

## OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

March 11, 2024

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Mike Masterson, PTFD, Jason Barger, Larry Bramlage, Chuck Morgan, Kathy Waldeck, Marty Waldeck, Regan Tassell, Kristin Bennett, Nathan Kinney, 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 February 12, 2024 regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted "yea"***

Kristin Bennett of NRYSA spoke to the trustees asking permission for the softball teams to use the township fields for practice in the 2024 season. NRYSA will maintain the fields at their expense, working with Jason Barger on the details. Required insurance coverage documents have been supplied to the township.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to allow the NRYSA to use the township ballfields for the 2024 season. Seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea"***

Regan Tassell spoke to the trustees on behalf of her father Charles Tassell who is running for congress.

Deputy Chief Mike Masterson, PTFD gave his report (on file). Reported that Asst. Chief Watkins is doing well and resting at home; Richmond Estates has corrected all issues found by the department. Most emergency sirens did not activate properly this month throughout the county; another test is scheduled for this Wednesday. Lindale Auto Parts has been allowing the department to train and test new tools. The department currently has 4 full-time openings with 4 attending paramedic classes. The department's pay scale is being studied by a consultant.

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

Les Smith gave his report (on file). Reported that two estimates have been received for demolishing the structure at 2858 SR 132. Emily Supinger noted that the township can wait until April to see if the property is funded for removal by the county landbank. Mr. Hinson noted that the county township association discussed possible joint zoning resolutions for all townships to combat an effort by the state to do away with township zoning.

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Jason Barger gave his maintenance report (on file). Quotes for park picnic tables and firehouse generator maintenance contract were reviewed. The consensus was to do a 3 year maintenance agreement on the generator.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to approve the 3 year firehouse generator maintenance contract with Buckeye Power at \$1,125 per year. Seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted “yea”***

Mr. Hinson noted the township needs to decide what to do with the old firehouse generator. The consensus was to list it on the govdeals website with no minimum bid or reserve. Bill Gilpin will work with Jason Barger to get it listed.

***Ms. Niehaus made a motion to sell the old firehouse generator on govdeals with no minimum bid or reserve, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All members voted “yea”***

Mr. Hinson noted that the township needs to decide how much of the mowing needs will be done by AJ’s Lawn Service in 2024 as it was expanded at the end of the 2023 season. Jason Barger will obtain an updated quote.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Sam.gov registration and SLFRF issues:* Bill Gilpin reported that the sam.gov registration has been renewed for the year; reported having an issue with reporting the ARPA funds to the SLFRF website. Specifically, the township has performed the required reporting but it appears the federal government has the township listed twice, making it appear as if the report has not been filed. The issue is being worked on.

Emily Supinger asked the trustees for input on how the township wants to regulate recreational marijuana, if at all, so that a resolution can be prepared. It was noted that there are 3 types of businesses that will be licensed: cultivation, processing and dispensing. The state framework is in place but may or may not be changed prior to licenses being granted later in the year. Emily Supinger will work with Les Smith to determine what areas of the township would be affected and discuss further at future meetings.

Mr. Hinson reported that the Village of New Richmond has installed approximately 75% of their ODOT grant signs and looks to have them all installed prior to the deadline.

Ms. Niehaus reported that the OTA will allow any township employee to use the training subscription with their individual log in credentials.

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Ms. Niehaus asked about the necessary paperwork for the park grant and CDBG grant applications. Emily Supinger supplied a resolution for the park grant application and will prepare one for the CDBG application for the next meeting.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-36 authorizing Ms. Niehaus to apply for the park grant for new picnic tables. Seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, all members voted "yea"***

Mr. Vogelsang noted receiving an email for Asst. Chief Watkins for assisting with supplying the family with meals while Asst. Chief Watkins recovers. It was noted that the effort is being led by his former employer Liberty Township and they should be contacted for information.

Emily Supinger issued the oath of office to Bill Gilpin for his new term as fiscal officer beginning April 1, 2024.

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 7:42pm, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"***