

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

December 12, 2022

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD, Larry Bramlage, Dave O'Connor, Nathan Kinney, Tricia McConnell, Cindy Cassell, 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 November 14, 2022 regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD gave his report (on file). Reported that the UTV has been used extensively during the search for the missing Pierce Township resident; the movie scene shooting in Ohio Township has been completed.

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

Les Smith, zoning inspector: absent, report on file. Cindy Cassell reported on a zoning committee meeting held to study possible regulations for solar farms; residential and commercial fields can be zoned but utility sized farms are under the authority of state guidelines. Professional assistance will be needed to assist with planning any zoning guidelines for solar farms. Emily Supinger will contact the county prosecutor.

Dave O'Connor gave his maintenance report (on file). Reported that he will be getting 2023 mowing pricing in January.

OLD BUSINESS:

2021-2022 Financial Audit: Bill Gilpin reported that Perry and Associates has been awarded the contract for the next three township audits through 2026.

Park Grant: Bill Gilpin reported that the township has received the reimbursement from the county for the park grant.

COMMUNICATIONS: Bill Gilpin reported receiving a letter from Duke Energy with proposed rate changes for 2023; also received paperwork notifying the township that we will be audited by workers compensation in the near future.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Zoning Commission: Cindy Cassell reported on the zoning commission's work regarding the park designation for some properties. Emily Supinger reported that the zoning commission is recommending that all but two parcels being considered be re-zoned to the new park district designation and that a moratorium be put on the setback rules for the time being to allow the zoning commission to revisit the rules. Tricia McConnell asked why some people were not aware of the proposed changes until the end of the process. Emily Supinger noted that the township followed the zoning code for notifying property owners, which is to notify them when their property will actually be affected by a zoning change.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to hold a public hearing on January 9, 2023 at 6pm to hear comments on the zoning commission's recommendation to rezone parcels to the new park district designation, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, all members voted "yea"

December motions:

Mr. Hinson made a motion that the trustees of Ohio Township are entitled to the maximum compensation permitted per the Ohio Revised Code and to continue on the Salary Method of payment. Seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, all members voted "yea"

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to continue the Group Health Care Insurance Plan and Dental Care Program as written with the township to continue paying the out of pocket and deductible expenses for those who are eligible being the three trustees, fiscal officer, full time employees, their spouses and dependents, up to a maximum of \$5,000.00 deductible per family. Seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted "yea"

Banking Agreement: Bill Gilpin reported that the current banking agreement with RiverHills Bank expires at the end of the year and asked for a motion to approve the new five year banking agreement.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to approve the five year banking agreement with RiverHills Bank, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, all members voted "yea"

2023 Temporary Appropriations: Bill Gilpin reviewed the 2023 temporary appropriations resolution and asked for adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-101 for 2023 temporary appropriations, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, all members voted "yea"

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2023 Organizational Meeting:

Mr. Hinson made a motion to hold the 2023 organizational meeting on January 3, 2023 at 9am, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, all members voted “yea”

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT:

Nothing additional to report.

Mr. Hinson asked the trustees if they were interested in listing events held in the village on the township website. The consensus was yes to do so.

Mr. Hinson noted that he feels the New Richmond Garden Club would be a good choice to honor for the Salute to Leaders program.

Mr. Hinson noted that the new deposit requirement for township hall usage needs to be posted on the website.

Ms. Niehaus will bring a proposed hall usage deposit policy to the organizational meeting for consideration.

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 7:38pm, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”