitch, and Robin Copley
Administrator/Treasurer	Kristi Kulka
Roadmaster:	Ian Lester
Guests:	John Hilyer, Patti Blum, Scott Paris, Charles Giambrone, Kathy Geiger, Sam Bullock, Barbara Bullock, Rick Petruney and Jeff Labesky

John Hilyer of 61 2<sup>nd</sup> Mill Street was present about his bill with the Municipal Authority. He was informed he at the wrong meeting, the Authority meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month. Supervisor Fitch asked him about his plans for his property at 61 2<sup>nd</sup> Mill Street. The house is being placed back on the blighted property list. He stated he plans on fixing it up once he gets things cleared up with the authority and the taxes. He did not think he owned it any longer, because the authority told him they were taking it over for nonpayment of a sewage bill. Kristi informed him that all he would need to do is contact the authority and let them know that there was no water when he took over this property so therefore should not have been a sewage bill and the sewage bill will be dismissed. He just needs to contact the authority.

Sam Bullock stated he was present with discussion about the Facebook question about having a cop in the town. He stated to Kathy Geiger, I see all your followers are here showing you support for a cop. We do not need a cop in this town, we have a code enforcement officer who is doing a great job enforcing the ordinances, which he feels is all that we need. He also stated that he is tired of looking at Mr. Hilyer's property on 2<sup>nd</sup> Mill Street. The place is a mess.

Rick Petruney asked about the grass ordinance letter that he received for his property on Cottage Avenue. Secretary stated that she was notified by Linda Gregerson that he had mowed, so the property was taken off the agenda. He also stated that Clyde and Dan put pipe in the ditch at his property and now the township does not take care of it. Jim McMillen had the guys clean the ditch out once and he was happy with this. Now the ditch has not been cleaned out since. The Roadmaster will meet with Rick on his property to investigate the issue with his pipe. Mr. Petruney also asked about road bonding now that Keystone Avenue is complete. The secretary stated that there is a lumber company that has a current road bond is all for Keystone Avenue. Whirley's trucks are not heavy enough to have to bond the road.

Scott Paris was present asking for the ditch to be cleaned out in front of his mother's property at 27 Willow Street, Roadmaster will add this to his list.

Kathy Geiger asked the Supervisor why the question about a cop was not on the ballot for the May 18<sup>th</sup> primary. You told us at the meeting that you would put it on the ballot and then it was not there. Supervisor Copley stated we cannot afford a cop in Sheffield Township. Ms. Geiger asked what we can do about the drugs in this town then. Supervisor Copley stated other towns that do not have cops also have drug problems. Supervisor Lindberg stated that grant money was a suggestion, but that would only cover for a limited amount of time and Then what would we do, the money just is not there.

With a motion by Supervisor Copley, seconded by Supervisor Fitch and duly carried the Minutes of the May 17<sup>th</sup> Supervisors Meeting, the May Treasurer's Report, and the Bills for Approval totally \$34,942.54 were all approved and placed on file at the township office.

Construction Code Inspectors have approved the following permits for Sheffield Township:

- Above Ground swimming pool for Ryan & Autumn Moe
- Above Ground swimming pool for Mark Heeter
- Demolition permit for 5 mobile homes in trailer park for Jacob Baldensperger

Robin Confer hearing is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9am at Magistrate Zydonik's office. Shawn Young will be representing us. This is an accumulation of garbage and debris/Nuisance and Junkyard Ordinance violation. Scuteri/Grubb's hearing is set for Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> of June at 10:00 and 10:30 am at Magistrate Zydonik's office, Shawn will represent us at this hearing as well.

