

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY:** Bixler, Jeffrey 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Guests: Rep. Gail Pavliga, Ohio House of Representatives, William Wohrle, legislative aid, Scott Simmons (filling in for fire department), George Vizmeg, resident, Robert Grudosky, resident.

**I. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR 2/29/2024**

Moved By: Pfile            Second: Diehl  
Mr. Pfile: yes            Mr. Diehl: yes            Mr. Bixler: yes

**II. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:**

- a.    2/8/2024 Trustee meeting
  - Moved By: Pfile            Second: Diehl
  - Mr. Pfile: yes            Mr. Diehl: yes            Mr. Bixler: abstain.....

Jeffrey opened floor to guests inviting Rep. Pavliga to speak :  
(Spoke very fast, some difficulty with transcription.) Rep. Pavilga opened stating she would like to thanked Trustees for the work they do for Edinburg and would like to share activities she has been working on. Most recently she has passed the Capital budget and One-time strategic improvement fund with 7 projects for townships. She stated she understands the need for a person to represent portage county for the local government taxes to keep them coming in. one-time access point, parks, historical societies. 2.8 million to portage county. Not much legislation but some road naming in memorium. hard to understand, :we talked about Curistino (sp) Also going against some of this awful money dark black mail dark money mail things coming out in the community. Trying to discredit my record and are completely untrue. I didn't run to get this seat to do anything less than to have a good conservative appeal and I believe I have carried that out with the endorsement of the Ohio right to life, NRA and only the finest organizations will support a house member with a record that would support that. I am running for re-election. She asked if trustees had any questions stating here goal is to represent them in the house and support their needs of representation and financial Trustees stated they had no further questions. Mr. Wohrle said he would second what Rep Pavliga stated.

George Vizmeg: Asked if he would be able to lease to farm the park land adjacent to his property that the previous owner had leased for years from the township. Jeffrey stated that he could not discuss the issue presently as there is a need to review the contract and another resident had rented it last year. We will be seeking advice from attorney our attorney regarding the contract. He asked him to leave name and phone number. He said he would be willing to do 3-5-7 years and pay up front. He also asked about the ash trees around the cemetery on his new property, as they are in poor shape and many branches falling off. He wanted to remove some. Trustees said they did not have any problem with this and it would not affect the cemetery.

Robert Grudosky was introduced and stated he had questions about the fire department. 1. He brought up station. Discussed EPA approval/disapproval of land. Overall, present site to put in new septic, was denied. Trustees said they are looking for new land. More discussion regarding questions. At this point: Rather than stay to hear the rest of the trustee meeting and township issues, Rep Pavliga and Mr. Wohrle left the meeting. Jeffrey offered invitation for Mr. Grudosky to speak with EPA. He asked if they are going to by land where is the money coming from. Trustees said they are reviewing. Bob asked about old plans still being good. He Mentioned he believed the new station should

have a hose tower. He reviewed reasons with trustees. Chris said he appreciates concern, but we are ahead of the present issue. Bob mentioned the new truck that is going to be ordered, and he hears it is a two year wait. He heard that as soon as the bid was picked it would be ordered. Chris told him this was untrue, and we need to find a way to buy it and it might need to go to the people to vote. We don't have one million dollars available to buy a new truck. So a new station and new vehicle was discussed as well as the procedures. He also mentioned regarding the truck, he felt there should be a ladder rack on the truck, as a committee member mentioned, but it is not in the bid. So he was requesting review while awaiting final station and vehicle specs. He felt it would be safer for the firefighters. Apparently due to size of present station. Again trustees discussed costs procedures of purchase.

III. Correspondences

Chris Reported communication for the Portage County Health District about annual meeting. All trustees received.

Chris mentioned two additional quotes on roofs for the park, Deerfield structures remains the lowest of 3 bid according to Chris. Discussed color. Asked Bill for fund appropriation availability from 2274 fund. Also included was the billing for park storm water piping.

**Motion: Resolution:2024-004** Jeffrey made a motion to proceed with the park roof replacements by Deerfield structures at 15,000. as well as storm water control materials to be appropriated from fund 2274. Second by Tim.

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

Jeffrey shared letter from Children's advocacy Center, regarding sponsorship.

Jeffrey asked Bill to review the lease for park land and remove the statement saying payment will be made the first of each month, unless we change that.

Shared letter from Sedwig regarding workers comp claimant denial of treatment recommendation.

