

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

September 11, 2023

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, 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 August 14, 2023 regular meeting, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 25, 2023 special meeting, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that the Carson property has not changed in the past month with tall grass, trash, open buildings and collapsed roofs being the main issues. Mr. Hinson asked what would be needed for the county to assist with demolition costs. Emily Supinger reminded everyone that the township cannot do any demolition without the structures being condemned first, and that the property needs to go through probate first. Les Smith will contact the county building department to look at the property. Les Smith also reported receiving a complaint about tall grass at 2883 St. Rt. 132.

Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD gave his report (on file). Reported that squad 2 had to have two rear tires replaced after a recent run; there is a coolant leak in squad 1; we need to figure out how to add DEF fluid to squad 2 in Dave's absence.

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

Dave O'Connor submitted his final report prior to him leaving (on file).

OLD BUSINESS:

Nuisance Resolution: The consensus was to declare 2858 St. Rt. 132 a nuisance.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-73 declaring 2858 St. Rt. 132 a nuisance, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Zoning Commission Appointment: Mr. Hinson reported that Luke McKeehan has expressed interested in remaining on the zoning commission.

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Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to appoint Luke McKeehan to a 5 year term on the zoning commission expiring in September 2028, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”

Local Government Formula: Bill Gilpin reported that the county commissioners adopted the local government formula presented by the county township association for years 2024 through 2029.

COMMUNICATIONS: Bill Gilpin noted a letter received from the county engineer for the 2024 road paving program; no action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amounts and Rates Resolution: Bill reported that the annual amounts and rates resolution needs to be adopted with no changes in the township property millage.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-75 for amounts and rates, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”

Liability Insurance Renewal: Bill Gilpin reported that the annual application for our insurance renewal has been submitted; no other companies contacted the township this year asking to quote our coverage.

Mowing Quote: A quote for additional mowing was received from AJ’s Lawn Service quoting \$420 total per mowing of the firehouse and the two remaining cemeteries. The consensus was to approve the expense.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to approve the additional mowing, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”

Firehouse Quotes: Mr. Hinson reported that the township received a quote from Paramount Roofing to perform repairs on the firehouse in the amount of \$14,362.45. Emily Supinger reviewed the proposal noted that there is no reference to a warranty, but it would ok to approve the quote as long as the company includes warranty language on the paperwork signed.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to approve the quote from Paramount Roofing for \$14,362.45 contingent upon warranty language being included, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”

Emily Supinger had nothing further to report.

Mr. Vogelsang asked if the township should leave the new ODOT signs up on 132 or replace them with our own. The consensus was leave up the present ones.

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Mr. Hinson reported that the village has begun installing their ODOT signs; A&A Safety will be giving the township a quote to assist with installing ours.

Mr. Hinson noted that we need a new contact for setting up and tearing down for elections; he will contact Jessica Kirschner to see if she is interested. Ms. Niehaus and Mr. Vogelsang offered to assist as well.

Mr. Hinson noted that even though it is early the township needs to begin thinking about whom they will consider for the next salute to leaders program.

Mr. Hinson reported that he has been working on repairing and painting the cemetery signs. Bill Gilpin will assist with installing the trim on the posts.

Mr. Hinson noted that beginning in 2024 the OTA will be offering a subscription for all available trainings for \$250 per year.

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 7:33pm, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"