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HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
45955 STATE ROUTE 162 WELLINGTON OHIO 44090

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**Minutes of August 7, 2023**

The Huntington Township Trustees met in regular scheduled meeting at 7:00 PM called to order with the pledge of Allegiance. Attendees: Robert Holmes, Jed Lamb, Walter Rollin, Sheila Lanning, Matt Combs, Andy McDowell, Carl Strekely, Lyn Ickes, Amber Frye, T.J. Denes, Zoning Inspector Nora Klebow and Tyler Honoshofsky. **Motion** by Holmes with a second by Rollin to approve the minutes of July 17, 2023 as written. Roll call: three yeas. Checks 10377-10399 and payments totaling \$43,380.08 were approved for payment. **Motion** by Holmes with a second by Rollin to approve the July Financials with year to date revenue \$378,852.58, year to date expenditures \$211,653.27 and bank balances of \$631,542.87. Roll call: three yeas.

Chairman Lamb opened the floor to Andy McDowell from Western Land Conservancy. McDowell: Roger Overstreet bought the Roger Ferguson property on Griggs Road. On the property is approximately 39 acres of woods that the Western Land Conservancy would like to purchase. There have been biological surveys on the woods. The purchase would be made with grants, Clean Ohio Conservation Fund. Here today to get your support to buy the woods and then make a request of the Lorain County Commissioners. The woods are mature trees and we found several species of bats and wildlife that inhabit the woods. The property backs up to the Forthofer Property already in the Western land Conservancy and the Lorain County Metroparks. The Ohio Public Hunting property is directly across Griggs Road. The woods would not be open to the public but there would be hunting by permission and scheduled excursions in to the wildlife of the area. Lamb: what is the long-term plan. McDowell: own it forever with no plan to sell or use the woods. Holmes: there is no access to the woods. McDowell: there is an access. Lamb: what about tax revenue. McDowell: this would be placed in tax exempt status and any CAUV discounts would be paid back. Lamb: you're asking us to give up Tax Revenue of 35 acres of land that is basically unusable to anyone except the Land Conservancy. McDowell: we will hold hikes and educational programs but it won't be open to the public like a park. It is on the cusp of becoming old growth forest. Rollin: can the Metroparks take the property eminent domain. McDowell: they wouldn't be able because their claim for that is public access. Lamb: asked the audience for questions. Ickes: what are the tax dollars the Township is losing. McDowell: I can find that out, the recoupment for three years is \$2,500.00 so they can't be paying much. We are only talking about a portion of that property. TJ Denes: what's the point of buying it. McDowell: We own about 6 thousand acres, some enrolled in Ohio Public Hunting Program, educational access. TJ Denes: do you clean up fallen trees. McDowell: we manage properties that we own, invasive species. Lamb: do you harvest any down trees or let nature run its course. McDowell: we do a cost/benefit analysis, generally easier to let nature run its course. This will not be timbered at all but if one white oak fell than maybe. Klebow: the tax revenue for the whole property including the residence for the year is \$3,400.00 a year so the "piece of woods" is not a huge amount. Lamb: when do you need an answer. McDowell: the grant application is due September 8<sup>th</sup> and I still need to go to the Commissioners meeting. Ickes: what grant funding you going after. McDowell: Clean Ohio's conservation grant for about 75% of funding and in November the small North American Conservation Act. TJ Denes: what is the benefit to Township. McDowell: Old growth preserved forest that someday could be open to the public. Discussion on access to the property. Lamb: I am not in opposition to the Conservation District and as private owners of land if you choose to put your property into the conservation district you have the right to do that. As far as the district owning property that has limited access I don't see any benefit to the Township. Only the Conservation district benefits and the owner that wants to sell the ground. Maybe I need more information, I vote to table it until we get more information. Holmes: I am afraid something else is going to happen with that piece of property, would also like to table it until we get more information and go from there. Understand the time line you have and we can hold a special meeting. Rollin: Who takes care of it, I would like to table it. Thinking of someone coming on the property to hunt. Honoshofsky: if someone wants to hunt on it, how does

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that work. McDowell: they would approach us for permission and we would give out limited access. Holmes: hunted that property in the past. **Motion** by Lamb with a second by Holmes to table Resolution 2023-44 supporting the purchase of approximately 39 acres on Griggs Road by the Western Land Conservancy until we get more information and feedback. Roll call: three yeas.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AMBULANCE-** Holmes: Board meeting 8.8.2023, lighting for Helipad will be installed this month. Rollin: status of orange balls on electric lines. Holmes: Hank will handle it

**FIRE-** Rollin- still no grant, purchasing radios and holding off on the rehab of unit 154 till next year.

**SHERIFF-** 45 incidents in July

**OPWC & SWAC-** Combs: Stewart Road culvert replacement numbers up to \$18,000.00 from original estimate of \$13,000.00. Looking into using remainder of grant funds for culvert east of Hawley Road on Stewart Road. Will replace steel with plastic culvert, no status on application for OPWC round #38 grant.

