

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

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MINUTES OF ELLSWORTH TWP BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S

REGULAR MEETING

August 16, 2021

Chairman Robert Toman called the August 16th regular meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees to order at 7:00 pm. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum: Chairman Robert Toman - present, Vice Chairman William Spellman - present, Trustee Fredrick Houston – present. Also, present were Fiscal Officer James DeCenso, Road and Maintenance Supervisor Matt Stroney, Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna, and Fire Chief Ted Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Fiscal Officer James DeCenso presented the minutes from the last regular meeting, which was held July 14, 2021, for approval. No one in attendance requested that the minutes be read. **Motion 2021-72:** Trustee Houston made a motion to accept the minutes from the last regular meeting. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

FISCAL REPORT: Fiscal Officer James DeCenso reported that July's receipts were \$54,617 and expenditures were \$47,804. Receipts included 2nd half tax advances of \$27,000, 2020 NOPEC Grant of \$3,622, quarterly Cable Franchise Fee of \$6,618, and the annual capital refund from OTARMA of \$1,048. Expenditures included \$5,850 to Allison Bros. for Recycle/Trash Program, and the Mahoning County Sheriff Dept of \$8,388 for the annual School Resource Officer. Also, there were three Fire/EMS pays in July. The total gross fund balance as of July 31, 2021, was \$630,538. The Fiscal Officer then presented invoices requesting for approval of \$270.00 for annual Youngstown/Warren Chamber dues, additional 2021 LED Lighting Project expenses of \$518.80, annual pest control services from Grace Exterminating of \$950.00, emergency Road Dept roof repairs from Roof-Rite of \$1,580.00 and \$237.64 to the Tribune/Vindicator for the legal ad regarding the Trustee's Zoning change hearing held July 14th. **Motion 2021-73:** Trustee Spellman made a motion to approve the \$3,915.23 in expenditures presented. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Mr. DeCenso then advised the Board that he will be attending a meeting on Sept 8th in Canton, sponsored by the Ohio Dept. of Management and Budget to review the legal uses for the upcoming American Rescue Plan funding that the Township should be receiving in September 2021. He then provided information on the State of Ohio's settlement of the Opioid class action lawsuit and the resolution needed for the Township to accept any settlement. **Motion 2021-74:** Trustee Houston made a motion to execute the Ohio One Settlement Subdivision Settlement and to authorize the Fiscal Officer to accept any available proceeds from the Settlement. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Mr. DeCenso then presented the 2022 property tax collection estimates of \$267,132 from the Mahoning County Auditor and asked the Board for the necessary certification. **Motion 2021-75:** Trustee Spellman made a motion to authorize the necessary tax levies and to certify the 2022 amounts to the County Auditor. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Mr. DeCenso then reviewed some potential State grants for Roadway and Water infrastructure projects. He and Trustee Spellman will make arrangements to gather additional information from the Mahoning County Engineer. The Fiscal Officer then reviewed the July financial results of the Fire and EMS Funds.

ROAD and MAINTENANCE: Mr. Matt Stroney advised the Board that there was one burial in Berlin Twp. where he assisted. He also assisted Berlin Twp for two days, with a culvert project in their township. He reported that the sealing of the Parking Lot and Cemetery is planned for September 8th and 9th. Mr. Stroney reported that the new Fire Station windows have now all been installed and that he should be receiving the invoice shortly. He then presented to the Board a quote received from Joseph Painting to paint the Fire Station, the Road Dept Building, the overhead doors, and the doors at the storage building at the Cemetery. The quote includes scraping, power washing, painting, and the paint. It includes painting the inside and outside of the new windows. A second vendor has withdrawn their quote. The quote from Joseph Painting is \$11,800 and a second coat would be an additional \$2,400. The Board suggested that the first coat should be inspected before a second coat is approved. **Motion 2021-76:** Trustee Houston made a motion to approve up to \$14,500 for painting of the Township buildings, doors and windows as listed in the quote from Joseph Painting. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. A meeting with the painter will be scheduled to pick colors and to establish a begin date.

