

CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY: Bixler 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Bixler: Chair, present, Vice chair:, Diehl present Trustee Pfile: present, Bill McCluskey, Fiscal officer, present , Jesse Baughman, fire chief, absent. Rhonda Lippy, zoning, present.

Guest :Residents: Sandra Paris

I. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR 7/11/2024

Moved By: Pfile

Second: Diehl

Mr. Pfile: yes

Mr. Diehl: yes

Mr. Bixler: yes

II. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES: not completed

III. Correspondences.

Chris mentioned Theresa Tiernan (sp) and another sent resume, Emily Duma, but no application for the Zoning assistant position. Bill mentioned he received them today and has not had chance to sent job application to Emily. Chris said he would review them, but not sure why they would want the job. Bill said he would get application to Emily and get copies of both to trustees for review before next meeting.

Chris reviewed the land bank meeting with Jeffrey and mentioned Mr. Koss said he was suing the land bank. Jeffrey asked when paperwork would be complete, Chris unaware. Some back and forth discussion, between 5-7 hundred. Jeffrey said he would follow up.

Rhonda stated the town hall was now open (TH event went long and was reason for being in admin building) and a guest was there. Jeffrey asked they both come to Administration building.

IV. Old BUSINESS.

none;

IV. New business:

Bill shared resolution for budget with Jeffrey. Bill asked trustees if they had chance to review the budget. Mumbling. Jeffrey proceeded to read the resolution to submit the budget to the County Auditor as presented. Pointed out miss spelling of town hall (although this was pre-prepared and would need changed to Administration building)

Motion: Resolution for 2025 tax Budget:

Resolution 2024-020 (clerical error missing 2024-018 and 019)

Motion; Resolution: The Board of trustees of Edinburg Township, Portage County, Ohio met in a publicize special session on the 11th day of July 2024 at the Edinburg Administration Building with the following members present:

Mr. Pfile: Mr. Diehl: Mr. Bixler:

Trustee Pfile moved to adopt the following resolution:

To proceed wit the filing of the proposed 2025 Tax revenue budget to the County Auditor with the approved adjustments to the worksheet presented. Trustee Diehl Seconded the motion.

Mr. Pfile: yes

Mr. Diehl: yes

Mr. Bixler: yes

Guest arrived in Administration Building Dorothy Paris

V. Trustee Report: None

VI. Department Reports.

1. Roads: Tim read; We got our new truck and took it to get the bed and lights put on. We did some patching. We put a new hot water heater in the fire dept. We did some ditching on Giddings. We have been out to look at the bed install. They have had questions about the lights and the controller.

Park: We have been getting wood chips. We have half of the trees mulched. We put gravel along the concession building. Some discussion.

Cemetery: We have been mowing. We trimmed the cemetery. We fixed the door on the chapel.

Chris stated to guest we purchased a new dump truck for road department. some discussion

Bill stated he has sent in Title to the State for the plates for the new truck.

2. Fire: Jeffrey reported numbers from fire reports stating Township is providing more aid to surrounding townships than to our own. 1526 is in Fallsway for conversion. Pricing slightly less. Jesse requested a new bar, Jeffrey felt good Idea, Traffic advisor, \$1011 plus installation, about \$1500.00 total.

Jeffrey made motion to purchase the Light Bar for the truck at cost of approximately \$1500, installed. Bill asked for name of company. Jeffrey said fallsway. Guest and zoning interrupted and completed motion and roll call not made. (however, within trustee approval \$ range per reorganization meeting).

3. Zoning: Critch(sp) on hold for a survey of property before variance approved, potentially. Discussion of lot size and neighbor selling land. Garage permit given, Chris asked about 14 Mr. Steener (sp), said he called and said he had notice of 60 days and wanted to know if he could store tools inside. More discussion of adding more vehicles on property, and relating to owners attachment to his items. More general discussions with guest about location and property. Chris asked about other violations, and Rhonda reports still in process, and that letters were sent to the attorneys. Also, other violation will require a new resolution due to incorrect ownership documented. Discussion of owner continuing to shift ownership between various business. More discussion about procedures and frustrations without motion or resolution.

VII. Fiscal Officer: Bill for the Schill court costs should be paid by Schill per mediation. Prosecutor will follow up. Bill reported no word on Eclipse or Tornado reimbursement grant. Mentioned (as earlier) he will get application to Emily to complete before the next meeting. Mr. Elands claim has been paid by Sedgwick, so township does not have to pay the settlement and claim closed. Discussion that the agreement was to settle so OBWC claim cost. She said that the claim spread over 5 years and it will unlikely affect our rates since claim is closed. Some discussion back and forth. Bill said he was not aware BWC was in the mediation, therefore, he now understands. Jeffrey discussed more.

Jeffrey made motion to pay the bill, eft and warrants; 43529-43536 , Tim made motion seconded by Chris.

Mr. Pfile: yes

Mr. Diehl: yes

Mr. Bixler: yes

Jeffrey opened floor to Guest. Sandra Paris introduced herself as a resident of Deerfield. She stated she has a lot of family from here and does genealogy. She reported that in October of 2022 she asked permission to make a historical map the old cemetery, which was granted at a November meeting. She reported she did not start in the summer (Of 23?) as she leaves in the winter and upon return needed to take care of some of here rentals. When she returned this summer, she met with the sexton. She was on a scooter (as she needs this) and he came over to question need of aid.

