

Board Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2025

Meeting called to order by Toren Stanton at 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Toren Stanton

Board Members in attendance: Supervisor Stanton, Treasurer Brubaker and Clerk Smith, Trustee Courliss

Board Members absent: Trustee Brott

Reading of the minutes and a motion to approve the June minutes, first by Supervisor Stanton second Clerk Smith. All in favor 4-0. Accepted and passed.

Old Business:

Property Maintenance Requests: SAFEbuilt handing out final notices on older requests. A couple of these properties are at the end of their rope as to what SAFEbuilt can do, they have advised us to get our attorney involved to serve them with a notice to clean their properties up Stanton moves to work with our attorney to pursue unmaintained properties and get them cleaned up. Second, Trustee Courliss. All in favor 4-0. Accepted and passed.

New Business:

A proposal from the Planning Commission to amend the zoning ordinance, specifically the penalty provisions from criminal to civil. The courts are reluctant to send someone to jail for violating an ordinance, the PC is recommending that we adopt a provision that we can add a lien on the property or add it to the taxes instead of sending them to jail. What it means for the provision later on if someone wants to challenge the ordinance. The PC Board would like to take the criminal provision out of all the ordinances. Changing from a criminal fine to a civil fine. A lot more clean to have it changed to a civil infraction instead of criminal. Reading of the ordinance done by Supervisor Stanton. Ordinance maintained with the records. Offense can vary and they will be charged accordingly. Ken Bell was also in attendance tonight. This current language only applies to Zoning Ordinances, other ordinances are up for review. They were notified of this change on May 31st. Publishing a notice within 15 days after approval. Trustee Courliss attended the planning commission meeting on May 30th; would like to see a warning on the first offense instead of a fine. Recommending to remove the offense language on the 1st time and change to a warning instead. 4th offense Ordinance #11, section 10/11 and it is in sync with that. The issue came in, what if the resident refuses to pay the fine? Not much choice other than to take them

to court which will cost a lot of money. Trustee Courliss spoke with various people who work in political office locally, Reading of the proposed amendment is maintained in the records. Trustee Courliss is looking for clear language for the residents to know what the changes are. Supervisor Stanton doesn't feel comfortable with the amendment as it stands, he sees this change as stepping on the PC Boards toes. Would like to see it going to the PC Board and keeping a good relationship. Supervisor Stanton moves to send our proposed amendments back to the PC as a suggestion for them to look at and for them to look over. Second Treasurer Brubaker. All in favor 3-1.

Courthouse renovations are getting underway. ARPA funds will help cover the costs. Broadband project, frontier is continuing the build out broadband. The library and the Sherwood Store are using the broadband. There are funds from the county that will cover the county wide broadband, it will just take a few years to complete.

Commissioner Stoll recommends that we would not wait on the county for our PC board, we have done our due diligence

Sheriff report: 24 hr road patrol is 3 months going. Short staffed currently. 5 people on training and that ties up some officers for a little bit. 4 new hires coming in. Contract is up this year and hopefully they can get some wage increase and benefits. Body cams and in-car cameras are in effect. Marine patrol 151 hours last pay period. New boat coming in. Fire Department: 5 calls in June. 3 life care assists. Received a grant for \$7,314 for stabilizing jacks. It is on order. Grant money should be here after July 1st. Factorville Church, went out and sprayed the kids.

Treasurer: \$176,498 balance for June. Tax bills have been sent out.

Clerk: Make-A-Wish will be passing through on Sunday, July 27th and they will be using our outside facilities for a rest stop. SAFEbuilt would like to do a Quarterly Business Review with the board. Final additions to the website are happening and will be up and running shortly. August 5th Bond Proposal Election for Colon & Union City Schools. My office hours are Sunday, August 3rd from 6am-1pm.

Supervisor: Parking lot will be done July 25 & 26th. Dust Control will take place July 4-10th roughly. Road Maintenance will take place at the end of August.

Public Comment:

Dick Morrill - would like to ask the sheriff and commissioner about the housing of inmates. Where does the money come from? The other counties will pay \$40/day plus medical costs and will pay for transportation. Still making \$32

Supervisor Stanton moves to approve the bills for the month of June, Trustee Courliss second. All in favor 5-0. Motion carries.

Supervisor Stanton adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm , Clerk Smith second. All in favor 4-0. Motion Carries. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah Smith

Sherwood Township Clerk
