

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

October 22, 2024

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Asst Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD, Jason Barger, Cpl. Wallace, CCSO, Karie Novesl, 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 September 9, 2024 regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted "yea"

Allen Felts reported that he will be closing on the purchase of the 2811 SR 132 property later this week and asked if the township would consider lifting the nuisance declaration on the property as he has already begun cleaning it up. Les Smith asked what his plans were for the property; answer was don't know yet as it will depend upon the condition of the house once work has begun on it. Emily Supinger noted that the statute states that once the owner has been notified they have seven days to bring the property into compliance, but in this case the notification has not yet been sent so as long as the cleanup continues nothing needs to be done by the township. Once the property has been brought into compliance the nuisance declaration will be removed.

Larry Bramlage stated that his wife and friends play pickle ball frequently at the tennis courts and asked why the restrooms in the concession stand are always locked. Mr. Hinson noted that the restrooms are only open on the weekends due to vandalism over the years being a problem. Larry Bramlage asked that it be noted in the minutes that he isn't in favor of the restrooms being locked during the week.

Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD gave his report (on file). Chief Watkins reported that financing options are being reviewed for the new fire truck; new squad pricing is still being gathered. Mr. Hinson asked if the newly proposed legislation requiring AED's in public spaces would affect the township. Emily Supinger noted that it would not. Asst. Chief Watkins offered to get pricing for an AED to be installed in the township hall if desired. The consensus was to do so.

Cpl. Wallace, CCSO: gave his report (on file).

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that Anita Blair was found guilty and is cleaning up her property.

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Mr. Barton will be served tomorrow for his court appearance. The log cabin on Chestnut Lane is in foreclosure and up for auction. The owner of 2858 SR 132 still wants to repair the house. The county will be taking over communications with Joe Ellis on the situation and notifying him of the condemnation order.

Jason Barger gave his maintenance report (on file). Reported that the salt barn is ordered and that the county has been slow in processing the permit application. Squad 1 is still in the repair shop; the roadside mower has been repaired and is back in service. Mr. Vogelsang asked if they were still logging on Gobel Hill; answer was that they are building a new house on that property. It was noted that areas of Gobel Hill Road are in need of repair.

OLD BUSINESS:

Liability Insurance Renewal: Karie Novesl of the Ohio Plan reviewed the liability insurance renewal package and spoke about options for increasing coverage for cyber liability. The consensus was to increase the cyber coverage to \$1,000,000 for an additional cost of \$201 per year.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to approve the liability insurance renewal in the amount of \$9,991 and add the additional cyber liability coverage for an additional \$201 per year, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"

COMMUNICATIONS:

Secretary of State Letter: Bill Gilpin noted receiving a letter from the secretary of state regarding issue 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

Health Insurance Renewal: Bill Gilpin reported that our broker Jeff Markovich is recommending the renewal of our current health, vision and dental coverage that will result in an additional monthly cost of approximately \$40.

Ms. Niehaus made a motion to approve the renewal of the current medical, vision and dental coverage, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted "yea"

Mr. Hinson thanked the trustees for rescheduling the meeting to accommodate his request.

Mr. Hinson asked about the squad title situation. Bill Gilpin noted that the title has been received but cannot yet have the required inspection due to the squad still being in the repair shop.

Mr. Hinson asked about the phone contract situation. Bill Gilpin reported that it has to be redone due to prior company contacts no longer being there and the information not being readily available

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Mr. Hinson noted that the salute to leaders program will be held in 2025 and asked that possible nominees begin to be thought about.

Ms. Niehaus asked if we could supply the restroom lock combination to users of the tennis courts. Jason Barger noted that it would be very difficult to manage plus they will be closed for the winter soon and winterized due to lack of heat in the building. Ms. Niehaus asked Larry Bramlage why his wife felt unsafe using the portable restroom in the park; reply was that it is located in a dark corner of the park.

Ms. Niehaus reported that the county has notified the township that there is \$5,099 remaining from the 2023 CDBG grant that can be used for a park project. Jason Barger will get pricing on tree trimming in the park to use the remaining funds available.

Mr. Vogelsang noted that the restrooms in the township hall are not being flushed by the users prior to leaving.

Mr. Vogelsang noted that he has been thinking about how the township will be able to pay for a new squad. Bill Gilpin noted that as of right now the only options would be to finance the purchase or buy a used squad, unless the fire levy were put on the ballot for renewal, which would raise the necessary funds to purchase a new squad.

Mr. Vogelsang noted that he may not be in favor of accepting federal grant funds in the future as it amounts to adding to federal deficit spending.

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 7:57pm, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"