**Minutes of Trustee Meeting**

**March 15, 2022**

Attendees: Trustees: Chairman Wayne Creasap, David Schrote, Steven Lust

Fiscal Officer: Lavon Verity absent - excused with illness.

Fire Chief: Clint Canterbury

Zoning Inspector: Tom Baker

Roads: Dan Criswell

Employees: Laura Russel, Tyler Ferguson, Carter Miley, Jake Carson, and

Bailey Reike.

Marion County Sheriff Matt Bayles

Betty and Robert Lill, Residents of Township

Meeting convened at 6:00 pm by Chairman Creasap. With Roll Call: W. Creasap- present,

D. Schrote-present, S. Lust- present.

Trustee Schrote made a motion to approve the previous minutes, from 2.15.2022 with second from Trustee Lust. All in favor 3-0 motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Lust to approve warrants prepared by the Fiscal Officer Lavon Verity, seconded by Trustee Schrote. All in favor 3 -0 motioned carried.

Trustee Schrote made a motion to approve the minutes of special meeting held on 3.2.2022 with second from Trustee Lust. All in favor 3-0 motion carried.

**Betty and Robert Lill – Fireworks**

Mrs. Lill came before the board to discuss the change in the new fireworks law that starts in July 1, 2022. Ohio residents will now be able to set off higher-grade fireworks with more permissive days added through the year. She brought up concerns of fireworks safety awareness and the issues of the noise and how the noise puts stress on farm animals in an agricultural area and wildlife in our township park. Mrs. Lill cited the issues with her 34-year-old horse when the neighbor, David Strine, across the road (653 Owens Rd. W.) has his Fourth of July celebrations. In 2021 the display lasted 45 minutes. She expressed great concerns over the health, safety, and wellbeing of her horse as well as other animals on the farm and within the township. She further described the condition of the animal as having a panic attack. In the past she tried sedatives, but they are not recommended for such use. She provided exhibits which will be attached to meeting minutes. Letter sent to David Strine, information from Mr. Anderson who handles tall grass trail and his comments on how noise affects wildlife. Photo of vehicles parked at Strine house, and letter from State Fire Marshal’s Office as to state rules being made. The rules were to be released in early March. As to date no rules have been set and the last time, she checked new rules may not be out until August 2022. She also played an audio recording of the fireworks that were displayed July 4, 2021. Mrs. Lill wants a township resolution on fireworks. Mr. Creasap reminded Mrs. Lill that you do not make zoning law you that cannot be enforced.

Those in attendance that spoke on issue were, Sheriff Matt Bayles, Fire Chief Clint Canterbury, Trustee Creasap, Trustee Schrote, and Trustee Lust. Sheriff Bayles advised enforcement is hard to do with 4 deputies on the road, and it is during Fair week, and he has staff working the fair. There are other more important calls to handle in the county that supersede fireworks complaints. Until the fire marshal has established rules it is unknown what will be enforceable. Sheriff Bayles advised he would work on publicly making safety awareness announcements and use social media. Chief Canterbury advised he would do the same to publicize safety awareness. The fire chief has been in close contact with state fire marshal, and he has not heard anything on the new rules. Trustee Lust pointed out the number of added days and some are religious in nature. Mr. Creasap asked Mrs. Lill if she had contacted our state representative and state senator over her concerns to make amendments to the law. She said she had and got no response. Mrs. Lill has valid concerns when fireworks used around farm fields that are dry and farm structures where crops stored. Mr. Creasap asked about sound proofing a section of the barn. Enforcement is an issue. Pleasant Towship was designed for Land Use. Per the county prosecutor “Fireworks” are not a “land use” issue. Pleasant Township does not have a police department (law enforcement agency). Mrs. Lill asked the sheriff if the township paid for police protection. The sheriff responded no, and that they do have contracts with some of the villages in the county. Mr. Lill asked all of us our views and we all responded safety issues are a concern. People are going to be setting fireworks off all over the place. Towards the end to the discussion there was conversation between Mr. Schrote and Mrs. Lill. The discussion was in regard to older farm animals that have out lived their usefulness. Mr. Schrote explained what they did on their farm as he was growing up. Mr. Lill commented that maybe the same should go for old people. There was no further discussion on fireworks. No other township residents attended the meeting to speak on the issue and no one called or sent any letters in to the township as to their views.

**Fiscal Officer**: Reports left as Fiscal Officer was absent

* Reviewed current financial record left for trustees.
* OTARMA IT Representative Aaron will meet with Fire Chief and Trustee Creasap in April. Chief Canterbury will contact Aaron to set a date and time. Any day but the 19th of April.
* Mentioned signed non-disclosure form is on file with fiscal officer.
* Trustees Creasap and Lust attended DAC meeting on 3/2/2022 at Marion Public Health. They had election of officers and provided a 2021 report.

**Zoning:**

* Zoning Inspector Tom Baker provided zoning report. Only several permits issued. Mentioned Harry Hollers new home and checking to see if it will fit on lot.
* Junk Motor Vehicle Resolution was discussed. Provides policy for removal, storage, and disposal of junk vehicles. Clarified that no junk vehicles are to be stored outside including collector vehicles. Must be stored inside a suitable building or removed from the property. Failing to comply the township will have said vehicles removed. Steve Lust made motion to accept Junk Motor Vehicle Resolution. Second by Dave Schrote. Roll call vote. Lust, yes, Schrote, yes, and Creasap, yes. Motion carried. Resolution becomes effective April 15, 2022.
* Jeff Bay resigned from zoning appeals board, and we need a new member.

**Fire Department:**

* Fiscal Officer has the signed non-disclosure form on file for Ohio Health.
* Electric service update for fire house still being checked into and costs.
* Sidewalk grant approved.
* Training through Lexipol split costs with 1st Consolidated. Will see on billing.
* Mr. Creasap gave Clint information on OTARMA IT man, Aaron 614-290-9398.
* The new inflatables will not fit in the trailer. Looking at new larger trailer 8 1/2 W x 24-26 L. looking at selling NASCAR like advertising on sides. Seeking donations to fund. Trailer shared by Pleasant Township and 1st Consolidated. Rental issues being looked into or sharing with other agencies. Setup and take down would be handled by Pleasant and 1st Consolidated staff to prevent damage.
* Brief mentioning of expanding parking area to south of fire department.
* Laura Russell would like to get newsletter out by April 1. She needs Trustee information.

**Parks:**

* Boy Scout Bill Foos notified stakes for dog fence need moved towards driveway as they are too close to tree line on other side.

**Roads:**

* Bicylce run 6/4/2022 through township. Map of the route provided.
* No decisions made yet on any road work.
* Dan working on ODOT modules for sign grant.

**Old Business:**

* No new estimates for addition to Township Garage on Owens Rd. Still have not heard from Hickman.

**Senior Center:**

* Baseboards in the men’s restroom have been installed and walls painted. Minor repairs in wall and painting need completed.

**New Business:**

* Trash Day set for Saturday May 7, 2022, from 8 am to 1 pm. No tires, batteries, paint, or electronics (No TVs)

**Announcements and Good of the Township:**

MTA dinner will be held at Green Camp Township Complex April 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

**Adjournment:** No further business before the board. Time 7:12 pm. Motion by Mr. Lust to adjourn with 2nd by Mr. Schrote 3-0 all in favor.

Next meeting will take place on April 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the senior center.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Trustee Creasap from notes taken on February 15, 2022

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Chairman, Wayne Creasap

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Fiscal Officer, Lavon Verity