

Minutes of the October 18, 2021 Meeting

Meeting opened by Cooperrider, with Zarley, Ullom, Grandstaff, and Callan present. Guests Chief Hill, Kristy Hawthone (SWC), Tanna and Mark.

Minutes of the September 18, 2021, Meeting was approved.

Administrative

- Kristy Hawthone spoke on how solar project works with soil & water (party of interest). Make recommendations for changes to Ohio Siting Board. Covers surface and subsurface drainage, vegetation, and culvert maintenance.

Bills

Cooperrider moved to approve the bills, Zarley second, all yes.

Cemetery

Some headstones set.

Fire Department

Chief Hill gave report on Fire Department.

- Chief presented grant application for truck exhaust removal equipment.
- Chief presented grant application for three more full time firefighters.
- Chief submitted grant application for new radios.
- Bennington Township fire money on its way.
- Cones blocking vehicles from coming across parking lot at firehouse. Trustees okay with cones staying up.
- Grandstaff to talk to Mr. Newell regarding site for new firehouse.
- Hose testing revealed hose that needed replaced before new engine arrives.
- Chief spoke with resident manager of home on Bethel that houses people at risk.
- Spoke about setting up containers for fire training.

Roads

- Road mowing done.
- Electric wire still on Parsons.

Solar Questions and Comments from residents

- Question to Trustee Zarley and Grandstaff regarding their stance on solar projects. Zarley cited property rights, Grandstaff not in favor.
- Question about how long township has known about it.
- What will happen with wells?
- Where will panels be made?
- Home values will be reduced (opinion).
- Section 17- "owner recognizes risk of being in proximity to solar panels".
- Concern for wetlands.
- Various residents spoke in opposition.
- Concerns for fires.
- Concern for wildlife.
- Batteries (500 SUV size?).
- Cited lack of information from township.
- What will trustees do next?

❖ Mr. Cooperrider said that he would do more research.

Zoning

No new permits issued.

No further business, meeting adjourned.
