

OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

February 10, 2025

The trustees met in regular session with all members present.

Also present were Jason Barger, Larry Bramlage, Tom Niehaus, Sgt. Buelterman, Les Smith and Emily Supinger

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Ms. Niehaus.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2025 regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

Asst. Chief Jim Watkins, PTFD was absent, report on file.

Sgt. Buelterman, CCSO: gave his report (on file).

Les Smith gave his zoning report (on file). Reported that the Barton zoning case is scheduled for trial on February 24 unless a new law takes effect that would result in it being dismissed; contacted permit central about 2858 SR 132, was told the prosecutor's office is taking over the situation.

Jason Barger gave his maintenance report (on file). Reported that an agreement has been worked out with Billie Smith for inspecting the township hall; the new salt barn is complete except for blacktopping; met with Perkins Tree Service about tree removal in the cemetery and Fagins Run Rd. There was discussion on extending the road in the cemetery to allow for sales of lots further back in the cemetery; also discussion on purchasing a new truck to replace the 2009 Dodge. Emily Supinger noted that the threshold for purchasing a new truck without competitive bidding is \$77,250 for 2025. Mr. Hinson noted that Gobel Hill needs to be repaired this year along with other road projects.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to get quotes on extending the road in the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

OLD BUSINESS:

2024 Annual Financial Report: Bill Gilpin reported that the annual financial report has been completed and uploaded to the state auditor's office.

Salute to Leaders: The consensus was to honor Ron Stang this year.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to honor Ron Stang as the township's choice for salute to leaders, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted "yea"

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BZA Appointment-Honaker

Mr. Hinson made a motion to appoint Bill Honaker to a 5 year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals expiring in March 2030, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications from the county recorder, board of elections and the farm bureau were noted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Road Mileage Certification: Bill Gilpin reported receiving the annual letter from the county engineer certifying the township’s road mileage with no change from last year.

Mr. Hinson made a motion to accept the annual road mileage certification, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”

2023-24 Financial Audit: Bill Gilpin reported that paperwork has been received to begin the 2023-24 financial audit by Perry and Associates.

Emily Supinger shared that Les Smith has provided her with zoning fees from neighboring townships for comparison; will prepare a chart for future review.

Mr. Hinson noted that someone needs to attend the upcoming all hazards mitigation meeting. Jason Barger will attend if a trustee is unable to.

Mr. Hinson reported contacting the county and scheduling litter pickup for SR 132.

Mr. Hinson shared information received at the OTA conference on a new amazon program; also shared information received from ODOT showing crash data in the township.

Mr. Hinson reported that Pierce Twp. is moving forward with the purchase of a \$370k squad purchase. Jason Barger noted that he feels we could use the same brand but save some money by not choosing all of the options that Pierce Twp. is ordering. There was a brief discussion on how the township would pay for a new squad. Bill Gilpin noted that the only two choices are putting the 6mil fire levy on the ballot for renewal or borrowing the money as the fire/ems levy currently does not bring enough revenue to support such a purchase.

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 7:17pm, seconded by Mr. Vogelsang. All members voted “yea”