

## OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

January 4, 2021

The trustees met in special session at 9:00am with all members present.

The meeting was called to order by the 2020 chairman, Mr. Hinson, who turned the meeting over to the fiscal officer who called for nominations for chairman.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to nominate Mr. Vogelsang, seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea".***

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Vogelsang, who called for nominations for vice chairman. ***Mr. Hinson made a motion to nominate Ms. Niehaus, seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea".***

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion that the regular meeting night and time continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30pm. Seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted "yea".***

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to publish financial report and legal ads in the Clermont Sun, seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted "yea".***

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion that road work be done by force account except in case of major resurfacing which will be advertised for bids. Seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted "yea".***

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to authorize the fiscal officer to make any necessary intra-fund line item transfers throughout the year. Seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea".***

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to pay park help \$80 per month seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted "yea".***

Mr. Vogelsang noted that he feels that Les Smith and David O'Connor deserve a raise higher than the cost of living figure of 1.7%. The consensus was to give them a 3% raise for 2021.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to continue Les Smith as Zoning Inspector and to increase his salary to \$757 per month, seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea".***

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to continue Emily Supinger of Strauss Troy as Legal Counsel and to continue her contract of \$1480 per month plus expenses, and to pay 75% from the General Fund and 25% from the Fire/EMS Fund, seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted "yea".***

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***Mr. Hinson made a motion to continue David O'Connor as Maintenance Superintendent and to increase his salary to \$63,518 and to pay 3 months salary out of the Road and Bridge Fund, 3 months salary from the Gas Tax Fund, 3 months salary out of the General Fund and 3 months salary from the Fire/EMS Fund for 2021, seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea".***

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to pay all three trustees 9 months salary from the General Fund and 3 months salary from the Road & Bridge Fund. Seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea".***

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion that all related employer obligations of OPERS and Medicare be paid from the fund the salary is paid from, seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted "yea".***

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to set mileage outside the township at \$.56 per mile, seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted "yea".***

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to retire \$72,450, being \$2,450 interest and \$70,000 principal, of debt on firehouse note, from the Fire/EMS Fund (2192). Mr. Gilpin will transfer the funds to Fund 3101 when received, seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea".***

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to retire \$20,500, being \$500 interest and \$20,000 principal, of debt on EMS truck note, from the Fire/EMS Fund (2192). Mr. Gilpin will transfer the funds to Fund 3101 when received, seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted "yea".***

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to continue Chief Wright, PTFD, as Ohio Township's fire inspector. Seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea".***

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to use regular and/or super blanket certificates when applicable for purchases, with a limit of \$25,000.00 per certificate. Seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted "yea".***

Ms. Niehaus will check messages left on the trustee voice mail for 2021.

Mr. Hinson will take care of the township hall and park shelter reservations for 2021.

Ms. Niehaus explained the need to adopt the resolution to apply for the community parks improvements grant program.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-18, seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea"***

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There was discussion on having a formal public input section added to the regular meeting agenda. Ms. Niehaus will speak with Emily Supinger about it.

Mr. Hinson noted that the neighboring property owner Mrs. Barnes recently passed away.

Mr. Hinson noted that the new Pierce Township trustee is Pete Kambelo.

Mr. Hinson reported receiving a message regarding an ODOT road signage grant program. Dave O'Connor is working on the grant application.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to adjourn at 10:08am, seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea"***