I have left a message with Paul Nagle, owner of Nagle Astroturf for a quote for the Sheffield Sports Complex Track rejuvenation. Jeff Labesky, Parks & Recreation stated he would like to see the Township utilize the funds at the complex for equipment rather than track surface. The taxpayers are getting hit twice, they pay school tax and township tax, and both are not being utilized at the track. The track is being maintained by the township at the cost of the taxpayers and the taxpayers are paying school taxes, that are not being utilized at the sports complex. Other schools in the Warren County School District are being taken care of by the district. If a track needs rejuvenated and lined, then the school district must do it, but in Sheffield the township will use their funds that they raised, along with the boosters, which is not fair to the taxpayers of Sheffield. Mr. Labesky also mentioned about getting out of the 25 years lease with the school district. It has been 15 years, maybe it is time to turn it back over to the school district.

We have received notification from Warren County Planning & Zoning that the 2021 CDBG allocation for Warren County is \$248,534. If we have a project that meets one of the 3 National Objectives of the CDBG program: 1. Benefiting primarily low-and moderate-income persons, preventing 2. eliminating blight 3. meeting other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

We received our quote from Matson Insurance Company for our liability and worker's compensation. The Worker's Compensation has a decrease of \$1,452, but the general liability has an increase of \$1,108. The 51 fire hydrants have been added and the policy quote is on hand for review. Ryan Wells of Charles Leach Insurance Company will not be quoting us for our renewal, Mr. Wells stated he cannot even touch what Matson Insurance/Argonaut Insurance is giving us. With a motion by Supervisor Copley, seconded by Supervisor Fitch and duly carried to accept the quote from Matson Insurance Company.

Snell Landscaping has landscaped the Veteran's Memorial at Memorial Park as a donation. A thank you has been sent to Snell Landscaping. Snell Landscaping has also offered to help us with the playground project. They are willing to bring their equipment and manpower in to help tear up the timbers and old mulch. Supervisor Fitch is working with Jeremy Snell on getting some prices for the molded timbers and rubber surface material from a company out of Erie.

Courtesy letter was sent to the following:

- Nuisance Ordinance for barking dog Thomas Bartlett of 41 Dunham Street
- Grass Ordinance Violation to Fullerton Real Estate, LLC for 22 Leather Street, property has been mowed.
- Nuisance Ordinance for falling down garage to Richard Sheets of 401 West Main Street granting him until June 21, 2021, to have the garage repaired or taken down. Hearing already set for 6/13/21 9:30. Mr. Sheets was in and stated he will be tearing down the shed and burning the old

wood and then rebuild a new shed when he can afford it. The hearing will be cancelled per Constable Young.

- Grass Ordinance violation sent to James Winschel for 336 Horton Avenue, this property will be fined.
- Grass Ordinance Jake Spencer property on Cottage Avenue, this property will be fined.
- Grass Ordinance for Proper residence on Austin Hill Road, this property will be fined.

Sheffield Methodist Church is asking for some millings to put in the empty lot where the Free Methodist Church once sit. The parking lot could use a load or 2, the church would be happy to pay for them. Supervisors stated that for \$10 per ton or \$200 for a tri-axle load.

Solicitor Stapleford's response to the removal of streetlight at 105 Dunham Street requested by Mr. Giambrone. Section 67001 of the Second-Class Township Code provides that the "supervisors may light and illuminate the highways, roads and other public places of the township and remove, alter or improve lighting as may be appropriate and in the best interests of the township." The seventy percent provision that you reference pertains to establishing streetlight districts which would not apply since this is one streetlight. Given all of this, if the Supervisors are inclined to remove the streetlight, they may do so by taking a vote at a meeting and having it removed. Supervisor Fitch asked Mr. Giambrone if he has spoken with property owners around him about his asking for a streetlight to be removed. Mr. Giambrone stated that everybody up by him are in favor of removing it. Supervisors Fitch stated the township place streetlights for safety issues, and it is hard to justify taking a light down. Supervisors asked the secretary to send letters to all who would be affected by the light and to check on the cost with Penelec for removal. The supervisors stated that if there is one person that wants the light to remain, then the light will stay.

