

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____ 20 _____

MINUTES OF ELLSWORTH TWP BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S

REGULAR MEETING

May 8, 2019

Chairman William Spellman called the May 8, 2019 regular meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees to order at 7:00 pm. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum: Trustee Robert Toman - present, Vice Chairman Fred Houston - present, Chairman William Spellman – present. Also present were Fiscal Officer James DeCenso, Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna, Maintenance Supervisor Matt Stroney and Fire Chief Ted Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Fiscal Officer DeCenso presented the minutes from the last regular meeting held April 10, 2019. No one in attendance requested that the minutes be read. Trustee Houston made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

FISCAL REPORT: Fiscal Officer James DeCenso reported that April's receipts were \$55,037.84 and expenditures were \$54,308.39. Receipts in April included the final 1st half property tax collection of \$27,709. Total 1st half collections were \$128,814 vs. the County budget of \$116,262. The State of Ohio still owes the Township \$15,786 for property tax credits. The \$15,786 is included in the \$128,814 reported. Extraordinary expenses included \$8,381 for 1st half payment to the County Health Dept, \$1,938 for tax collection fees and \$9,114 to Hilltop Lawn & Garden for the previously approved mower. For the four-month period ending 4/30/2019, receipts were \$179,613.71 and expenditures were \$175,826.64. Mr. DeCenso's report included a fund balance increase of \$729.45 in April and an increase of \$3,787.07 through 4/30/19. The fund balance as of 4/30/19 was \$612,905.82 minus the encumbrances as of April 30 of \$173,349.06 for a net balance of \$439,556.76. The current unencumbered balance; less the SIB ODOT Loan balance of \$115,939.94 was \$323,616.82. Mr. DeCenso reported that there are still a few firefighters who need to update their direct deposit information. He then advised the Board that pursuant to House Bill 168, which became effective in October 2018, the Township is required to file a copy of their cemetery rules and regulations with the state. He will work with Mr. Stroney to submit the Township's rules and regulations.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Mr. Matt Stroney reported that there were two burials in Ellsworth Cemetery last month; also that the concrete pad for the Columbarium has been completed and should be back-filled before Memorial Day. He also reported that the Trustees have placed all of the flags in Ellsworth Center up. The new mower is in service and that he estimated supplies for future crack sealing of the Township roads would be approximately \$1,000 and \$3,500 for the parking lot and Cemetery roads. All labor would be supplied in-house. In the past, the Township had done the crack sealing using shared services with Berlin Township, however their experienced maintenance person is gone. Mr. Stroney suggested talking to Milton Township to see if they had any interest in shared services for crack sealing. Chairman Spellman discussed that the Board may enter into executive session later in the meeting to review any additional summer help requirements.

ZONING REPORT: Wayne Sarna reported that he had three permits issued since the last meeting. One was for a single family dwelling at Diehl Lake; for a single family dwelling, also at Diehl Lake, and another for an addition to a garage on Palmyra Rd. He reported that he is working with the Mahoning County Prosecutor's office regarding the delinquent taxes on 6446 Elk Road. He has reviewed from the Mahoning County Planning Commission a 2.573-acre plat change request on Palmyra Rd, and it appears to be in compliance with Township Zoning requirements. He also followed up a report of illegal burning on Bailey Rd. and discussed the concerns with the resident. No further actions are warranted at this time.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Ted Smith reported that there were 18 calls in April, including 9 EMS calls with seven transports done by the Township and two refusals. He reported that hose testing is required and the quote is \$2,137.30 from Waterway. He also had Squad 43 in for maintenance at Myers and the total bill is \$520.24. He reported that members for the department recently participated in a Hazmat training in Berlin Township. He also reported that the Ellsworth training officers have put together a class in conjunction with the Jackson Township FD. One class has already been held and a second is scheduled for the end of the month. The Chief reported that he is working on a grant through the Ohio Division of Forestry and is still waiting for responses on the Ohio training grants and the BWC equipment grants. He has successfully placed the Department on the University Hospital's list for a Lifepak 15 Monitor and/or a Lucas CPR machine. He reported that all transport billing is up to date. He report that \$4,600 from EMS transports was collected in March. He also requested some replacement light covers on Ladder-48 for \$66.74 and to replace the primers on Engine-41 to air primers, which can be purchased and installed for \$2,700.00. Trustee Houston made a motion to approve \$5,424.28 for the hose testing, ambulance maintenance, the light covers and the air primers. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Chief Smith then took time to acknowledge Assistant Chiefs Tom Powell and Jeremy Blosser for the vast amounts of time that they devote to the Department. He and Chairman Spellman also acknowledged the success of the pancake breakfast recently hosted by the Knights of Columbus for the benefit of the Fire and EMS departments.

