

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

July 12, 2021

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Cpl. Ryan Feilhauer, CCSO, Beth McConnell, Patricia McConnell-Stephen, Larry Bramlage, Cindy Cassell, Robert Shannon, Dave O'Connor, Paul Kamphaus, Julia Carney, Frank Renn, Asst. Chief Gary Auffart, PTFD, Andy Moran, Gregg Sutter, Margaret Neal, Michael Neal, Les Smith and Joe Braun

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

Mr. Hinson made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2021 regular meeting, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"

Robert Shannon spoke to the trustees regarding the complaint letter he mailed to the township and left additional information packets regarding the Gardner property. Robert Shannon also resigned his position on the township board of zoning appeals.

Frank Renn addressed the board stating that he disagrees with the new meeting format requiring attendees to sign in to speak.

Julia Carney of the Clermont County Prosecutor's office introduced herself as being new to the office and available for township questions.

Paul Kamphaus introduced himself noting that he is running for Clermont County Municipal Court Clerk.

Cpl. Ryan Feilhauer, CCSO, gave his report (on file). Reported that there were no property crimes last month and two overdoses in Richmond Estates.

Asst Chief Gary Auffart, PTFD, gave his report (on file). Reported that the department is slowly getting things back to normal. Mr. Hinson asked how staffing levels were; answer was not good noting that there is a national shortage of available employees.

Dave O'Connor gave his maintenance report (on file). Reported that the mound septic system repairs may be done by the end of the week depending on the weather. The tennis court repairs are scheduled for Thursday also depending upon good weather.

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Mr. Vogelsang asked what failed in the mound system; response was that the layer of mesh disintegrated allowing materials to pass through affecting the operation of the system.

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that Doug Humphrey and Ron McGlone have resigned their positions on the zoning commission. A complaint on the Steely property regarding handling of chickens was investigated by animal control and deemed to be appropriate.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

2022 Tax Budget: Bill Gilpin noted that the 2022 tax budget reviewed during the tax budget public hearing needs to be approved.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to 2022 tax budget, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted “yea”

ARPA Revenue: Bill Gilpin reported that the township has registered for the distribution of the ARPA funds estimated to be approximately \$288k. Ms. Niehaus reported that there is also a program called H2Ohio that Clermont County received \$150k to distribute amongst local entities through sub-grants.

Zoning Commission Appointments:

Mr. Hinson made a motion to accept the resignations of Doug Humphrey and Ron McGlone from the zoning commission, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to accept the resignation of Robert Shannon from the board of zoning commission, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted “yea”

There was discussion on moving Cindy Cassell from the board of zoning appeals to the zoning commission to utilize her zoning issues experience.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to appoint Cindy Cassell to the zoning commission for a term expiring in September 2025, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted “yea”

Mr. Hinson made a motion to appoint Luke McKeehan to the zoning commission for a term expiring in September 2023, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”

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Ms. Niehaus made a motion to appoint Chris Henderson to the board of zoning appeals for a term expiring in March 2026, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted “yea”

Ms. Niehaus noted that the zoning commission meeting regarding the proposed resort district has not yet been scheduled.

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT:

Joe Braun reported that Emily Supinger is gathering information on the proposed resort district for the zoning resolution. Mr. Hinson asked if the owners at Lazy Daze had been working on forming an HOA. Beth McConnell noted that there has been some dialogue but nothing has been set up yet.

Mr. Hinson reported that the ODOT sign grant has been approved that will result in 431 new signs being installed in the township and village, 260 in the township and 171 in the village.

Ms. Niehaus reported that she is checking on playground area enhancements for submission to the county park district grant program.

Mr. Vogelsang thanked Ms. Niehaus and Mr. Hinson for the grant procurement efforts.

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 7:26pm, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted “yea”