

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

January 8, 2024

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, Jason Barger, James Webb, Susan Stark, Larry Bramlage, 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 December 11, 2023 regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted "yea"

Mr. Hinson made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 3, 2024 special meeting, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"

Susan Stark of the Clermont County Juvenile Court spoke to the trustees about a mentoring program the county has to help juveniles who are at risk of incarceration; asked everyone to consider mentoring or help with recruiting mentors. The program currently has 12 mentors with 18 additional juveniles on the waiting list.

Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD gave his report (on file). Reported that he would like to add video monitors, indicator lights and an outdoor speaker to the lecture system if possible; will work with Jason Barger on cost estimate. Mr. Hinson noted that if so it should be done at the same time as the system installation to save money. Mr. Hinson asked for input on implementing a rotation schedule on the squads. PTFD will work out a rotation schedule with Jason Barger.

Ryan Feilhauer, CCSO: absent, report (on file).

Les Smith gave his report (on file). Ms. Niehaus asked about the house at 2852 SR 132 that is being worked on. Les Smith indicated that county has said no permits were issued for the work, nor was a zoning permit issued; also the septic system failed inspection in 2015. Ms. Niehaus asked why the work has not been halted. Emily Supinger noted that the township has no jurisdiction on board of health issues; would have to go to court to obtain an injunction. Les Smith reported that the contractor said the county has made a site visit after receiving a complaint; will follow up with the county tomorrow and request that the work be halted until all necessary permits are obtained. Les Smith reported contacting Deputy Scott about a U-Haul trailer in the front yard of a home on Frank Willis Road; the U-Haul company has said they will come and remove it. Mr. Hinson noted that the house is scheduled for sheriff's auction.

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Emily Supinger reported that she talked to the prosecutor's office today about 2858 SR 132 and asked Les Smith to contact the county and urge them to tear down the structure as soon as possible before it is scheduled for sheriff's auction.

Jason Barger gave his maintenance report (on file). Reported that he is in favor of the monthly squad rotation schedule as that coincides with typical maintenance intervals.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Bill Gilpin noted receiving the annual notification from the county recorder as well as an anonymous letter about the Beckjord property.

NEW BUSINESS:

BZA Appointment: Ed Groves' term expires in March. Les Smith will contact him to see if he is interested in continuing to serve.

Sourcewell Membership: Bill Gilpin explained that the resolution is to approve membership in the purchasing group. The membership can be used to help with the salt barn construction.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-20 authorizing Ohio Township to participate in Sourcewell. Seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted "yea"

CCTA 911 Resolution: Ms. Niehaus expressed concerns about the resolution due to there being no prior conversation about the resolution at the association level.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to table Resolution 2024-21 until the February meeting. Seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea"

Emily Supinger had nothing further to report.

Mr. Hinson reported that he feels it would be a good idea for the township to pay the new \$250 subscription fee for training opportunities provided by the OTA. The consensus was to do so.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to pay the Ohio Township Association \$250 for 2024 training classes fee. Seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea"

Mr. Hinson reported that he talked with ODOT about the possibility that the village may not have their signs installed before the deadline. ODOT will look into what the ramifications are if the deadline is not met.

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Mr. Vogelsang asked if the township needed to have the zoning commission look into possible zoning changes to deal with the new recreational marijuana law. Emily Supinger noted that the zoning commission can look into it and make a recommendation to modify the zoning code, but would need initial guidance from the trustees on which direction to go. Mr. Vogelsang noted that he would like to get community input on the recreational marijuana subject prior to making any decision. Mr. Hinson agreed. Ms. Niehaus noted that the township should take the time to gauge community input at an open meeting. Emily Supinger suggested holding a town hall style meeting for community input. Larry Bramlage noted that the zoning commission could facilitate an open meeting on the subject after getting some direction from the trustees. Emily Supinger explained that there are three types of licenses: cultivating, processing and dispensaries. The consensus was to have public input at the March regular meeting with a three minute maximum time permitted per person speaking.

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 7:43pm, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted "yea"