She presented a location map diagram to trustees. paraphrased " She reported in 1993 the Portage historical Society did transcriptions for all cemeteries in portage county and in 1930 the Western Reserve Historical Society did transcriptions but did not put in rows. In 1993 they did put in rows. The 1993 records were so incorrect and was pulled offline. She was interested in doing Edinburg What I am doing is a location map, not detailed or restoration map. She said she did it for Rootstown. Again, shared diagram. Also, she tries to locate unmarked graves, and also what child might be there but no stone records. She plans to fill those out. She will download the information once done. She said Kevin shared books with her and she photographed them. The records will have accurate dates."

"She is walking the rows and coping the inscriptions. She said before 1908 there were no death records, so if 1815 the only official record is the tombstone. So some groups need this information to register for membership. She reported one grave was from a Frenchmen who fought with Bonaparte and the war in Moscow. She reported that she was the chair for the old cemetery in Rootstown, did all the maps and tombstone, but resigned due to professional disagreement about how to care for tombstone repair. She reviewed various churches for records as well. She reported the procedure as walking the rows, brushing and cleaning the stones, read it and uses D2 so she could read it. She reported she has a woman who works with her. She said one row at a time will show all white. She wants to dig up the smaller leaning stones, just to level them so not leaning. She said she heard we had some D2 donated and wanted to know if she could use some. Tim said she would need to contact and asked her if she has talked with Beverly Nissel (Who is also authorized to work in the cemetery and play integral role in getting donations of D2 and other supplies). Sandy said yes, she was working with her, but unfortunately, I have a lot of expertise in my area and she has expertise in her area, but we still smile at each other. She said I can't touch that stone, I can read the inscription if I can't straighten the stone to take a photo, so there is no sense for me to map if I can't read the transcriptions. She said it was donated to her, and she is the only one that can use it and I can't have any til after October."

Tim asked how was it done? Donated to township, Jeffrey agreed to township. He said but We did put her (Beverly) in charge of the project and she (Sandra) would have to work with her, cooperate. Sandra said she was working with her very well until she asked to use some D2 to clean stones. I had come up with other (2) volunteers to clean stones. Beverly reported she would need a pump (for D2). Sandra said after about 3 weeks of going up, 2 times a week she said what's up with this. Are you going to give me some D2 or do I need to buy some? She said it was donated and she is working with the boy scouts and when I'm done you can have what's left. Sandra said she cannot wait that long, and cant do the project, and I don't care if I have to buy it myself. Also was the donation a tax write off? I thought only not-for-profits. Could I write you off? Bill said yes, we are a not for profit organization, and donations can be written off. Beverly and I have talked a lot we were friends before (undiscernible..?Cleaning?)...and she wants to have the boy souts come out and clean from row 20 back. 90 percent are granite and not need much, it's the big white ones and monuments. Sandra said she feel they would not need more than one third of the barrel so why couldn't she have some. She (Beverly) said absolutely not. And I asked her if she was in charge and she said no, that I would have to talk to the trustees."

Jeffrey asked if she had the barrel, Tim said no it is at the cemetery in a building. Sandra interjected "and she's in control of it". Tim said Kevin gave her a key and you have to be careful of the doors. Tim asked how much would she need? She said about 5 gallon, 10 gallons. Maybe that much, you have 55 gallon lets say 20-25 gallon cuz she's not going to use that much. The boy scouts are only going to be there for a couple hours and aren't going to accomplish much. Tim asked if she is in communication with Beverly and Sandra said yes. Tim said he would talk to her (Beverly) and let her know ...Don't you think (to trustees) that you all just need to work together, Jeffrey and Chris affirmative.

Beverly is a plus and she can fix those, I don't do that. general banter. Why do you think she can not work with you (Trustee unrecognized, she might need a little nudge) Sandra: She feels she's in charge of the project but when I asked her she wouldn't let me move a little stone that's no bigger than this, she said no you cant touch a stone. I don't know what to do, I could go home, Brimfield's waiting for me, Palmyra's waiting for me, but you are the closest to my house. some banter about hours and some references shared in Atwater Lynn Allen and Rootstown trustee. Dave McIntyre Jr., But I can't do my project if she won't let me. non-relationship again mentioned. Sandra said she has the expertise, I did the whole cemetery there (Unmentioned not sure which referral). Tim said they would need to work together and there is no reason they can't share some of that product. He said he feels he understands her feeling of possessiveness and reported how product was donated. He mentioned there is plenty of work for everyone and mentioned potential to purchase more. Discussion about another cemetery. Discussed how it cleans. and her process, spray and move on. Tim said he would call her and they need to work together. She mentioned there are 2 tombstones stacked on each other in 1993 and were in 1930 so when Kevin came she asked him to turn it over, there were 3, and Beverly came over and said he is not allowed to do that, I said he is the sexton and can, trustees agreed, more discussion about relationship, tripod, stone moving, more about experience (this is not relate to any further motion or resolution, just her opinions. Tim to discuss D2 and Sandra can move on with here project. Bill mentioned Cemetery program from State Auditors office. Shared not excel format and can't import at this time, proprietary. More general program discussion. She said the old section inscriptions are all wrong. Chris said books are correct, the inscriptions are wrong. Discussion about record books.

She mentioned shipping cost is high and can get it in Columbus, and she could drive and get it. Guest said goodbyes

Mr. Pfile made a motion to Adjourn the meeting 8:27 pm seconded by Chris.

Mr. Pfile: yes Mr. Diehl: yes Mr. Bixler: yes

Jeffrey Bixler, Chairman

Chris Diehl, Vice Chairman

Tim Pfile, Trustee

William McCluskey, Fiscal Officer