Town Hall September 14 th 2023

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY:** Tim Pfile: 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call

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

## I. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR 9/14/2023

Moved By: Diehl Second: Bixler

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

### II. Correspondences

Tim shared proxy statement from Ohio Township risk management authority. Jeffrey Bixler accepted with Chris Diehl as alternate.

Tim mentioned zoning seminar information. Rhonda attending.

### III. Old BUSINESS.

Jeffrey discussed temporary signage after discussion with Prosecutor and suggested a resolution for youth organizations (i.e scouting) for in township organizations, to allow promotional or recruitment signs for the organizations. Length discussed and 90 days agreed upon. Size discussed as max 4X8. and also need for trustee approval before placing temporary sign.

Motion: Resolution 2023-024 Made by Jeffrey: The trustees of Edinburg may allow placement upon township property, of temporary marketing signs for national non-profit youth organization which are related to Youth in Edinburg township, not exceeding 4X8 ft and for a period of no greater than 90 days. Trustees must approve location and placement. After removal for a period of at least 30 days, The trustees can be petitioned to again re-place the sign. It cannot be structured as a permanent sign. Seconded by Tim. Mr. Pfile: Yes

Mr. Diehl: yes

Bixler: yes

Jeffrey mentioned he has attempted to contact the EPA on many occasions and 2 of 3 people are out of office, third will return his call,(regarding septic on fire department land. Tim mentioned the Health department can help and he will contact Justin at the health department.

## V. Trustee Report:

Tim mentioned he met with Health Department for the concession, The inspector asked that the floor be swept, as only suggestion. Bill reported he did share this with Bethany from Soccer (using concession stand now)

# VI. Department Reports.

- **1. Roads:** Tim per Kevin; New garage door installed, purchased some new signs, some signs stolen. Dugout in field 2 has lightening damage. 2 new grills at shelters. Would like to thank Milton Township for offering and helping transport road grindings that were placed at the park parking areas. Cemetery mowing.
- **2. Fire:** Jeffrey shared Jesse' report summarizing runs. August 202348; 2022 45. Year to month 2023 335, 2022 to date 269. September training will be pediatric emergencies, and handling of service dogs when treating the handlers. Discussed specs and pricing for the fire engine and review with the truck committee. English plumbing was out to service the water system. Jeffrey said the order for the new truck is still in process.

Jeffrey and Bill discussed the Ambulance relief fund application for \$20,000 granted in addition to previous released funds. Bill summarized the grant was originally for adding premium pay (additional compensation) for wage earned during 2020-2023 pandemic period. He mentioned since that an additional option has been added for work force

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retention. Discussion with Jeffrey was whether to add wages for employee period, mentioning many employees no longer work for the township. Pay would be subject to regular income taxes. 1099's would need to be created for non-employees. He mentioned we would also have to modify our workers comp and unemployment reports. His suggestion, with the work force retention options, since we are having problems staffing the department, would be to use this money for shift work bonuses, as well as training that is planned with fire department employees. This way were are rewarding and improving employees still with our department and helping keep station manned. The grant must be used before June end of 2024. Trustees discussed these options. Bill mentioned he has completed the application due to time constraints but did include this request in an email to the grant department at OBM.

- **3. Zoning:** She reports completing on Ag permit. Discussed st rt 14 home that is still in hands of County Prosecutor. continues to work on zoning issues, calls. Trustees discussed dissatisfaction with lack of progress on the issue.
- 4. **Fiscal Officer**: Financial reports shared with trustees. Bill asked for approval of \$4000.00 for a credit application for Intertek, per Jesse for fire hose testing.

**Motion**: Tim made motion to approve, seconded by Chris.

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

Bill asked trustees to approve payment to Pettigrew Hardware for Charge made by Judy French on township account. It was for township materials, but she is not an employee.

**Motion**: Tim made motion to approve, seconded by Jeffrey. Mr. Pfile: Yes Mr. Diehl: yes Bixler: yes

Bill discussed lack of legible signatures also on the Pettigrew hardware charges, in some cases simply a line. He stated this is a problem as to assign charge to the correct fund as well as identify fraudulent charges. He gave a copy to the Fire department to review as he was able to identify road department authorizations. He asked for approval to pay the balance as Fire department charges.

Trustees listened to him and discussed options. Trustees stated each signature should be printed legibly and employee write the department on the signature line. Bill mentioned the obtained a grant for \$6000.00 from the NOPEC grant energy fund for payment of the road department garage door replacement.

Rhonda mentioned she did meet with resident regarding a complaint from a neighbor, regarding use of property as a business for shot putting. Tim mentioned on review, there is no restriction to inviting people to your house or how you cut your grass and complaint seems overboard. Another property discussed regarding concrete waste, but word is it is being crushed for the driveway. Another property discussed regarding fence line definition and use of rock as a fence.

Bill asked if any further information was available regarding the cemetery fence agreement with neighbor. He heard they decided they did not want a fence now, as it relates to budgeting funds for cemetery. Chris said he did not hear that and would discuss with the resident. Rules regarding need for a fence discussed.

**Motion** to pay EFT' and warrants 43180-43195 Moved By: Jeffrey Second: Diehl

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

VII. Motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm. Moved By: Jeffrey Second: Diehl

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

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Tim Pfile, Chairman	Jeffrey Bixler Vice Chairman	
Chris Diehl Trustee	William McCluskey, Fiscal Off	ficer

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