

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

February 14, 2022

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Larry Bramlage, Dave O'Connor, Les Smith and Emily Supinger

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Ms. Niehaus.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2022 regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Cpl. Doug Scott, CCSO: Absent, report on file.

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

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that the zoning commission is nearing the end of the process for the newly proposed zoning designation for the Laze Days campground. Ms. Niehaus spoke about money available for structure demolition. Emily Supinger noted that the township can declare properties a nuisance but the county would need to condemn them. Ms. Niehaus asked how the township could move forward. Emily Supinger replied there are two ways to move forward. One would be to have the property owner agree to demolition after confirming that no liens would be placed on the property. The second would be to rely on the county to condemn the structures. Ms. Niehaus asked Emily Supinger to send another letter to the county asking them to condemn the Nurre property and the house at 2858 St. Rt. 132.

Dave O'Connor submitted his maintenance report in advance (on file). A quote from Stryker was received in the amount of \$48,769.77 for the purchase of a power cot for the Chevrolet squad and asked the trustees to approve the purchase this evening, noting that the Ohio BWC grant is no longer available to assist with power cot purchasing. Ms. Niehaus thanked Dave O'Connor for getting quotes for the CDBG projects. Mr. Hinson thanked him for his efforts during the recent snow and ice storm. The firehouse kitchen remodel is nearing completion with a total cost of \$10 to \$12k plus the cost of a new refrigerator. A quote for carpet replacement in the firehouse was supplied to the trustees for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS:

BZA Appointment: Les Smith will call Marty Waldeck to see if he is interested in serving another term on the BZA.

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COMMUNICATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Permanent Appropriations: Bill Gilpin explained that the permanent appropriations are the same as the temporary ones with two exceptions.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-25 for permanent appropriations, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”

Website Fees: Ms. Niehaus reported talking with Will Menz about adding two calendars for hall and shelter reservations to the township website. Will Menz requested an additional \$15 per month for this service, making the total \$55 per month for website maintenance. Emily Supinger noted that an amendment to the contract would be needed.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to pay \$55 per month for website maintenance, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”

Mr. Hinson reported a request to post snow emergencies on the township website. Emily Supinger responded that an emergency declaration would require holding a meeting and suggested the township put a link to the county instead. It was also noted that the trustees could adopt a policy allowing one of the trustees to send updates to the website at their discretion. Emily Supinger suggested that township news could be forwarded to one trustee who would contact Will Menz for updating the site.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to authorize Ms. Niehaus to place items of interest on the township website and to receive communication from the other trustees regarding items to be placed on the website, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”

Mr. Hinson asked if the township was interested in highlighting Becca Vaske on the website for her recent county chamber award.

Stryker Quote:

Mr. Hinson made a motion to purchase the Stryker power cot in the amount of \$48,769.77 plus installation, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”

CDBG Grant Applications:

Ms. Niehaus reported receiving the necessary quotes for the CDBG grant applications. The priority for the three applications will be the firehouse generator, walking trail resurfacing and lastly playground equipment.

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Ms. Niehaus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-29 approving an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted “yea”

Salute to Leaders:

Ms. Niehaus reported that the township cannot honor Ron Stang as he is no longer a township resident. After discussion the consensus was to honor Bob Lees for his work in the community.

Clermont County Park Grant:

Ms. Niehaus reported the need to adopt a resolution to apply for the Clermont County Park District Grant program.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-30 approving an application for the Clermont County Park District Grant Program, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT:

Emily Supinger reported that the zoning commission has worked through most issues on the proposed new resort property designation. They will meet again on March 3 to hopefully finish up. Someone has requested that the township issue a zoning permit moratorium on the affected properties until the new zoning designation takes effect. Emily Supinger noted that the time frame required would be longer than normal for a moratorium. Ms. Niehaus asked Emily Supinger what she recommended on the subject of a zoning permit moratorium. Emily Supinger indicated that there currently are no zoning permit requests on the affected properties and that the township cannot enforce the deed restrictions at Laze Days Campground. The consensus of the trustees was not to implement a zoning permit moratorium.

Mr. Hinson asked Emily Supinger about the Rumpke contract. Emily Supinger reported that the current contract expires on 12/31/2022 and that a 4 year extension under the current terms is available to execute if so desired.

Mr. Hinson reported attending the OTA conference in January, taking the ethics training session and a class on solar energy fields, among others; also noted that Dave O’Connor, Les Smith and Emily Supinger can now become associate members of the OTA.

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 8:13pm, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”