

Synopsis of:
Tipton County Drainage Board:
Monday, December 10, 2018 at 12:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Mullins, Mark Manier, Gerald Shuck, Jason Henderson

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristi Hinkle, Jim Leffler, Bruce Schulenberg, Bob Edinger, Brent Snow, Scott Gasho, Matt Letsinger, Frank Letsinger, Cheryl Coverdale, Brian Shirley, Bobby Shirley, Phil Overdorf Jr, George Tebbe, Debbie Tragesser, several Tipton High School students.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Shuck called the meeting to order.

MODIFICATIONS TO AGNEDA: Jason Henderson asked to add consideration for reduction or encroachment into regulated easement to Buck Creek under New Business. Gerald Shuck added discussion of Big Cicero Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jim Mullins made a motion to accept the November 26, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Surveyor Henderson presented the board with a map and a Drainage Easement Encroachment Agreement for 215 Taft Street where petitioner Brian Shirley would like to build a house and garage, encroaching on Buck Creek. Jason added they are presenting a reduction from the standard 75' from top of bank down to 40' from top of bank. Brian Shirley, 215 Taft Street, Tipton, spoke to the board asking to build his new dwelling closer to the creek, as opposed to the street. The house will be approximately 2000 sq ft, plus an exterior garage (32 x 48) and a shed. There are 4 city lots for this dwelling. Mark Manier asked if this is in flood plain. Jason and Brian have spoken to Steve Niblick, the county flood plain administrator, and there are no issues. There are some outlets to Buck Creek and Brian is aware of the property status. Jim Mullins made a motion to approve the requested drainage easement encroachment between Barbara and Bobby Shirley and the Tipton County Drainage Board. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

Campbell / Dobson Certificate of Assessment:

George Julius Certificate of Assessment:

Jason presented the documents to the board for approval. These Certificate of Assessment documents are the official notice to the Auditor's office of the changes. Jim Mullins made a motion to approve the Certificates of Assessment for the Campbell Dobson reconstruction and the George Julius vacation. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: West Elwood: Jason stated that he will get a status update from Lou Soufta with TriAd about this project and any grants that we may be eligible for.

Henry Stillwagner: Jason updated the board that letters have been mailed to the property owners and that he will be doing topography as soon as he can.

SURVEYOR REPORT: Jason acknowledged and thanked board member and current board president Gerald Shuck for his dedication and time to this board. Next, Jason requested from the board permission to solicit quotes for dipping and cleaning to be presented at the January 2019 meeting.

BIG CICERO BOARD DISCUSSION: Jim Mullins noted that there are concerns with the Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board. Jim stated that Tipton County has 73% of the land but only 20% of the voting capacity. He added that the commissioners receive calls about this board and the assessments in which they levy. Jim has found a law firm that specializes in drainage and they are willing to attempt to answer some questions for the commissioners. Mr. Mullins made a motion to hire outside council to review the county's relationship with the BCCJDB. This motion has already been presented and approved by the BOC. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

CLAIMS: Jason Henderson presented the claims to the board in the amount of \$58,180.00. Jim Mullins made a motion to accept the claims as presented for December 10, 2018. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bruce Schulenberg, 2626 W 300 S, Tipton. Bruce recalled the past months issues with the Henry Stillwagner watershed. Bruce nor his neighbor think this issue is being taken seriously. Bruce believes that the letter mailed out to the property owners and speaks of adding risers, is not necessary. Jason explained that when researching and mapping tiles, entry points will need to be created into the tiles, as the locating equipment can only go so far. This is the case regarding the Stillwagner Waterhed. If there is going to be a hole, the recommended fix is a breather or riser, as this allows for the tile "draw" or "breathe" better. The risers will not be in the middle of any fields. Bruce believes these tiles flow directly to Cicero Creek and that he has a better solution, which has nothing to do with the Henry Stillwagner watershed. Jason's intention is to map the entire watershed, not just what is adjacent to 300 West. President Shuck stated that the board will welcome Jason's research once he is done and that will answer all the questions.

George Tebbe thanked the board for supporting the efforts with the Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board. He hopes this straightens everything out.

Jim Mullins made a motion to close public comment. Mark Manier 2nd the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Manier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Mullins 2nd the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 21, 2019 @ 12:30pm in the Tipton County Courthouse.

TIPTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:

JIM MULLINS

DENNIS HENDERSON

MARK MANIER

ATTEST: _____
HEATHER TERRY

The above minutes were approved at a regular meeting of the Tipton County Drainage Board. The signatures were intentionally omitted to preserve privacy. Signed copies are available in the Tipton County Surveyor's Office, 1st floor of the Tipton County Courthouse.