

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

JULY 8, 2015

Chairman Bob Toman called the July 8, 2015 regular meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees to order at 7:02 p.m. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum: Trustee Fred Houston – present, Vice Chairman William Spellman – present, and Chairman Robert Toman – present. Also present were Fiscal Officer James DeCenso, Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna, Maintenance Supervisor Matt Stroney, Fire Chief Robert Sternburg and Zoning Commission Chairman Fred Schrock. Western Reserve News was videotaping. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Fiscal Officer James DeCenso presented both the minutes of the June 10, 2015 regular Trustee meeting and the July 2, 2015 special Trustee meeting. No one in attendance requested that they be read. Trustee Houston made a motion to accept both the minutes of the June 10th and July 2nd, 2015 meetings. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor.

FISCAL REPORT: Fiscal Officer James DeCenso started by reporting that the 1st half 2014 property taxes have been received by the township from the county and that approx 85% of budgeted revenues were collected. Mr. DeCenso expressed his concern that either the collections were concerningly low or the budget was set too high. He went on to report that total first half revenue collected by the township, which includes proerty taxes, fees, gasoline taxes, and other miscellaneous revenue was \$163,995. Total expenditures for the same period were \$200,446. He indicates that not all revenue and or expenditures will match the same timeline, so this limited data may not present the definitive condition of the township finances. All expenditures are below budget. Mr. DeCenso offered to the audience copies of all township financial reports. Mr. DeCenso also announced that the township has received its 2015-2016 Insurance rates. The new rate will be \$12,798 vs.\$12,466 from the prior year.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Mr. Matt Stroney gave his maintenance report. The heating oil fuel tanks have been brought above ground and are ready to be scrapped. He indicated that the original budget for this project was \$5,000. To date \$2,450 has been spent and any recoveries from the scrap sales will be subtracted from that expense. Mr. Stroney advised the trustees that he had attended a Green Team workshop in Akron and learned how recyclables are recovered. He asked that residents not throw plastic bages into the recycle bins as they clog up the system. He reported that, although he had earlier discussions with Lordstown Twp for winter salt, that Lordstown might not be able to supply any Mahoning Cty Twp this winter. They would however be available for storage. He then contacted six salt suppliers directly to request a price for this winter. Only one, Morton Salt, responded and only that they are not accepting any new customers. He then reported that repairs would begin on the Rolling Hills cul-de-sac, prior to the paving project. He is working with Jason Young, PE to look at material needs. Also, that a drainage ditch on Elias Lloyd Rd. will need to be cleaned out prior to paving. Mr. Stroney indicated that a sinkhole had appeared in the Township Hall parking lot, from an abandoned catch basin. He contacted ODOT and they repaired it with no cost to the Twp. ODOT also cleaned out some drain lines in front of the former Young's restaurant. Mr. Stroney requested funds to purchase a safety ring and rope to set up at the pond behind the fire station. Mr. Stroney requested that the Twp increase the pay of Earl Morocco by \$1.00 to \$11.00 per hour. The trustee's discussed Mr. Morocco's value to the township. Trustee Spellman made a motion to increase Mr. Morocco's pay by \$1.00 and to instruct the Fiscal Officer to arrange this with The Callos Company. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor. There was then further discussion regarding the pond safety. Trustee Toman asked Mr. Stroney to contact our insurance company to see what recommendations their risk managemnt division could offer for around the pond. Trustee Houston then requested that Mr. Stroney make a high priority of correcting the Elk Rd catch basin situation. Mr. Stroney indicated that once he has completed the tank removals at the fire station, he will be able to complete the Elk Rd repairs. Also, some drainage issues on Gault Rd will be addressed.

ZONING REPORT: Mr. Wayne Sarna gave his Zoning report. Four permits were granted in the township since his last report. Mr. Sarna reported that there have not been any new Zoning complaints since the last meeting. He reported that he attended the Battista Holdings hearing in Common Pleas Court on 7/2/15 regarding the Magistrate's ruling on the Rte 45 property. He also reviewed the site plan request submitted by Laura Lewis for parcel 23-036-0-002 and sent a letter denying the site plan for non-compliance with current township zoning. He then received an appeal by Mrs. Lewis on 7/2/15 and has submitted the appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Sternburg gave the fire and EMS reports. The Fire Department responded to seven calls in the last month. Also that seven calls were responded to by EMS. He also reported that the ambulance hit a deer while in route to a transport today, July 8th and that the ambulance was disabled. EMS Director Brian O'Neil was beginning to make some phone calls to get the vehicle repaired. Dispatch was notified so that all contingency plans were put in motion. Chief Sternburg then reported that all fire ladders have been tested and passed. He will now begin hose testing. The Chief indicated that he and Fiscal Officer DeCenso would be reviewing the remaining 2015 appropriation balances to verify funding abilities for additional testing and gear. Trustee Toman thanked the Fire Chief for the department's participation in both the Canfield and North Jackson parades.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Trustee Houston reported that he has asked Zoning Inspector Sarna to review the former Young's restaurant property to determine if the township can require the owners to clean it up by mowing the grass. Trustee Spellman reported that he attended the Mahoning County Engineer's roads meeting. The engineer reported to the townships his concerns regarding the county road conditions and his limited repair budget. He also discussed the Township's resources and location to be an integral part of and county emergency program and he has asked the county Haz-Mat Director to investigate any grants for which the township could apply.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Houston had emailed the Chip and Seal Project contractor to look at contingency scheduling due to the heavy rains that we have recently experienced. The contractor felt that he would still be able to complete the project this season, however worst case scenario is to make the necessary repairs in 2015 and schedule the chip and seal and fog in 2016 at the same contracted price. The trustees will be attending a preconstruction meeting within the next few weeks. Mr. Toman indicated that the township has submitted its loan application to the ODOT State Infrastructure Bank. Fiscal Officer DeCenso reported that the loan committee had originally put the Ellsworth application on its July 1, 2015 Agenda, however he was recently notified that the committee rescheduled its meeting to July 10th. No reasons were given as to the meeting change. Trustee Spellman discussed the timing of the loan application and eventual approval. To eliminate any necessity for the Board to hold a special meeting, he made a motion to continue the loan application process and to give the Board the necessary powers to sign the loan if and when available. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor. Trustee Toman questioned how the loan process would work should the paving need to be postponed until 2016. Mr. DeCenso indicated that the loan could be approved, but that funds need not be drawn down for up to twelve months after approval.

The trustees discussed the request by the Fiscal Officer to hold a finance workshop after the next regular Board meeting to review current finances, township objectives and general accountability policies.

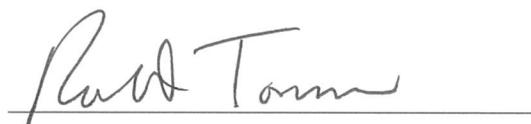
NEW BUSINESS: The trustees discussed the need to update the Ellsworth Township display at the 2015 Canfield Fair. The trustees will work on submitting pictures and other ideas.

Trustee Toman announced that next regularly scheduled board meeting would be held Tuesday August 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Since this is a meeting change date, that an "Agenda" notice must be submitted to the Youngstown Vindicator regarding the date change.

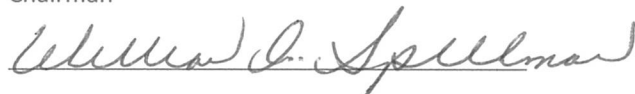
At 8:16 p.m. Trustee Spellman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor.



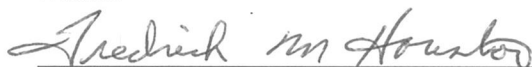
Fiscal Officer



Chairman



Trustee



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