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SPECIAL MEETING

MARCH 14, 2015

On March 14, 2015 at 9:12 a.m. Chairman Toman called the special meeting for the second Land Use Plan hearing to order. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum: Trustee William Spellman – present, Trustee Fredrick Houston – present and Chairman Robert Toman – present. Also present were Fiscal Officer Karen Grittie, Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna, Zoning Board Chairman Fred Schrock and Zoning Board Member Jim Tripp, Zoning Consultant George Smerigan, and 6 visitors. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Toman announced this was the second Land Use Plan hearing. The meeting was turned over to George Smerigan, Zoning Consultant. Mr. Smerigan gave an overview of the plan. The Land Use Plan is the policy and goals for the future development of Ellsworth. This is not the zoning regulations. The Ohio revised Code requires the zoning regulations to be pursuant to a land use plan.

Chairman Toman said the trustees could accept, modify or reject the plan. Trustee Houston suggested one change. At the end of the first paragraph on page one the following be inserted, "The plan does not change any zoning. The only way zoning of property can be changed is by a request from the landowner through the proper channels." Chairman Toman said the Land Use Plan will always be subject to change.

The Mahoning County Land Use Plan is revised every ten years, which is happening now. If a township does not have a plan, the county will set one for the township. Ellsworth's plan will be put into the county's plan.

Trustee Spellman commented purchasers of land can make changes. Ellsworth is friendly to agriculture. Outside powers such as the EPA are overseeing agriculture.

A resident said he felt the plan looked good. Prior YSU had done a survey of our area to design a plan.

Trustee Spellman also explained prior to this plan, zoning made no provisions for PUDs because there were no utilities to accommodate them. Natural gas is being looked into.

Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna asked Mr. Smerigan to explain how the county will use the plan. Mr. Smerigan said when zone changes are presented to the county, our Land use Plan will be reviewed to insure the proposed change works within the plan.

Trustee Houston explained the trustees would be voting on the 2015 final appropriations. The trustees had met on Thursday, March 12, 2015 to complete the appropriations. Trustee Houston made a motion to accept the 2015 final appropriations, seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor. Trustee Spellman made a motion to transfer \$10,074.07 from the general Fund to the Zoning Fund, seconded by trustee Houston. The vote was all in favor. The appropriations total \$1,196,365.71 for 2015. Trustee Houston explained all of the funds have to be appropriated, which does not mean all the funds will be spent. Trustee Houston said meetings with the department heads had been held to work on their numbers and to decide where funds can be spent.

Trustee Spellman said repairs to the roads and the parking lot at the fire and maintenance area would be coming up.

At 9:50 p.m. Trustee Houston made a motion to adjourn, seconded by trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor.

Karen P. Grittie

Fiscal Officer

Rob Toman

Chairman

William A. Spellman

Trustee

Fred Houston

Trustee