**CEMETERY-** Rollin: will look into application for small grant available through the State. Combs: did not get pictures of Paul & Mary Sarafin headstones yet. Rollin: still need to contact Leslie Lowe on replacing headstones. Received two quotes for Cemetery expansion work. Medina Excavating \$72,997.50 and Mark Haynes \$74,586.00. Lamb: the quotes are above the \$50,000.00 current bid limit. If we wait 90 days for the new limits to go into effect we will not have to publicly bid the job. Rollin: do we have to pay prevailing wage. Lamb: either wait or go out for Public bid. If Public bid the Engineer will have to estimate the job. Rollin: The Engineer did provide a layout of the job but did not put together any estimate. Will follow up on this. No one addressed the ancestry question from Elizabeth Long Palmer.

**RECYCLING-** Lanning: Received Solid Waste Management Plan, need to review and approve or disapprove by Resolution within 90 days. Combs: paper bins have been emptied.

**ROADS-** Combs: Roads can still use some patching if the money is available, about 3 more loads. McMillan, Clark and Stewart need some patch. **Consensus** to authorize up to 5 more loads of patch.

**EQUIPMENT-** Combs: Need new chips under playground and elsewhere in front of Township Building. Trustees asked for Combs to call and get price for smaller truck load. Elevator out of order, called but no call back yet. Someone was here in March to inspect the elevator. Rollin: was told they were here last week and could not find the electric panel. Will get the elevator figured out and also the set of keys, will report back next meeting.

**ZONING-** Klebow reviewed updated status report dated 8.7.2023. Zoning Appeals Board meeting is 8/16/2023 for Adam Spreng. Rollin: Tim Kidney's junk yard is permanently closed. Klebow: Thank you for the information, still need to write a letter to address some junk issues on his residential lot.

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS:**

Holmes: ARPA money for safety building, quote from Levi Shetler \$287,000.00 for a 64 x 184 shell. Discussion on the scope of the project and the quotes received. **Consensus** to discuss further the exact scope of the proposed garage/ambulance/safety service building at next meeting. Combs: quote for new garage building man door is \$1,096.39. Discussion on getting a less expensive door. Lamb: if you find a door for under \$500.00 just buy it. Lanning: Geauga Highway contract signed by Lamb, bid agreement signed by all three Trustees and Lorain County Prosecutor office. Public affidavit of commencement of public project posted and sent to Geauga Highway bonding insurance company, purchase order issued. **Motion** by Lamb with a second by Rollin to approve the revised bid amount from Geauga Highway of \$78,271.80 for the annual chip and seal projects. Roll call: three yeas. Combs: completed the Government fleet reporting documents. Lanning: received the OTARMA \$500.00 safety grant to cover safety boots for Combs, carbon monoxide detectors and Exit signs.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Clark Road landfill had some dumping going on, piles need leveled out with a bulldozer, ceiling tiles replaced in 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Lamb: when summer is over, maybe you can level it out with the backhoe a little at a time. TJ Denes recommended a log book for all projects in the Township for tracking purposes. **Motion** by Lamb with a second by Holmes to authorize the Fiscal Officer to purchase log books up to \$200.00 as described by TJ Denes. Roll call: three yeas. Lanning: completed public records request for employment policy and tracking spreadsheet of employee time. Received Lorain County Commissioners letter on healthcare audit Lamb and Combs MUST complete the Audit. University of Cincinnati Bridges Study of Hawley Road Bridge #0279 located .24 miles north of SR 162. Oberlin Community Services new summer hours flyer received. Lamb: will do insurance shopping, met with OTARMA Risk Management and went over the checks and balances in the Township. Will receive a Risk Management report. **Consensus** to set Fall Dumpster Days on October 13 and 14 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and the Harvest Walk set for October 21 with the time yet to be determined.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ohio Rail Development Commission bi-monthly meeting is 7.27.23 at 11:00 AM. Ruritan newsletters for July and August. OTARMA 2022 annual report. Safe Streets for all meeting is 8/3/2023 from Lorain County Public Health. Lorain County Chamber of Commerce elected official's reception is 8/30/2023. NAMI July newsletter, Rail Commission Grant letters, Lorain County Historical Bicentennial email. Oberlin Community Services email requesting assistance with staple items. Lorain County mobility August e-newsletter. NOACA Community engagement meetings are 2023 invoice of \$278.00. **Consensus** to not pay the NOACA 2023 invoice. Lorain County Historical August newsletter. JD Tomlinson foreclosure on 47595 Bursley Road. Lorain County Commissioners request for a Resolution for restriction of wind farms and solar arrays. **Consensus** as stated by Lamb to pass on this Resolution request at this time.

