

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

January 3, 2025

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 2024 chair, Mr. Vogelsang, who turned the meeting over to the fiscal officer who called for nominations for chairman.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to nominate Ms. Niehaus, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, all members voted "yea".

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

Mr. Hinson made a motion that the regular meeting night and time continue on the 2nd Monday at 6:30pm. Seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, all members voted "yea".

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

Mr. Hinson 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. Vogelsang, all members voted "yea".

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

Mr. Vogelsang 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 2024. The consensus was to increase salaries by 3% for Les Smith.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to continue Les Smith as Zoning Inspector and to increase his salary to \$904.33 per month, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, all members voted "yea".

Mr. Vogelsang made a motion to continue Emily Supinger of Strauss Troy as Legal Counsel and to increase her contract to \$1600 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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Mr. Hinson made a motion to continue Jason Barger as Maintenance Superintendent and to increase his salary to \$65,600 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. Vogelsang, all members voted "yea".

Mr. Vogelsang 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 Mr. Hinson, all members voted "yea".

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

Mr. Hinson made a motion to set mileage outside the township at \$.70 per mile, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, all members voted "yea".

Mr. Hinson made a motion to continue Chief Wright, PTFD, as Ohio Township's fire inspector. Seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, all members voted "yea".

Mr. Hinson 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. Vogelsang, all members voted "yea".

There was discussion on how to handle the rentals at the township hall for 2025. Ms. Niehaus suggested we use Billie Smith to handle the post rental inspections from now on. Ms. Niehaus offered to continue handling the reservations if Billie Smith will do the inspections. Mr. Vogelsang suggested charging a rental fee. Mr. Hinson noted that the issue is that the township failed to communicate to users that the building was not left in satisfactory condition. Bill Gilpin will contact Billie Smith and ask for a quote on handling the inspections, suggesting that each trip should take about 45 minutes to complete the inspection including travel time.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to adjourn at 10:21am, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang, all members voted "yea"