

## OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

February 12, 2024

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, Mike Masterson, Jason Barger, Larry Bramlage, Les Smith and Emily Supinger

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mr. Vogelsang.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2024 regular meeting, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"***

Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD gave his report (on file). Reported that PTFD was involved in the NR Schools armed teacher program development; the staff has requested a picnic table be installed behind the firehouse for use by the employees. Mike Masterson gave a report on issues with the Richmond Estates mobile home park, namely having vacant mobile homes with broken windows and vacant lots with electric power connections still live. Les Smith will look into zoning code violations.

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

Les Smith gave his report (on file). Reported that the county indicated that it is ok to tear down the structures at 2858 SR 132 but requested that the township not assess the cost to the tax duplicate as the property is scheduled for sheriff's sale. The property is currently on the list for possible approval for funds to demolish by the county land bank with the approvals being made in April. Emily Supinger noted that if someone acquires the property before demolition the township would have to start the process over again; also suggested getting quotes for demolition prior the April approval in order to be ready to go when and/or if the township chooses to move forward with demolition. Les Smith reported receiving a complaint for illegal dumping at 2745 SR 132. Mr. Vogelsang also noted a dumping incident on Goebel Hill. Mr. Hinson asked the complaint received involving John Coyne. Emily Supinger noted that she is communicating with the county prosecutor on the matter. Mr. Hinson asked if zoning applicants ever ask about electronic payments; Les Smith replied that occasionally people do make that request. Bill Gilpin noted that he can look into it if the trustees desire.

Jason Barger gave his maintenance report (on file). Mr. Hinson noted that maybe the township should consider installing gutter guards after a recent gutter clogging problem. Jason Barger will get quotes for gutter guards for the buildings; will also look into getting a picnic table for the firehouse.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Annual Financial Report:* Bill Gilpin reported that the 2023 annual financial report has been completed and uploaded to the state auditor.

*BZA Appointment:* Les Smith reported that he spoke to Ed Groves who has expressed interest in remaining on the board of zoning appeals.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to appoint Ed Groves to a 5 year term on the board of zoning appeals expiring in March 2029. Seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted “yea”***

*CCTA Resolution:* Mr. Vogelsang reported attending the January CCTA meeting and asking why the resolution was proposed without conversation at the monthly meeting, noting the answer was that the need was short notice and Bob Housermaun volunteered.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-26 appointing trustee Bob Housermaun to the Clermont County 911 program review committee. Seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted “yea”***

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Bill Gilpin noted receiving a letter and materials from the Ohio Department of Commerce for residents to use if they are having issues with their cable provider.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Permanent Appropriations:* Bill Gilpin reported that the appropriations are ready to be made permanent with no changes being made from the temporary appropriations.

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-27 for permanent appropriations. Seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted “yea”***

*Annual Road Mileage Certification:* Bill Gilpin reported receiving the annual road mileage certification letter from the county engineer, noting that the township mileage was reduced by .353 miles due to ODOT adopting a new “LBRS” method of calculating the road mileage.

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to approve the annual road mileage certification. Seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted “yea”***

*Stormwater Fee:* Bill Gilpin noted receiving the annual stormwater fee invoice with a reduction in cost this year.

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to approve the annual stormwater fee invoice. Seconded by Mr. Hinson, all members voted “yea”***

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*Salute to Leaders:* It was noted that the program has been postponed until 2025.

Emily Supinger had nothing further to report.

Ms. Niehaus reported that the 2023 CDBG grant for playground mulch will be installed sometime this year.

Ms. Niehaus asked for ideas for the 2024 park grant application. The consensus was to apply for new picnic tables in the park shelter.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to authorize Ms. Niehaus to apply for the park grant for new picnic tables. Seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, all members voted “yea”***

Jason Barger suggested that since the softball league no longer uses the field for games, that the grass should be allowed to grow and mowed rather than trying to keep up with maintenance when the field is seldom used. The consensus of the trustees was to allow the grass to grow.

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”***