

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2022

Chairman Jay Fitch brought the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sheffield Township Supervisors to order at 7:00PM with the pledge of allegiance at the Sheffield Food Pantry with the following in attendance:

Supervisors: J. Jay Fitch, Nathan Lindberg, and Jeff Labesky
Administrator/Treasurer: Kristi Kulka
Roadmaster: Ian Lester
Guests: Bev Pollock, Georgia Anthony, Paul Higby, Debbie Koza, Ray Olson, Carol
Johalon, Barry Hughes, Crystal Clark, and Ron Thomas

Georgia Bean was present asking about the Northwest Bank closing its doors and wondering if we could open a bank at the Sheffield Food Pantry to replace it. Supervisor Labesky stated that a private sector would have to come in. Supervisor Lindberg spoke with people at the bank, and they informed him that the decision has been made. Melody Clabaugh and Shawn Walker informed him that it is a declining population in this area. The bank in Sheffield is one of 20 Northwest Banks that are being closed. He stated that it is not just small-town banks it is banks in Cleveland, OH, Pittsburgh, Sewickley and Buffalo, NY. Debbie Koza asked what the small businesses are going to do to get change, they are understaffed now and cannot send two people to the bank in Warren or Kane. Georgia Anthony stated well you cannot fight government or big companies. Barry Hughes stated that it is going to hurt our entire town. Paul Higby stated that he heard the new CEO is from Ohio, so it is a matter of time before all the operations are in Ohio.

With a motion by Supervisor Lindberg, seconded by Supervisor Labesky and duly carried the Minutes from the Re-Organizational Meeting on January 3, 2022, and the Bills for Approval in the amount of \$85,076.83 were all approved and placed on file at the township office. The treasurer stated that \$60882.03 was a payment to Shell Restoration for the new metal roofs on township buildings. They are not done yet but will be back in the Spring to do the shingled roofs that are being replaced.

Supervisor Fitch expressed his concerns for these letters being sent out prior to the other Supervisors having a chance to see the pictures and decide as well. The secretary stated that Supervisor Labesky sent her the pictures and asked they she prepare the letters for the next meeting, and she just sent them out certified. She apologized for this and stated it will not happen again. Supervisor Fitch stated that all eight properties be given until March 21, 2022, to have these properties cleaned up, since the weather is bad for this type of work. The Supervisors would like to review Ordinance No. 91 Nuisance/Junkyard Ordinance for further review of the process of sending letters and violations.

- Catherine Powell of 613 South Main Street-contacted office and needs more time.
- David C. Johnson of 326-328 Horton Avenue
- Michael & Debra Notoro of 48 2nd Mill Street-needs until Spring to get the camper out of there.
- Fairhill North 2 of 92 3rd Mill Street
- Michael Jordan of 412 Church Street-contacted office and has financial problems and cannot get a dumpster until spring and the ground is so wet it will sink
- Lorn Champlin, Sr of 31 Bennington Drive
- Larry E. Heeter of 131 Saybrook Road
- Anzietta Dipierro of 642 Saybrook Road

Constable Young is charging the following property owners with violations to the Nuisance Ordinance:

- Bruce Melquist of 405 Radaker Street

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- Dick Eck of 12 1st Mill Street
- Hilda Haehn of 185 Cottage Avenue

Properties that the township is watching for possible pending violations or tax sale:

- Rodney L. & Alice Nicholson of 320 Church Street
- Michele Bonavita of 28 Foulkrod Street, Supervisor Lindberg reported that this property was purchased by Al Ace and will be tore down in the spring.
- Mario Aiello of 54 2nd Mill Street

Blighted Property Resolution No. 516 for Frank Leichtenberger's property on Route 948 is ready for adoption. Pictures are on for review of this house. With a motion by Supervisor Lindberg, seconded by Supervisor Labesky and duly carried the resolution will be sent to Mr. Leichtenberger granting him 30 days to comply.

Warren County Redevelopment Authority is meeting on Tuesday, January 18th at 8:30am at Commissioners Conference Room to discuss the following properties in Sheffield Township

61 2nd Mill St., Sheffield Township, Parcel #SH-354-929500 – John Hilyer - declared blighted by BPRC on 6-17-21 (Tracking No. 71)

Laurie Burdick reported that this property was recently sold at tax sale to Jesse Parsons, who also previously purchased 59 2nd Mill St. Mr. Parsons would like to have both structures demolished at the same time to save on costs; however, 59 2nd Mill St. is still under investigation.

59 2nd Mill St., Sheffield Twp., Parcel #SH-354-9374 – Victor D. & Tamara L. Earle – declared blighted by BPRC on 11/21/19
(See information from Item 1 above).

In accordance with the Warren County Tax Collection Committee Bylaws, a copy of the 2022 budget adopted by the Board at its regular meeting held on October 21, 2021, has been sent to us a taxing authority that levies and income tax.

Martin Luther King Day and Columbus Day will be added to the paid days off for township employees instead of the two election days that we were using as personal days with approval of Supervisor Labesky and Supervisor Lindberg. This change has been added to our Sheffield Township Employment Policy. A motion by Supervisor Labesky, seconded by Supervisor Lindberg and duly carried adding these two holidays.

The roadcrew worked on Monday, Martin Luther King Day plowing because of the winter storm and were granted a floating holiday with a motion by Supervisor Lindberg, seconded by Supervisor Labesky and duly carried.

Paul Higby asked about the Constable Young and Supervisor Fitch reviewed how he works for us.

Georgia Anthony asked if the township could fix the pothole at the end of Leather Street turning onto Center Street and the one at the corner of Horton Avenue and Center Street.

Debbie Koza complained about the water running of the hill and onto the road on Keystone Avenue in front of Cocarro and Julie Arnold's property. She said it's going to be an ice mess and eventually wash the road away.

Supervisor Fitch thanked the roadcrew for keeping the roads and streets cleaned off during the recent snowstorm.

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Supervisor Labesky stated that a thank you was sent to Dale from Westpa.net, Inc for his help with the removal of the flagpole on Memorial Park concession stand building. He stated that the concession stand area is completely gutted now and the Lions Club will be helping with the new layout of the appliances and cupboards. Hoden Electric has installed ½ of the new LED lights.

Other matters discussed:

- Blackhawk Energy, LLC and Pennhills Resources, LLC are drilling in Hamilton Township. Weldbank Energy is drilling in Mead Township.
- We received a thank you from Lexie McAvoy for the Christmas gift.
- Library board met on January 11th the minutes are on hand for review. Tom and Suzanne McNeal have donated all their pictures that are currently hanging in the library to the library.
- Northwest Savings Bank is closing its Sheffield branch effective April 11, 2022. The Township will send a letter expressing our concerns.
- Minutes of December 2nd Municipal Authority Meeting minutes and the December Treasurers Report are on hand for your review.
- CPR/First Aide training at the Ruth M. Smith Center will be attended by Ian Lester, Chris Kyler, and Jeff Labesky

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm with a motion by Supervisor Lindberg, seconded by Supervisor Labesky and duly carried until Monday, February 7, 2022, at 7pm at the Sheffield Food Pantry.

Administrator/Treasurer

J. Jay Fitch, Chairman

Nathan Lindberg, Supervisor

Jeff Labesky, Supervisor
SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS