

## OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

May 13, 2024

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Asst Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD, Jason Barger, Deputy Morgan, CCSO, Kimberly Fisher, Les Smith and Emily Supinger

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

Mr. Vogelsang called for a moment of silence in honor of the late John Hale.

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

Regina Bajorek spoke to the trustees about Samarian Cemetery, which has been named as part of the network to freedom; asked permission for a group of people to repair, restore and replace headstones of significant black soldiers buried there. State and federal grants will be applied for to assist with the project. Greg Roberts commended the trustees for the excellent upkeep of Samarian Cemetery, noting that the first step will be an assessment of the cemetery by a group of NKU students.

***Mr. Hinson made a motion to allow the Clermont County Remembrance Project to perform headstone repairs in Samarian Cemetery. Seconded by Ms. Niehaus, all members voted "yea"***

Kimberly Fisher of 5 Sari Lane spoke to the trustees about issues she is having with her neighbor, who has stopped mowing a portion of their lawn. Les Smith explained that the Ohio Revised Code allows the township to give notice of tall grass once it reaches 3.5 feet in height. Les Smith will monitor the situation.

Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD gave his report (on file). Chief Watkins reported that the new hydraulic rescue tools arrived today; Pierce Township is in the running for a federal grant that required the township to have a language interpretation contract.

Deputy Morgan, CCSO: gave his report (on file).

Les Smith gave his report (on file). Reported that Joe Ellis is the new owner of 2858 SR 132; will be sending him a letter for tall grass soon. Mr. Vogelsang asked about the Nurre property. Emily Supinger explained that the state currently owns it and it should be sold at a tax sale later this year.

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Jason Barger gave his maintenance report (on file). Reported that another small roof leak has been repaired at the firehouse; met with Jacob Allen about water issues; ODOT is going to improve the ditching on SR 132 along his property. The new picnic tables have arrived and assembled; will get a quote on trading in our 2 old finish mowers and purchasing a bush hog mower; will get an updated quote on the salt barn facility. Emily Supinger will prepare a resolution for the total project cost to satisfy audit requirements. Emily Niehaus thanked Jason Barger for the efforts on the picnic table project.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

*Department of Taxation Letter:* Bill Gilpin noted receiving the official notice that the four acres the township purchased has been approved for tax exemption by the state.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

Mr. Hinson reported that the village has completed the installation of the ODOT road signage grant and the appropriate paperwork has been filed with ODOT.

Ms. Niehaus reported that park grant has been approved for the picnic tables; the CDBG grant application has been rescinded.

Ms. Niehaus reported that she is getting quotes for repairing and resurfacing the tennis courts.

Mr. Vogelsang reported receiving a complaint from a township hall user that ice cream had melted in the freezer that had been left behind by the previous user.

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 7:32pm, seconded by Ms. Niehaus. All members voted "yea"***