

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

March 9, 2020

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Asst. Chief Gary Auffart, PTFD, Dave O'Connor, Larry Bramlage, Cpl. Ryan Feilhauer, CCSO, Frank Renn, Cindy Cassell, Valerie Renn, Chris Busse, Bob Berendsen, Will Menz, Gale Tinsley, County Commissioner David Painter, Emily Supinger and Les Smith.

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

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 25, 2020 special meeting, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"

Will Menz provided a presentation on his proposal for a revised website for the township. The structure of the proposed website was reviewed. Web hosting cost would be \$99 for 3 years. Changes to the website could be made by the webmaster or anyone the township authorized.

Bob Berendsen also made a presentation to the trustees regarding a new website design. A written cost proposal and overview of services was provided to the trustees. Hosting costs from his company would be more expensive due to additional layers of security added. His company has a full time staff to provide all aspects of the website operation.

Mr. Vogelsang noted that cost will be a factor in the decision making process. Ms. Niehaus asked if the board wanted the two gentlemen to return for the April meeting. Bob Berendsen then offered to create a sample website and forward it to the trustees for the review before the April meeting.

Frank Renn reported that he is working with Senator Johnson's campaign and read aloud information regarding Senator Johnson's accomplishments in the house of representatives; urged everyone to further investigate the candidates on the primary ballot.

Clermont County Commissioner David Painter noted that he is also on the March ballot; reported that there have been many negative campaign pieces mailed originating outside of Clermont County; also noted some of his accomplishments as commissioner.

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Cindy Cassell reported that over \$750,000 has been spent by PAC's smearing local candidates.

Cpl. Feilhauer, CCSO: Reported that there were no crimes or overdoses reported in February.

Asst. Chief Auffart, PTFD, gave his report (on file). Mr. Vogelsang noted that he prefers receiving a written report. Asst. Chief Auffart reported that they are working on simplifying and condensing the monthly report down to the most relevant information for Ohio Township. Run statistics were reported. Mr. Hinson asked if the department was looking into getting the new automatic CPR machines; response was that they cost \$15k each and grant funding is being sought for the equipment. Mr. Vogelsang asked how someone becomes certified in CPR; response was by attending a class that would certify them for CPR and defibrillator use.

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that 2811 SR 132 is a mess and complaints have been received about the property; communications with the property owner have been attempted with no response. Emily Supinger will prepare a nuisance resolution for the April meeting. There was discussion on getting the zoning code re-typed for use on the township website; Bill Gilpin will look into.

Dave O'Connor maintenance report: Reported switching vendors for cemetery grave openings and closings; new speed limit signs will be installed in the next couple of weeks after the utilities are finished being marked; will be meeting with the county engineer regarding slippage on Gobel Hill Rd. Mr. Hinson asked that utilities also be marked at the township line on Lindale Nicholasville and Lindale Mt. Holly Rd. Mr. Vogelsang asked what condition the HVAC system is in at the township hall; Dave O'Connor replied that it is very old but still runs. Mr. Vogelsang reported that CDBG grant money may be available if the system fails.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Paving Bids: Bill Gilpin reported that six bid packages have been requested and sent out to date.

COMMUNICATIONS: A postcard received from the farm bureau regarding an upcoming meeting was noted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Permanent Appropriations: Bill Gilpin reported that the permanent appropriations are the same as the temporary ones with the exception of payroll lines being updated for Les Smith and Dave O'Connor; asked that the resolution be approved this evening.

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Ms. Niehaus made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-36 for permanent appropriations, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”

Mr. Vogelsang reported he feels we may need to hire someone to assess the regulations for ADA compliance at the firehouse. Emily Supinger noted that any building built after 1993 had to be ADA compliant when constructed and would have to be compliant with current regulations if the building is renovated.

Mr. Hinson read aloud a thank you card received from John Gilfillen’s family.

Mr. Hinson asked if any other trustee was going to attend the annual board of health meeting on March 19. All 3 trustees will attend.

Mr. Hinson reported that the township currently does not have anyone opening and closing the restrooms at the park although Dave O’Connor is looking into asking a nearby neighbor to see if they might be interested.

Mr. Hinson thanked Ms. Niehaus for getting the township meetings posted on the community sign on US 52.

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 7:38pm, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”