

## OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

November 14, 2022

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD, Larry Bramlage, Jerry Harris, Dave O'Connor, Nathan Kinney, Deputy Sparks, CCSO, Steve Brock, Les Smith and Emily Supinger

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Ms. Niehaus.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2022 regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"***

Steve Brock of B&S Blacktop spoke to the trustees about the demolition of the Nurre property, indicating that the job took 4 extra days adding \$4,000 to the cost due to Mr. Nurre being in the house and holding up the process; also reported that the county board of health wants the cistern caved in and filled, estimated at \$1,200 additional cost. The consensus of the board was to approve the additional costs. Mr. Hinson asked why the fence wasn't removed. Emily Supinger noted that the township did not have the authority to remove the fence unless it posed a health danger. Mr. Vogelsang asked how the property would be maintained moving forward. Emily Supinger noted that the same nuisance process would need to be followed each time the township needed to address the property.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to approve the additional expenses incurred for the Nurre property demolition in the amount of \$5,200, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"***

Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD gave his report (on file). Reported that the Durango will be removed and disposed of. Mr. Hinson noted that he called Chief Wright and asked that it be removed.

Cpl. Doug Scott, CCSO: absent, report on file.

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Mr. Hinson asked Les Smith if he tours the entire township each time, answer was no. Mr. Hinson asked that Les Smith tour the entire township from time to time. Mr. Vogelsang asked what the zoning meeting tomorrow was about; answer was to finalize the park district properties. Les Smith also reported that 2858 SR 132 has been neglected all year and asked if that property should be declared a nuisance. Emily Supinger will look into it.

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Dave O'Connor gave his report (on file). Reported that he would like to dispose of the 2 old manual cots removed from the squads. The consensus was that there is little to no value to try to sell them.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to dispose of the two obsolete manual cots removed from the squads, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"***

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Demolition Update on Nurre Property:* Emily Supinger will prepare a resolution for the December meeting to assess the costs of the Nurre property demolition to the county auditor.

*2020-2021 Financial Audit:* Bill Gilpin reported having a conference call tomorrow to interview the audit firms bidding on the audit.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Bill Gilpin reported receiving a letter from Rumpke indicating a new dumpster rate, even though it is included in the upcoming contract; Mr. Hinson will take care of getting it straightened out.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Fire Contract:* Bill Gilpin reported that Chief Wright has agreed to a 5.9% increase in the annual fire contract, making the total \$86,543 including the \$5,000 payment to New Richmond.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to approve the annual fire protection contract payment in the amount of \$86,543, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"***

*New Truck Purchase:* Ms. Niehaus reported speaking with Dave O'Connor about purchasing at least one new truck and disposing of the jeep. Emily Supinger noted that if the price is under \$50,000 it can be purchased without obtaining sealed bids. A second truck to replace the Dodge dump truck may also be looked into.

**LAW DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Nothing additional to report.

Mr. Vogelsang reported continuing issues with the township hall not being properly cleaned by users and proposed implementing a deposit fee that would be forfeited if the hall is not cleaned after each use. Ms. Niehaus asked if we could purchase something better to clean the floor with; Dave O'Connor noted that we have a vacuum cleaner that could be relocated to the hall if desired. Mr. Hinson noted that he is opposed to charging a deposit while Ms. Niehaus noted she is in favor of having a deposit. Mr. Hinson asked how a deposit system would work. Bill Gilpin noted the deposit check would simply be returned if the hall is clean and kept if not. The deposit would be collected when the key is picked up.

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***Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to implement a \$50 security deposit for township hall rentals that would be forfeited if the hall is not properly cleaned by the user, beginning in 2023, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. Mr. Vogelsang and Ms. Niehaus voted “yea”. Mr. Hinson voted “nay” motion carried***

Mr. Hinson reminded the trustees that a 2023 Salute to Leaders nomination is upcoming and suggested honoring the New Richmond Ecumenical Group.

Mr. Hinson asked asked Emily Supinger if she had begun receiving information from the Ohio Township Association. Emily Supinger indicated she has received an email from them confirming her membership.

Ms. Niehaus asked Emily Supinger if she would be personally responsible if someone fell on her property while picking up or returning the key for the hall; further discussion on the subject will be needed.

Fund balances were discussed.

The following were read and approved with warrants written for same: (payment summary on following page).

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to adjourn at 7:33pm, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”***