

## OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

November 8, 2021

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Larry Bramlage, Tricia McConnell-Stephen, Dave O'Connor, Cindy Cassell, Les Smith and Emily Supinger

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

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2021 regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted "yea"***

State Representative Adam Bird spoke to the trustees. Items reported on included: ARPA funds formula was modified to include townships; legislation for solar panels and wind farms was passed allowing county commissioners to designate areas of each county for locations and restrictions; a bill is being considered to convert St. Rt. 32 to an interstate highway that would consider it part of I74; legislation to clarify and speed up village dissolutions is in its early stage. Ms. Niehaus asked if the village dissolution legislation will change the amount of signatures needed to put a dissolution on the ballot. Mr. Bird responded that it will not change the amount of signatures needed. Mr. Vogelsang asked what the significance of the bill for solar and wind farms was. Mr. Bird responded that the intention was to provide clarity by allowing the locations to be decided at the county level.

Asst. Chief Auffart submitted the PTFD report in advance (on file).

Cpl. Douglas Scott, CCSO: Absent, no report. Mr. Hinson reported that Cpl. Scott had a family emergency and will forward a report tomorrow.

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that the BZA will have a variance hearing coming up for consideration of allowing a garage to be built in the front yard of a residence; mediation is also coming up for 2850 St. Rt. 132.

Dave O'Connor submitted his maintenance report in advance (on file). There was discussion on making changes for key pickup for hall reservations for 2022. Mr. Hinson noted that he is in favor of having a box installed in the vestibule of the firehouse for pickup and drop off of keys. Ms. Niehaus reported receiving a request from a resident on Chestnut Lane to install a hidden driveway sign. Dave O'Connor will take care of it.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

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**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Rumpke invoice:* Bill Gilpin reported that the latest Rumpke invoice received went up 28% and asked if a trustee would contact them and attempt to negotiate a better rate. Mr. Hinson will work on it.

*Annual Fire Contract:* Bill Gilpin reported that the annual payment for the fire contract is due. Chief Wright has agreed to a 4.5% increase in the contract amount bringing the total due for 2021 to \$82,000.00

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to pay the annual fire contract to Pierce Township in the amount of \$82,000.00, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”***

**LAW DIRECTOR REPORT:** Nothing to report

Ms. Niehaus reported working on a document to assist funeral homes with providing the information the township needs prior to allowing a burial.

Mr. Vogelsang asked Emily Supinger to look at information he provided that allows for weight limits to be put on township roads.

Mr. Hinson asked for an update on the zoning commission meetings. Cindy Cassell reported that they are going very well. Emily Supinger added that she has looked into deed restrictions at Laze Days campground and suggested the township not approve any zoning permits that would be in conflict with the deed restrictions.

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 7:18pm, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted “yea”***