

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

February 13, 2023

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, Brad Haskins, Erica Haught, Areli Haught, Les Smith and Emily Supinger

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mr. Hinson.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2023 public hearing, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2023 regular meeting, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"

Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD gave his report (on file). Reported there is a new report format starting this month; HB 509 recently passed changes continuing education requirements for several jobs in Ohio; local fire departments will no longer be able to do in-house training unless the bill is altered. Reported 27 runs from the village into Ohio Twp. in 2022; New Richmond is getting a new police chief in March. Mr. Hinson asked if Pierce Township was considering building a new fire station in the former Amelia Village area; answer was that planning and proposals are being studied that may build a station in that area, but would not affect the Ohio Township Fire Station operations.

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

Dave O'Connor gave his maintenance report (on file). Reported that the new pickup truck should be put into service this week; asked for permission to dispose of the 2004 Jeep; getting cost on a concrete pad for a new salt barn and gravel storage area. Mr. Hinson asked about the driveway onto the logging property on Fagins Run Rd; answer was that it is still being worked out since the location needed to be changed.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to dispose of the 2004 Jeep Wrangler by auctioning it on the GovDeals website, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

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Les Smith, zoning inspector gave his report (on file). Reported talking with the county dog warden about the situation at 2518 SR 132; distributed copies of the new zoning map showing the new zoning designation for the Laze Days campground. Mr. Hinson asked about the items left on the Nurre property; Emily Supinger will draft a letter to send to Mr. Nurre giving a deadline for removal. Work is ongoing for setting setback regulations in Laze Days. Emily Supinger has talked to the county prosecutor regarding guidance to townships that want to regulate solar farms. The township will need to hire a consultant to assist with drafting solar farm regulations. Emily Supinger will contact some planning companies for further information.

OLD BUSINESS:

BZA Appointment: Mr. Hinson reported contacting Frank Renn who has expressed an interest in remaining on the BZA.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to appoint Frank Renn to a 5 year term on the board of zoning appeals expiring in March 2028, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted “yea”

BWC Audit: Bill Gilpin reported that the Ohio BWC audit was completed last week resulting in a \$130 credit being issued to the township.

2022 Annual Financial Report: Bill Gilpin reported that the 2022 annual financial report has been completed and uploaded to the state auditor. The required legal notices have been published.

2021-2022 Audit: Bill Gilpin reported that Perry & Associates has begun the audit with the deadline for completion being May 31.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Bill Gilpin reported receiving paperwork from the state that will be completed and returned that is required to update the township’s cemetery operations.

NEW BUSINESS:

CDBG Resolutions: Bill Gilpin noted there are three resolutions that need to be adopted regarding the current CDBG grant projects.

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-27 for the CDBG walking trail project, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-28 for the CDBG playground project, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-29 for the CDBG fire dept. generator project, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”

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Permanent Appropriations: Bill Gilpin explained the differences from the temporary appropriations and the permanent appropriations.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-30 for the 2023 permanent appropriations, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”

Ms. Niehaus noted that she also needs a resolution authorizing her to apply for the 2023 CDBG grant cycle. Emily Supinger looked up the resolution from 2022 and read it aloud.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-31 authorizing Ms. Niehaus to submit a 2023 CDBG grant application, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”

Salute to Leaders: Mr. Hinson noted that the township needs to select a salute to leaders candidate and suggested honoring the Garden Club of New Richmond for their volunteer efforts. The consensus was to do so.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to honor the New Richmond Garden Club as the township’s choice for the Salute to Leaders program, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”

Local Government Fund Formula: Mr. Hinson noted that a new formula is being proposed by the Clermont County Township Association that was distributed at the January meeting. The association will discuss it further at the February meeting and has asked for input.

Mr. Hinson asked Brad Haskins if his BZA case is final. Brad Haskins responded that he needs a building and is studying his options. All three trustees indicated they would prefer to delay appointing him as a BZA alternate member until after his case is finalized, to which Brad Haskins agreed.

Ms. Niehaus reported no negative feedback for the new deposit requirement for township hall usage. The drop box for rental deposits is due in this week.

Mr. Vogelsang reported that SR 132 litter cleanup has been completed; originally was told to contact ODOT who referenced the adopt a highway program.

Mr. Hinson noted sending some historic pictures to consider adding to the township website.

Mr. Hinson noted receiving a phone message from a resident who was upset with their Rumpke service; reminded everyone that the township contract is to help the residents save money and has nothing to do with Rumpke’s daily operations.

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Fund balances were discussed.

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

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang.
All members voted "yea"***