

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

December 11, 2023

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, Jason Barger, Nathan Kinney, Brad Haskins, 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 November 13, 2023 regular meeting, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"

Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD gave his report (on file). Reported that the new beds have been installed; additional grants have been received for new equipment and gear; hydrant testing is nearly complete resulting in a 5% defective rate, all but one hydrant have been repaired. Mr. Hinson asked about the facilities study. Asst. Chief Watkins noted that it is a comprehensive study to update the maintenance, police and fire department facilities that is expected to take several years to materialize and not affect the operations of the Ohio Twp. building. Mr. Hinson recognized Chad Evans for his efforts in cleaning and trimming around the fire station.

Les Smith gave his report (on file). Reported that the owner of 2811 SR 132 has been notified of tall weeds.

Jason Barger gave his maintenance report (on file). Reported that the generator installation project has begun. The electric service at the fire station will be disconnected on December 18 to allow for the installation of the new generator transfer switch. Asst. Chief Watkins noted that some staff may work out of station 45 that day if necessary. Craftsman Electric has the generator at their facility now. A&A Safety will begin installation of the ODOT signage tomorrow. A car ran off the road on East Concord causing damage that is now holding back water. Emily Supinger instructed Jason Barger to get an estimate to repair and file a claim with the insurance company. Mr. Vogelsang noted that the air duct on the township hall has some insulation coming off.

Ryan Feilhauer, CCSO: absent, report (on file).

OLD BUSINESS:

Health Insurance Resolution: Bill Gilpin explained that Jason Barger's medical insurance is taken care of with an effective date of December 1 and Resolution 2023-96 is for that purpose.

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Ms. Niehaus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-96 approving the provision of health insurance benefits through the COSE benefit plan for the elected officials and full-time employees of Ohio Township, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”

COMMUNICATIONS:

Bill Gilpin noted receiving a holiday card from the Clermont Convention and Visitor Bureau as well as a calendar from OTARMA.

NEW BUSINESS:

2024 Organizational Meeting: The consensus was to hold the 2024 organizational meeting on January 3, 2024 at 8:30am.

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to hold the 2024 organizational meeting on January 3, 2024 at 8:30am, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”

December Motions: Bill Gilpin noted the need to pass the two motions typically presented at the December meeting.

Ms. Niehaus 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”

Mr. Vogelsang 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 Ms. Niehaus, all members voted “yea”

2023 Amended Appropriations: Bill Gilpin explained the need to amend the 2023 appropriations due to the state auditor requiring the township to do away with the zoning fund 2181.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-100 amending the 2023 appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, all members voted “yea”

2024 Appropriations: Bill Gilpin reviewed the 2024 temporary appropriations noting the changes needed.

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-101 for 2024 temporary appropriations, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”

Emily Supinger had nothing further to report.

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Ms. Niehaus asked the trustees to consider changing the floor in the township hall to a surface that would be easier to keep clean.

Ms. Niehaus indicated she would prefer to close the township hall a week earlier in the future making the second week of December the final week of the year. The consensus was to do so.

Mr. Hinson reported that he was contacted by ODOT and another of the old township limit signs was returned to the township.

Mr. Hinson reported that he talked with the village administrator about the village finishing up its share of the ODOT grant signs, reporting that the village has made little progress on installing their signs.

Emily Supinger administered the oath of office to Keith Vogelsang for his new term as township trustee beginning January 1, 2024.

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 7:20pm, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"