

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____

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MINUTES OF ELLSWORTH TWP BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S

REGULAR MEETING

January 2, 2021

Chairman Robert Toman called the January 2nd regular meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees to order at 9:45 am. 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, Fire Chief Ted Smith and ZBA Chairperson James Tripp. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Fiscal Officer DeCenso presented the minutes from the last regular meeting held December 9, 2020. No one in attendance requested that the minutes be read. **Motion 2021-6:** Trustee Houston made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

FISCAL REPORT: Fiscal Officer James DeCenso reported that December's receipts were \$19,523 and expenditures were \$34,732. Expenditures included \$1,588 for road salt to be stored at Western Reserve Landscape. Total YTD receipts through December 2020 were \$626,524 and total expenditures were \$645,989. The total gross fund balance as of December 31, 2020 was \$592,565. The final 2020 General Fund contingency balance was \$6,445. The Fiscal Officer then presented an invoice for approval of \$399.00 for Ron Zielinski for a cemetery foundation. **Motion 2021-7:** Trustee Spellman made a motion to approve the \$399.00 in expenditures presented. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Mr. DeCenso then explained to the Board that the BWC has processed another rebate so the 2021 premium payment of \$4,424.00 that was approved last month was not paid, as it was credited by the bureau. He indicated that he expected to receive the remaining \$12,685.32 in January. The Fiscal Officer then gave a review of the CARES Act monies and expenses that occurred in 2020. He also advised the Board that the 2nd stimulus act, or "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021" has extended the use of the funds through December 31, 2021. He then acknowledged that he has received the OTARMA IT audit report that he will report on, later.

ROAD and MAINTENANCE: Mr. Matt Stroney advised the Board that there was one burial in December. He reported that he has been busy working on the LED Marquee sign. He reported that the new windows approved for the Fire Hall will be ordered once the final specs are reviewed. The NOPEC grant reimbursement of \$3,622 will be submitted once a payment for the windows is done. Mr. Stroney then reviewed the proposed 2021 NOPEC grant and use for new LED lighting in the maintenance building and the fire bay.

ZONING REPORT: Mr. Sarna reported that no permits were issued since the last meeting. He reported that his office had issued an average number of new home permits during 2020, despite the pandemic. He continues to maintain his office hours and is always available by cell phone. Mr. Sarna then reported to the Board that he has arranged a meeting on January 8, 2021 regarding the Lewis site plan, with Attys Finnamore, Matthews and Daniluk for the plaintiffs. He reported on some follow up inspections and spoke with the County Prosecutors office regarding the mobile home and garage at 11971 Palmyra Rd. Mr. Sarna will contact the property's heirs for further discussion.

Chairman Toman then recognized Jim Tripp, from the ZBA, who reported that the ZBA will hold their Re-organizational meeting on January 14, 2021.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Smith reported that there were 28 calls in December, including 23 EMS calls with 12 transports of which the Township transported all 12. The Chief reported that the renewal 911 Dispatch Agreement is ready for review and signatures. The new Agreement with Austintown 911 will be a flat rate cost of \$6,000 for 2021 which is lower than the 2020 expense, which cost the Township \$8,080, at \$40 per call. The Chief gave an update on members current training programs. The Chief reported on the progress of applications for PPE and ODNR grants for 2021. **Motion 2021-8:** Trustee Spellman made a motion to approve the renewal of the 2021 Emergency Dispatch Agreement with Austintown 911 at an annual cost of \$6,000. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Spellman reported on the success of the Tree Lighting service that was held at Ellsworth Community Church on Saturday December 18th. He also reported that he is gathering information from the county auditor to share with surrounding communities regarding EMS coverage.

Trustee Houston suggested that the Township hold a celebration as soon as the pandemic is over.

Chairman Toman reported on Crimewatch.

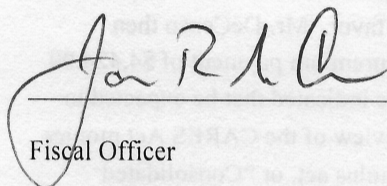
OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business to discuss

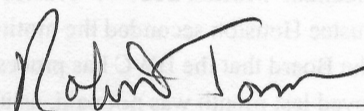
NEW BUSINESS:

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 pm with a budget workshop to begin at 6:00 pm.

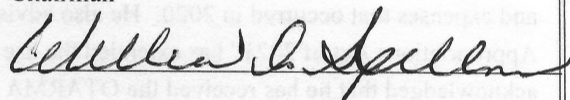
At 10:35 am, Trustee Houston made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.



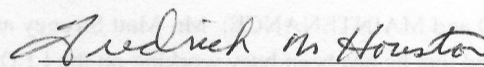
Fiscal Officer



Chairman



Trustee



Trustee