

**ULYSSES TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
May 12, 2021**

The Ulysses Township Supervisors met for their regular monthly meeting held on the above advertised date at the Ulysses Twp. Municipal Building at 7:00p.m. The following were present: Chairman Richard Tobias, Supervisor Daniel Freeman, Supervisor Richard Erickson, and Secretary/Treasurer Vicki Moon. Guest(s) present were: Cheryl Freeman Ulysses Twp. Tax Collector.

Chairman Tobias called the meeting to order at 7p.m. and stated that the meeting was being recorded. Chairman Tobias made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2021 meeting. Supervisor Erickson seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Tobias opened the floor for public comment. Ms. Freeman stated that she has had a check returned that she is being charged for. Stated that the "Taxpayer Resolution" that she submitted in January has not been approved or disapproved, so therefore, the taxpayer cannot be charged for the check. Mr. Tobias would like to discuss this with PSATS and with the Township's Attorney for the handling of the \$12 service charge. Ms. Freeman is also working with the bank to see if they will reverse the charge. Ms. Freeman further stated that if the "resolution" is passed, she will write the gentleman stating that he is responsible for the fee.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

- Working on grading Cowburn Rd.
- Most potholes have been fixed on Telescope and Kibbeville
- Horseshoe Rd. project will be finished after the first round of road grading and a laborer is hired.
- Volvo is at White's in Westfield for brake system work. They have said they will be working on it next week. All other equipment is up and running.
- JKLM needs to do the grading on Nauman Rd.
- There are more beavers that need to be trapped on Erickson Rd. Chairman Tobias is to contact Robert Hillyard.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- GENERAL FUND: \$221,870.60
- STATE FUND: \$174,396.24
- ACT 13: \$ 94,989.10
- TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE AS OF 04/30/2021: \$491,255.94

Lists were presented showing checks submitted for payment, bank statements, budgets to date and treasurer's report details. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Supervisor Erickson, second by Chairman Tobias. All in favor. None opposed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- County Aid application was signed by the Supervisors
- The Township Solicitor does not recommend going forward with the Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance. The Township Supervisors may make a Proclamation stating that they are in favor of the Sanctuary Ordinance. Chairman Tobias made a motion to draft this Proclamation. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- The Supervisors and the Road Foreman held two interviews for the Road Laborer position on May 12, 2021. They will offer the position to Carlos Barroqueiro at \$15/hr with a \$1 raise after sixty days. Motion made by Chairman Tobias to offer the position to Mr. Barroqueiro. Second by Mr. Erickson. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Tobias also made a motion that if Mr. Barroqueiro declines the position, it be offered to the other candidate. Mr. Erickson seconded. Tobias and Erickson in favor, Freeman opposed.
- The Infocon invoice given to the Township by the Township Tax Collector has been paid. The RAK invoice dated 2/2020 was previously paid. Chairman Tobias stated that the Supervisors need to decide if they are going to continue paying these invoices. As requested, Secretary Moon copied the minutes from the March 9, 2016 meeting regarding the original payment of the invoice. Mr. Tobias read the pertinent portion of those minutes, then stated that there was no mention of continuing that payment. Mr. Tobias made the motion that the Township pay what is required by law but nothing more, second by Mr. Erickson. Mr. Freeman opposed. Motion carried.
- Blight Ordinance– Chairman Tobias stated that the Township Solicitor is in favor of this with some changes in wording. Supervisor Freeman stated that he feels we should follow the County on this. Discussion followed as to whether this ordinance pertains to commercial, residential, or either type of property, and who will administer the ordinance. It was decided to have Mr. Ross continue to work on this and to check with the County for their input as well.
- The need for a steam jenny and a new truck was discussed. It was agreed to table these matters until we have some quotes and the Telescope Bridge is repaired.
- The Supervisors discussed the bridge repair on Telescope Rd. Chairman Tobias made a motion to accept the bid from LC Whitford. Second by Supervisor Erickson. Supervisor Freeman opposed. Reason stated that he does not know how the repairs will be funded. Motion carried.
- The information for a pension plan for the Road Foreman is with Supervisor Erickson. He will review and forward on to Supervisor Freeman.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chairman Tobias made a motion to have Lois Cowburn mow the Township lot. Second by Supervisor Erickson. Supervisor Freeman opposed. Motion carried.
- There was discussion about the American Rescue Funds that the Township will be receiving.
- Scott Majot, Potter Co. Penndot Manger wants to know if the Township is interested in plowing the road behind Larry's Sport Center or if they could offer it to Pike Twp. Discussion followed. It was agreed to have Mr. Majot offer it to Pike Twp.
- The Supervisors discussed setting up a website through PSATS. Discussion followed about costs, what could be posted etc. Chairman Tobias made a motion to approve setting up the website. All in favor. Motion carried.
- The Supervisors discussed a cell phone policy and purchase by the Township. They also discussed a personal cell phone policy for employees. Supervisor Freeman stated that there is one currently in effect for personal cell phones. Chairman Tobias would like the personal cell phone policy to state that there be no personal cell phone use while working. Chairman Tobias

made a motion to purchase a cell phone for the Road Laborer. Supervisor Erickson seconded. Supervisor Freeman opposed until he can review the policy and costs. Motion carried.

There was no other new business and no correspondence.

Chairman Tobias made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Erickson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Moon
Ulysses Twp. Secretary/Treasurer