June 7<sup>th</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup> is the construction period for the Spicer Road Project. The bank stabilization debris will not be placed on the lot at the corner of Center Street and Tan Street it will be trucked to Kane. We do not need it there anymore. We are working with Brianna from Warren County Conservation District to fill out an E & S plan for this area.

Keystone Avenue was blacktopped by IA Construction. Once they milled down the road it was needed to add more base adding 100 tons at \$129.65 per ton for an additional cost of \$12,965.00. This will make total contract amount roughly \$99,116.00.

Matt Bell, Chief of the Sheffield Volunteer Fire Department would like the supervisors to attend an executive board meeting of the Fire Department tomorrow night at 6pm at the fire hall. There are a few things that members of the fire department would like to discuss with the supervisors. Supervisor Copley will attend this meeting.

Denny Snyder's property is still full of tires, an email was sent to the supervisors with pictures of all the tires in the garage area and basement of the property at 319 West Main Street. Abby Swanson, current tenant was in the office with pictures of the electric and plumbing of this building. She stated they have been evicted along with the Dilley's effective July 6<sup>th</sup>. The Constable had talked about the possibility of condemning this building and was looking into the process with the district magistrate. Supervisors stated that nothing can be done, tires are inside of building and out of sight.

The secretary is working on applying to DCED for our COVID Relief funds, which are now up to \$207,245.04.

Supervisor Copley asked if the towns people are happy with our building codes officer, Construction Code Inspectors, Inc. The secretary stated she has heard nothing negative about them.

Supervisor Fitch reported on Jeff Dunham's property and the number of tires on his property again. Nuisance letter will be sent to him for removal of the pile of tires.

Pending List:

- 146 Saybrook Road, Blighted Property Resolution 1/24/2021 property ready to go to blight. John Dipierro given until May 31, 2021, to fix the problems with house. Pictures show nothing has been done yet, this property will go to the blighted property committee of Warren County.
- Mary Kay Auflick of 245 Cottage Avenue granted until 6.14.2021 to clean up her accumulation of garbage and debris.
- Tree on Henry's Mills Road: Heeter refused to touch it. Jordan Copley gave us a quote of \$3,000 to bring tree down, \$4,500 for complete removal. With a motion by Supervisor Fitch, seconded by Nate Lindberg the quote of \$3,000 was accepted. The roadcrew will remove the tree. Supervisor Copley abstained from voting do to this being his son's company.
- Louis Decicco of Millport, NY, owner of BP Station, blighted property resolution sent to him on 4/6/2021 granting him 30 days to fix the problem. This letter was returned insufficient address. The constable is locating his current address for us. Nothing new to report.
- John Hilyer's property at 61 2<sup>nd</sup> Mill Street turned over to blighted property.
- Dwayne Strazier has an accumulation of garbage at his property at 1001 Austin Hill Road and is burning his garbage. Courtesy letter was signed and will be mailed out granting him until our next meeting 4/19/2021 to clean up and get a garbage carrier. He continues to burn his garbage. The constable will be contacted to file charges.

Other matters discussed:

- Spring Cleanup Day is Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

-James Mohny of 84 3<sup>rd</sup> Mill Street is requesting a speed bump on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Mill Street, this request was denied doing the location. Two more speed bumps and signage will be ordered to keep on hand.

-Amy Bailey has plead guilty and has paid \$574 in charges for accumulation of garbage and debris.

-John Hanson's property at 2344 Route 666 is a wetlands and floodplain and he cannot receive any of the product from Spicer Road.

Bald Hill Oil will be drilling in Howe Township, R & N Resources, LLC will be drilling in Sheffield Township off Route 948.

- Gary Cochran received the load of logs for \$150 and Tim Fiscus received the firewood for \$200. They were the only two who bid.

With a motion by Supervisor Copley, seconded by Supervisor Fitch and duly carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm until Monday, June 21, 2021, at 7pm at the Sheffield Food Pantry.

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Administrator/Treasurer

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Nathan Lindberg, Chairman

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J. Jay Fitch, Supervisor

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Robin Copley, Supervisor

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