IV. Old BUSINESS.

Tim asked Mr. McCluskey to discuss donation to township, for \$2070.00 for purchase of biologic cleaner for cemetery headstone cleaning. Trustees accepted the donation for this project..

The donation was made from a **Donor Advised Fund handled by The Youngstown Foundation in memory of David Haska.**

Beverly Nissel is spearheading this cemetery project and had moved ahead ordering the cleaning solution. She paid for this personally and the solution has arrived. She also used a discount offer reducing the cost by 368.83. She reported to Bill in a discussion that she would like to use this amount to purchase additional structural putty to fix foundations and headstones, to which Bill agreed. However, the final invoice was above the 2070.00 approved. Bill asked the trustees to approve or deny the reimbursement additional \$42 cost. (Invoice was shared and all repair related).

Mr. Pfile made motion to approve full reimbursement to Ms. Nissel. Seconded by Chris  
Mr. Pfile: yes            Mr. Diehl: yes            Mr. Bixler: yes

IV. Trustee Report:

Tim reported attendance at township dinner, and share information regarding road maps, cyber risk, and upcoming eclipse. They feel we will be inundated with visitors during the Eclipse in April. Space issues, traffic, school closing, camping, food truck. Tim said we will not close the park

Scott Simmons mentioned some discussion that a Concert is planned at West Branch State park that day. Inviting multiples to come to west Branch, biggest viewing. Dive team will be there and full staffing at station.

Chris mentioned request for town hall the night of a trustee meeting. Asked if we could move to Administration building. Bill said a legal posting of change in paper will cost \$30.00. But if it is put up 10 days before meeting on sign we should be fine.

Chris mentioned there will be a dedication of the new track at Southeast. And wanted to post some information on our sign

Chris discussed potential property for new fire station. Acreage, 3-4, building removals and design needs. Receptive to sale. Would ask trustees to come up with price. Bill asked if we could get a land appraisal, and some temporary stakes, and pre testing before purchase. Chris will talk with Brett if we can pay for testing for septic, but unlikely it is used land. Tim said he feels we need to move fast to purchase, either borrow the money if we do not have it. Jeffrey said if it doesn't happen now, it will at least be there. More general discussion. Bob Grudosky also asked some general discussion

Portage land bank discussion presented by Jeffrey. Will likely go for sale but asked if trustees wanted the land. Trustees said they saw no use for it for the township based on Jeffreys question.

Jeff mentioned there will be a legal hearing on a workers comp related challenge in mediation court next Wednesday. He will be attending with Council, Prosecutor.

#### VI. Department Reports.

**1. Roads:** Patched holes in road, hydraulic leak repair, 12 dry hydrant signs, \$1890 estimate for security cameras at the park concession. He said the reason for it is they baseball has purchased a new Kubota side by side and they are afraid it will get stolen. And Kevin has said there has been some interest due to problems at the park. The baseball is willing to put in \$600.00. Bill mentioned there is a camera at the garage as well and it was not working, so has also been repaired. Some discussion.

Chris Made a motion to proceed with installation of the system for 1890, Detect Alarm, with 600.00 to be reimbursed by Baseball association. Seconded by Tim

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

Township cleanup days presented for April 26-27, Friday 8am to noon and 1pm to 5 pm, Saturday 8 am to noon. Bill asked Bob if boy scouts will be collecting aluminum as in the past, He said yes. He asked if any will be there to help.

Pricing from H&H and Conrad's for dumpsters, needed clarification on extra fees, Motion: Conrad's had the lower bid. \$550 and 2x 65. Tim made motion for Conrads, seconded by Jeffrey

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

Bill said motion needed. Tim made a motion that Boy scouts will be collecting the aluminum. Tim made motion to allow aluminum collection for the boy scouts. Second

Chris

Mr. Pfile: yes            Mr. Diehl: yes            Mr. Bixler: yes  
Bill asked Bob if the boyscout will be there this time. He said yes for Saturday, probably.  
Drain pipe field number on and seeding in cemetery

**2. Fire:** Scott Simmons presented work that was being done on Grant writing for the Fire department. He mentioned a low revolving grant at the State Fire Marshall for equipment and building. Discussed signs for dry hydrants, thanked Kevin and Nate. Jacob Michaels training requested fire fighters 2 at Howand. Will be paid through grant either Howand applies or township will apply,  
Jeffrey made a motion to approve Jacob Michaels FF2 training at \$950.00  
Seconded by Tim. Bill asked if there will be a contract if we pay. Jeffrey said only if we are not reimbursed or covered by grant. Bill said then the money would be available from the ARP grant fund 2275.