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Regular Trustee Meeting May 8, 2019 Continued

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Toman reported on the activity of the electric aggregation program. There have been many questions from residents regarding the transition from First Energy Solutions to NOPEC. He also reported on Crime Watch activities.

Trustee Houston presented two different placement options of the Columbarium, as it will most likely be delivered in May. The Board and audience reviewed the options. Each option provides for adequate wheelchair space between the units. The overwhelming approval was for the first six units to be placed horizontally in two rows and then two to be eventually placed vertically on each end. The first unit will be placed at the top of the walkway in the first row. The Board then discussed pricing for the Niches. Trustee Houston suggested a single price that includes the Niche and the inurnment fee. Trustee Houston then made a motion to sell a Niche package to an Ellsworth Township resident for \$1,400 and a non-resident for \$2,800. The Board discussed the price for two urns placed in one Niche and any requirements for a deed or right-to-inurnment paperwork. The Board decided to gather more information and re-consider this matter at the next meeting. The motion died for lack of a second.

Chairman Spellman reviewed the electric aggregation process and information that was provided at a recent information meeting presented by NOPEC. He also advised the audience that a live simulcast from the National Mall to honor fallen police and firefighters would be shown at the Berlin Center Methodist Church on May 13th. Refreshments will be available at 7:30pm and the simulcast will begin at 8pm. The Chairman then introduced Fred Schrock from the VFW Post 9571. Mr. Schrock provided details on the Memorial Day services that will begin at 11:00am on May 26th at the VFW Hall. The parade to the Cemetery will follow. At that time, Trustee Toman made a motion, pursuant to Ohio Revised code 307.66, to contribute \$300.00 to VFW Post 9571 for Memorial Day activities. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. The Board thanked Mr. Schrock for his time.

The Board then reviewed with Mr. Stroney, his recent activities at the Town Hall. Mr. Stroney advised that he sprayed some botanical disinfectant on the walls of the Town Hall. He reported that it appears to have had some effect on the mold. He also requested that he would like to see the building reports that the Historical Society had acquired from their building consultants a few years ago. Those may assist in the future remediation of the Town Hall.

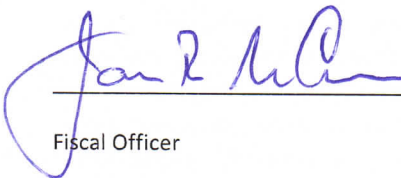
The next meeting will be held Wednesday June 12, 2019 at the Fire Hall.

At 8:18pm Chairman Spellman made a motion pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 122.22(g)(1) to consider additional employment or contracted employment needs for the Township. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

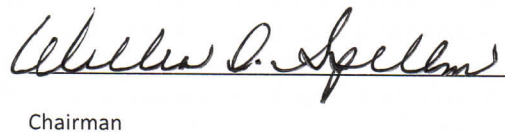
At 9:20pm, Trustee Houston made a motion to return to regular session. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

No further actions were taken.

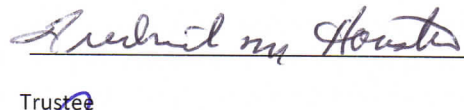
At 9:22, Trustee Toman made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.



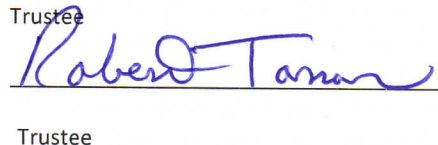
Fiscal Officer



Chairman



Trustee



Trustee