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ZONING REPORT: Mr. Sarna reported that he wrote an Agriculture exemption for a pole building on Leffingwell Rd. He reported on a meeting he had with Atty Mathews to discuss the appeal of the site plan for the cement batch processing plant, and that an edited proposal was prepared and submitted to the applicant's attorney. Mr. Sarna reported on violation letters sent to 10 property owners in the Township. He discussed some of the responses and extensions that he has granted. He reported that any property owners that do not respond will be forwarded to the Mahoning County Prosecutor's office for review. He reported on the two Township properties recently condemned. As soon as the title searches are returned, Atty. Finamore will begin the process to notify the parties of the actions taken by the Board. This will then begin the appeals process, if requested by the owners. He also reported that the recent Zoning change on July 14th will be forwarded to the County, now that the required 30 days have passed since the Trustee's approval.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Smith reported that there were 36 calls in July, including 31 EMS calls with 14 transports of which the Township transported all 14. He reported that pump testing was completed on all trucks. The ambulance was taken to Myers for an oil change for \$373.65. It also required to have a coolant hose replaced. The ambulance is at Fairway Ford for this repair and is estimated to be \$1,000.00. EMS supplies required was \$1,801.50. The Chief also requested that the Township pay for half of EMT classes for Caleb Quinn. Berlin Township will pay half. The cost to Ellsworth will be \$800.00. **Motion 2021-77:** Trustee Houston made a motion to approve \$3,975.15 for the requested expenditures. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. The Chief and the Board discussed Halloween. The Trick or Trunk event will be Sunday, October 31st from 2 to 5 PM. Halloween for the Township will also be October 31st following, from 5 to 7 PM. The Chief recognized the entire Department for their dedication. They have responded to 266 calls through July, which is more than 2020 in total. He also recognized Chaplain Fred Schrock for his work with the Department members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Spellman will be working on the Canfield Fair display. He has continued working with the County Engineer to finish the Bailey Road culvert replacements. He has been advancing the idea to repave Baily Road this fall after the culvert replacements are completed. Trustee Spellman also described the quarter percent sales tax increase that the County Commissioners have approved for the ballot this November. If approved, this five-year levy would enable the County to pave all County roads and would provide approximately \$60,000 to Ellsworth for township road maintenance.

Trustee Houston recognized Trustee Spellman for his efforts and lobbying of the proposed quarter percent sales tax for the Roads. The original formula for distribution to the townships was one/fifth of the amount that Trustee Spellman was able to gain for Ellsworth. He did this by convincing larger townships to take a lessor share. Trustee Houston read a statement that he wrote, regarding recent citizen comments about Zoning and some violations within the Township. He indicated that he disagreed with comments from potential land buyers that the Township was a "dump". He sees Ellsworth as a safe, peaceful, and rural community. Recent Zoning violations have been addressed and are being corrected. It is a lengthy legal process that guarantees property owners time to address any issues.

Chairman Toman reported on Crime Watch. He also is working on the fair display adding new pictures of the Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chief and the Board discussed the EMS soft billing policy for Township residents. The EMS software can and will report residency status to the billing agency. This will assist the billing agency in recognizing residents that are not responsible for balances not covered by insurance.

NEW BUSINESS:

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Motion 2021-78: At 8:30 pm, Trustee Spellman made a motion pursuant to ORC 122.22(g)(2) to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of discussing personnel work schedules. Trustee Houston seconded the motion.

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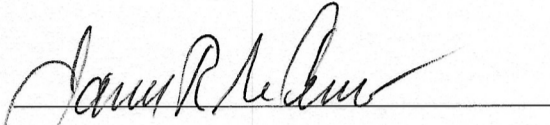
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The roll call was all in favor. The Board invited the Fiscal Officer and the Road Superintendent to attend the Executive Session. **Motion 2021-79:** At 9:25 pm, Trustee Houston made a motion to return to Regular Session. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call was all in favor.

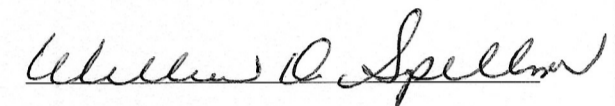
At 9:26 pm, with no further business to discuss, Trustee Houston made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.



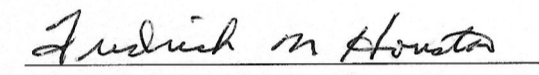
Fiscal Officer



Chairman



Trustee



Trustee