

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

August 14, 2023

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD, Larry Bramlage, Deputy D. Bailey, CCSO, Jerry Harris, Daniel Little, Les Smith and Emily Supinger

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

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2023 tax budget hearing, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2023 regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD gave his report (on file). Reported receiving a \$20k grant to assist with employees' paramedic schooling. Mr. Hinson asked if the township had a truck at the fair this year; response was that only the utv was taken due to only having one employee volunteer their time this year. Ms. Niehaus asked if the township had any employees currently on staff that were eligible for the grant; response was that 5 are eligible and 2 will be chosen from that group. Asst. Chief Watkins asked what the township's plans were for replacing Dave O'Connor. Mr. Hinson indicated that the township has not received a resignation from Dave O'Connor. Asst. Chief Watkins apologized if the information was incorrect but stated that he had been told that Dave O'Connor was leaving and was asking who he should be communicating with moving forward.

Cpl. Doug Scott, CCSO: absent, report on file. Deputy D. Bailey was in attendance and reviewed the numbers from the monthly report. Mr. Hinson noted that Cpl. Scott has been assigned to day shift so a new deputy may or may not be assigned to the township.

Dave O'Connor was absent, maintenance report on file. A new maintenance agreement for the power cots is being researched. Mr. Hinson asked Asst. Chief Watkins if Pierce Twp. has as much trouble with their Dodge-Horton squads as Ohio Twp. does; answer was no.

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that the new owner of the mobile home park on Chestnut Lane contacted him regarding possibly building something additional on the property;

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2858 SR 132 needs mowed again; asked if the trustees wanted to move forward with the nuisance resolution. Emily Supinger noted that the owner should be noticed again. She will get with Les Smith and itemize everything that needs to be done to rectify the situation. Mr. Hinson noted a letter received from an anonymous resident complaining about chickens and a pig at 2905 SR 132. Emily Supinger noted that the township allows chickens and pets are not regulated. Daniel Little of 2905 SR 132 spoke to the trustees noting that he has neighbors who support him; also stated he has put down lime and bedding to help minimize the odor. Emily Supinger instructed Daniel Little to be sure the chicken odor is kept under control.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nuisance Resolution: Covered during the zoning report, will be re-noticed.

ODOT Sign Grant: Mr. Hinson reported that the township and village received a large sign grant from ODOT a couple of years ago under the township's name and that ODOT has given them a one year extension to get them all installed. Mr. Hinson expressed concern about the village's ability to get them installed by the June 2024 deadline due to employee retirements, turnover and being short staffed. Ms. Niehaus asked that the township request a written plan from the village within the next 90 days showing how they will get them installed in time.

2024 Tax Budget: Bill Gilpin reported that the tax budget has been approved by the county and that the annual amounts and rates resolution should be received around the first of September as usual.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Zoning Commission Appointment: Mr. Hinson asked Les Smith to contact Luke McKeehan to see if he is interested in remaining on the zoning commission as his term expires in September.

Commission Alternates: Mr. Hinson noted that the township has received applications from Greg Wahl and Brad Haskins expressing their interest in serving on the zoning commission or board of zoning appeals.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to appoint Greg Wahl to the zoning commission alternate position with the term expiring in September 2024, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to appoint Brad Haskins to the board of zoning appeals alternate position with the term expiring in March 2027, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

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Local Government Formula: Bill Gilpin reported being notified by the county auditor's office that the local government formula proposed by the county township association has been approved for six years through 2029, and that the requirement to submit a tax budget has been waived for the next five years.

Emily Supinger had nothing further to report.

Ms. Niehaus reported that the walking trail in the park has been paved; there was minor damage to a column on the shelter by the contractor that will be repaired by the township as the contractor performed some additional work at not cost to the township.

Mr. Vogelsang noted that he did not see the township boundary road sign on 12 mile road and asked if anyone knew what happened to it. Mr. Hinson will look into it.

Mr. Hinson reported contacting the county commissioners about the township's solar field resolution sent to them. He received a response indicating that it will be on the commissioners meeting agenda in the near future.

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 7:19pm, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"