

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

December 13, 2021

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Larry Bramlage, Dave O'Connor, Nathan Kinney, Cpl. Doug Scott, CCSO, Asst. Chief Gary Auffart, PTFD, 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 November 8, 2021 regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted "yea"

Cpl. Doug Scott, CCSO: report on file.

Larry Bramlage asked if the trustees would consider contacting the village and requesting of them to remove the speed camera signs. Mr. Vogelsang will contact the village administrator.

Asst. Chief Auffart submitted the PTFD report in advance (on file). Reported that the department currently has two full time job openings; also reported that he will be leaving the department on March 4, 2022.

Dave O'Connor submitted his maintenance report in advance (on file). Reported that SOS continues to monitor the repairs of the mound system. Mr. Hinson noted that a mailbox will be installed in the vestibule of the firehouse for hall rental key and paperwork pickup.

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that the Williams property went to mediation with an agreement for cleanup being signed. The BZA granted a variance for a garage placement. The zoning commission will meet again in January.

OLD BUSINESS:

Park District Grant: Bill Gilpin reported that the grant reimbursement for the tennis courts was received last week.

Rumpke Invoice: Mr. Hinson was able to successfully renegotiate the bill for the township dumpster service back down to what it was prior to the latest increase.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Duke Energy Letter: Bill Gilpin reported receiving the annual letter outlining proposed rate changes.

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Rumpke Letter: Bill Gilpin reported receiving a letter indicating that residential service will increase by .07 per customer in 2022 due to an increase in dump fees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Debt Update: Bill Gilpin reported that the final payment on the firehouse bonds has been made. The township is now debt free.

Amended Appropriations: Bill Gilpin noted that the current appropriations need to be amended in order to spend the remaining Coronavirus relief funds.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-74 amending appropriations, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”

2022 Temporary Appropriations: Bill Gilpin reviewed the 2022 temporary appropriations noting the necessary changes.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-75, 2022 temporary appropriations, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted “yea”

Mr. Hinson 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 Ms. Niehaus. Mr. Hinson and Ms. Niehaus voted “yea”. Mr. Vogelsang voted “nay”

Ms. Niehaus 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 Mr. Hinson. Mr. Hinson and Ms. Niehaus voted “yea”. Mr. Vogelsang voted “nay”

2022 Organizational Meeting: The consensus was to hold the 2022 organizational meeting on January 3, 2022 at 9am.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to hold the 2022 organizational meeting on January 3, 2022 at 9am, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted “yea”

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT:

Emily Supinger reported that the zoning commission continues to work on the new zoning district; a revised draft will be available for the January meeting; the process may be finished in February. Mr. Hinson asked if people are allowed to voice their opinion. Emily Supinger noted that yes they can and have been. Mr. Vogelsang asked about the deed restrictions at Laze Days. Emily Supinger noted that the deed restrictions are a civil matter and do not affect the zoning code.

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Mr. Hinson reported that the township hall reservations will end this week for 2021. The consensus was to have a special meeting to review the hall reservation process so Ms. Niehaus and/or Mr. Vogelsang can assume the duties.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to hold a special meeting on December 21 at 9am to discuss the township hall reservation system, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"

Ms. Niehaus asked about the septic system. Bill Gilpin noted that they are tweaking the operation of the system to obtain optimum efficiency.

Mr. Vogelsang asked Les Smith what he learned about the land bank, who referred the subject to County Commissioner David Painter. Mr. Painter explained that the land bank process involves obtaining properties to rehab or demolish, saving townships money by not having to do so themselves. Mr. Vogelsang asked what does it take to get the county's attention for a property. Mr. Painter noted that it is different for each property.

Fund balances were discussed.

The following were read and approved with warrants written for same: (payment summary on following page).

Mr. Hinson made a motion to adjourn at 7:37pm, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"