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

Scott presented information on the VFDF board to be established and discussed. Said he needed the assessed valuation of property from Mr. McCluskey. Bill mentioned this had already been discussed and fees paid, but this year the forms were online and The link had been sent to Jesse, Trustees had only to decide on a community representative. Scott continued with need for board, Bill said this was already presented at previous meeting. Chris agreed he will be second community rep.

Scott moved on to truck lighting, pricing 2 bids one \$10385 and second \$18000. (no documentation provided to fiscal officer) some discussion about services and items by Jeffrey. Trustees reviewed spec sheets estimates.

**Motion:Resolution** 2024-005 Chris made a motion to go with Hall's (sp) public safety for \$10385 for fire chase vehicle lighting as it is something we need to do. Seconded by Tim

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

MOTION: Quote for servicing of heart monitor and 7497. 3 from Stryker Pro-care Services. 3 heart monitors and Lucas Device, serviced 2 times a year. Chris made a motion to contract with Stryker Pro for service contract. Tim Seconded.

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

69 calls from 1-2024.

Scott moved forward and discussed grants. Thanked Bill for his help in providing information and access to sites. He expressed call centers take long time on hold. Bill said welcome to my world. He reviewed the following ODNR: declined but found needed to submit agricultural and brush fires need reported.  
State Fire Marshals Equipment grant. Attempting grant for Battery powered smoke exhaust fan and 17 flash lights and electric hot stick.  
BWC Fire fighters Exposure to environmental Elements grant. Applying for turn out gear.  
Returned to short discussion of VFDF: Bill presented the assessed evaluation of property to Scott, 73 mil approx. Bill again forwarded the link again to Jesse.

State EMS Grant to purchase AED for tanker. Bill said additional cost also for service contract yearly

BWC Safety intervention grant which is a 3-1 max of 40000. Looking for power lift system. Township would pay 25%. Bill said this had previously been sent to Jesse last Year with no follow-up. Scott says we are the only ambulance that does ems transport in portage county that does not have one. Bob asked if our present ambulance will accommodate it. Bill asked is there additional installation fee. Scott affirmative to both.

Bill said if any of the grants go through he will need all grant information, funds received, reports needed.

Jeffrey made a motion to proceed with the BWC 25% matching grant, Bill intervened, requesting account 2194 fund other, reduced to appropriate 40,000 for potential grant being appropriated by this motion. Seconded by Tim

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

Scott mentioned other grants, some general discussion.  
Bill mentioned the OTARM safety grant has been submitted to Jesse.

**3. Zoning:** No report.

**4. Fiscal Officer:** Bill shared end of year reports with the trustees. Had been published in paper and sent to State Auditor's office. He mentioned he submitted over 1500 pages of documents to the county prosecutors regarding a case. And reminded that he had sent copy of request to Trustees and Fire Chief for any correspondences they had (he had not received anything but may have been submitted directly to prosecutor) No comments were added by fire. Jeffrey said he did go and meet with prosecutor. He had previously submitted all minutes relating to the request, electronically. Jeffrey asked if OTARMA covers township injuries not covered by workers comp. Bill said they would be the contact.

Tim requested to add a comment relating to Baseball org.. request to put batting cages at the park. Talked with Kevin but would need to take down 3 trees. Bill said last time this was discussed there was issue with who could use the information and theft. Tim said he would need review of exact plans and management. Area could be used publically, but machine would need removed.

Bill Provided financial reports, payments warrants, agenda.

Tim made motion to pay the bill, eft and warrants; 43352-43379 , seconded by Chris.

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

Jeffrey masked for a motion to go into executive session: At 9:02 pm

To consider the compensation of a public employee and related investigation/discussion of complaints by public employees, (Rule 3358:17-1-04.2 A1 }

Tim made motion and Chris seconded.

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

Mr Bixler made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:15 pm. Seconded by Chris

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

Mr. Bixler asked for a motion to reopen the meeting at 9:16 pm. Tim made the motion seconded by Chris

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

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Town Hall

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2024

Mr. Bixler made a motion to Adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm seconded by Tim.  
Mr. Pfile: yes      Mr. Diehl: yes      Mr. Bixler: yes

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Jeffrey Bixler, Chairman

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Chris Diehl, Vice Chairman

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Tim Pfile, Trustee

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William McCluskey, Fiscal Officer