

## OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

January 3, 2024

The trustees met in special session at 8:30am with all members present. Also present was Jason Barger.

The meeting was called to order by the 2023 chair, Mr. Hinson, who turned the meeting over to the fiscal officer who called for nominations for chairman. ***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to nominate Mr. Vogelsang, seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted "yea".***

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Vogelsang, who called for nominations for vice chairman. ***Mr. Hinson made a motion to nominate Ms. Niehaus, seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea".***

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion that the regular meeting night and time continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30pm. Seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted "yea".***

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to publish financial report and legal ads in the Clermont Sun, seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea".***

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion that road work be done by force account except in case of major resurfacing which will be advertised for bids. Seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted "yea".***

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to authorize the fiscal officer to make any necessary intra-fund line item transfers throughout the year. Seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea".***

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to pay park help \$85 per month seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted "yea".***

There was discussion on the cost of living increase for 2023. The consensus was to increase salaries by 3.2% for Les Smith.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to continue Les Smith as Zoning Inspector and to increase his salary to \$878 per month, seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea".***

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to continue Emily Supinger of Strauss Troy as Legal Counsel and to continue her contract of \$1525 per month plus expenses, and to pay 75% from the General Fund and 25% from the Fire/EMS Fund, seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted "yea".***

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***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to continue Jason Barger as Maintenance Superintendent and to continue his salary to \$65,000 and to pay 3 months salary out of the Road and Bridge Fund, 3 months salary from the Gas Tax Fund, 3 months salary out of the General Fund and 3 months salary from the Fire/EMS Fund for 2024, seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted “yea”.***

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to pay all three trustees 9 months salary from the General Fund and 3 months salary from the Road & Bridge Fund. Seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted “yea”.***

***Mr. Hinson made a motion that all related employer obligations of OPERS and Medicare be paid from the fund the salary is paid from, seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted “yea”.***

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to set mileage outside the township at \$.67 per mile, seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted “yea”.***

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to continue Chief Wright, PTFD, as Ohio Township’s fire inspector. Seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted “yea”.***

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to use regular and/or super blanket certificates when applicable for purchases, with a limit of \$25,000.00 per certificate. Seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted “yea”.***

Jason Barger reported an issue with the power cot in squad 2. The quote received for annual inspections from Stryker is expired. Jason Barger will obtain an updated quote for the trustees to consider at the next meeting.

Jason Barger will get updated quotes for the salt barn construction project. Bill Gilpin reported that the township will need to join Sourcewell for the project.

Jason Barger talked about squad 2 getting many more miles than squad 1 and asked what the policy was for rotation. The trustees will address the issue at the next meeting.

Jason Barger asked about possibly pricing a new dump truck to replace the 2009 Dodge. Bill Gilpin noted that the township typically only purchases road equipment in a year that paving will not take place.

Mr. Hinson noted that he would like to get some shirts for Jason Barger marked with the township logo. The consensus was to do so.

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to allow Jason Barger to purchase up to \$500 on boots, shirts and jackets, seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted “yea”***

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Mr. Hinson noted he will be out of town from January 18 through January 30 and asked for someone to check the phone messages while he is gone. Mr. Vogelsang will do so.

Mr. Hinson noted that the fire department would like to add monitors to the new lecution system that is on order.

Mr. Hinson noted that the township should consider installing a backup generator on the maintenance building to keep things going during a power outage.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to adjourn at 8:38am, seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea"***