**Motion** by Lamb with a second by Holmes to adjourn, three yeas, meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

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Signed Chairman

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Attest, Fiscal Officer

**Payment Listing**

August 2023

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount	Status
86-2023	08/17/2023	08/07/2023	CH	RURAL LORAIN COUNTY WATER AUTHOR	\$58.26	O
87-2023	08/04/2023	08/07/2023	CH	BP	\$467.51	O
91-2023	08/14/2023	08/13/2023	EW	UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$1,065.46	O
92-2023	08/14/2023	08/13/2023	EW	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTE	\$3,502.62	O
93-2023	08/14/2023	08/13/2023	EW	TREASURER OF STATE OF OHIO	\$187.50	O
10377	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	AW	P & J SANITATION INC.	\$110.00	O
10378	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	AW	JUDCO INC	\$370.00	O
10379	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	AW	CHRONICLE TELEGRAM	\$108.33	O
10380	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	AW	Rumpke	\$459.00	O
10381	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	AW	David A Cravener	\$116.00	O
10382	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	AW	WELLINGTON AUTO PARTS	\$138.64	O
10383	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	AW	D&J Rief Services	\$4,162.31	O
10384	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	AW	SUNRISE COOP INC	\$944.22	O
10385	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	AW	WM DAUCH CONCRETE CO INC	\$70.40	O
10386	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	AW	Medina Material	\$22,478.89	V
10386	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	AW	Medina Material	-\$22,478.89	V
10387	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	AW	FARM & HOME HARDWARE	\$395.98	V
10387	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	AW	FARM & HOME HARDWARE	-\$395.98	V
10388	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	AW	FARM & HOME HARDWARE	\$395.98	O
10389	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	AW	Medina Material	\$22,478.89	O
10390	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	PR	JILL DEMARCO	\$126.64	O
10391	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	PR	ROBERT DUGALD HOLMES	\$995.07	O
10392	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	PR	Nora Klebow	\$352.67	O
10393	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	PR	Jed Lamb	\$546.46	O
10394	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	PR	SHEILA D. LANNING	\$1,213.97	O
10395	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	PR	JOHN PIPCAK	\$19.15	O
10396	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	PR	WALTER C ROLLIN	\$898.18	O
10397	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	PR	Robert Leroy Bort	\$1,365.08	O
10398	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	PR	MATTHEW A COMBS	\$2,298.36	O
10399	08/07/2023	08/07/2023	PR	Layne W Lawhon	\$929.38	O
Total Payments:					\$43,380.08	
Total Conversion Vouchers:					\$0.00	
Total Less Conversion Vouchers:					\$43,380.08	

Type: AM - Accounting Manual Warrant, AW - Accounting Warrant, IM - Investment Manual Warrant, IW - Investment Warrant, PM - Payroll Manual Warrant, PR - Payroll Warrant, RW - Reduction of Receipt Warrant, SW - Skipped Warrant, WH - Withholding Warrant, WM - Withholding Manual, WS - Special Warrant, CH - Electronic Payment Advice, IL - Investment Loss, EP - Payroll EFT Voucher, CV - Payroll Conversion Voucher, SV - Payroll Special Voucher, EW - Withholding Voucher, POS ADJ - Positive Adjustment, NEG ADJ - Negative Adjustment, POS REAL - Positive Reallocation, NEG REAL - Negative Reallocation

Status: O - Outstanding, C - Cleared, V - Voided, B - Batch

\* Asterisked amounts are not included in report totals. These transactions occurred outside the reported date range but are listed for reference.