

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

February 12, 2020

Chairman Fred Houston called the February 12th regular meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees to order at 7:00 pm. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum: Trustee William Spellman - present, Vice Chairman Robert Toman - present, Chairman Fred Houston - present. Also present were Fiscal Officer James DeCenso, Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna, Road and Maintenance Supervisor Matt Stroney, and Fire Chief Ted Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Fiscal Officer DeCenso presented the minutes from the re-organization and last regular meetings held January 4, 2020. No one in attendance requested that the minutes be read. Trustee Toman made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

FISCAL REPORT: Fiscal Officer James DeCenso reported that January's receipts were \$23,227.00 and expenditures were \$30,919.79. Receipts in October included \$6,612.90 from Armstrong Cable for quarterly fees, and expenses included \$3,575.00 to Casual Carpet for new flooring and repairs in the Town Hall. Mr. DeCenso then presented the 2020 proposed appropriations of \$1,036,511.79. The proposal is the result of the Budget Workshop held January 15th. Of note is that \$60,000 of the available resources in the One-Mill Levy Fund was not appropriated for 2020. Trustee Spellman made a motion to approve \$1,036,511.79 as 2020 Appropriations. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. The Board then discussed the upcoming ODOT loan bi-annual payment of \$17,571.41. Mr. DeCenso indicated that a total payoff would be \$101,609. The loan is at 3% and currently the Township is earning 1.6% at Farmers Bank. He had calculated that the Township would save a net \$1,821 over the next 30 months, should the loan be paid off now. After discussion regarding current Road Funds, Trustee Toman made a motion to pay off half (\$50,805) of the outstanding debt and review the situation in August when the second payment is due. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. The Fiscal Officer requested approval to pay the 2019 BWC True Up premiums estimated to be \$700.00, \$75.00 paid to Casual Carpets for additional work performed, \$200.00 to Lane Life Trans for a medic on 11/29/19, \$396.73 paid to D&T PM for a hydraulic leak on Ladder #48 and \$1,254.00 to Arms Trucking for 12 tons of road salt. Trustee Spellman made a motion to approve \$2,625.73 for requested items. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Mr. DeCenso then advised the Board that the annual 2020 Township Highway System Mileage Certification was signed and returned to the County Engineer. Also the 2020 Census Boundary & Annexation Survey was completed. He then advised the Board that he had received notice from Medicare that a gap in coverage from 6/14/19 to 7/9/19 has been eliminated. He thanked Lori from Quest Advantage Billing for her diligence in this matter.

ROAD and MAINTENANCE: Mr. Matt Stroney reported that there was one burial in the Township last month. He reminded the public that cemetery decorations would be removed after March 1st. He then presented to the Board roofing samples for the maintenance garage at the cemetery. The bid received from Aim Construction was \$3,500 plus \$50 for each plywood board replaced. The Board discussed a metal roof instead of shingles. The Board instructed Mr. Stroney to obtain a quote for a metal roof. Mr. Stroney reported that the Township's septic system passed inspection. The Board then discussed a quote received of \$2,000 to replace steel and patch sidewalls of Dump Truck bed. Trustee Toman made the motion to approve spending \$2,000 to repair the Dump Truck bed. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

ZONING REPORT: Mr. Wayne Sarna reported that there were not any permits issued since the last meeting, however he has received numerous calls for zoning requirements. He then reviewed recent complaints that he has received. He reported that he is working on a resolution of vehicles stored on property just east of the Country Pantry. He is also reviewing a junk pile on St Rt 45 just north of the Bison farm. He sent a letter to the owner of the residence at 8740 N Palmyra Rd for the removal of junk and debris. He informed the Board that he will be meeting with the owners of 11535 Akron Canfield Rd for the storage of two unlicensed vehicles and an abandoned home. Mr. Sarna reported that he has received a copy of a letter from the Mahoning County Bldg, Dept. approving the building of a 48' x 64' storage building for farm equipment on S. Salem Warren Rd. He also reported that he is still awaiting additional information that he had requested from the owners of the coal tipple

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property regarding the site plan drawing that they had submitted. He is working with Atty. Finnermore to review the plans.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Ted Smith reported that there were 17 calls in January, including 8 EMS calls with seven transports of which the Township transported two. He reported that he would need approval for the annual SCBA flow tests at \$1,259.25 and fit testing for firefighters at \$50 per person for 20 firefighters. The breathing air compressor needs serviced at \$1,139.91. The M-400 ambulance needs the bumper adjusted to accommodate the power cot and a quoted price of \$190. The Active 911 is due for 30 renewals at \$13/person. The M-401 Ambulance has a fuel leak which has a quote from Western Star to repair for \$1,000 and the bumper is very rusty and is quoted for repair from E&L Welding for \$450. The Chief reported that Jacob Pyatt and Abigail Schors would be starting their EMT Training classes this week. He reported that the department did not receive an ODNR Wild land grant that he had applied for. He advised the Board that the Fire Chiefs Association is applying for a Regional Hose grant. Also that University Hospital is giving the department an ipad to use on the ambulance for reporting. UH may also be providing software that could potentially replace the reporting software purchased annually by the Township. After discussion with the Board, Trustee Toman made a motion to expend \$5,429.16 for the aforementioned requests. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Chief Smith and the Board then discussed some recent informational workshops with other local communities and Lane Life Transport to possibly combine some resources around the western part of the County. Additional workshops are being scheduled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Spellman requested that representatives of Western Reserve Baseball attend the next Board meeting to review the use of the Township's ball fields for this coming season. He also discussed the upcoming 2020 Census and its importance to the community for funding and representation. He then reported on a meeting he recently had with the County Engineer to discuss the appropriateness of additional license tag fees that would benefit the Township with improved county road maintenance. He highlighted the safety issues of our Fire and EMS services while traveling on unsafe roads.

Trustee Toman discussed some of the workshops that he attended at the OTA winter conference. He also reported on an upcoming meeting with Knox Energy on February 20th. He also reported on the Fire/EMS workshops being held in the county and the idea of Lane Life Trans to place a medic and car to the western part of the county.

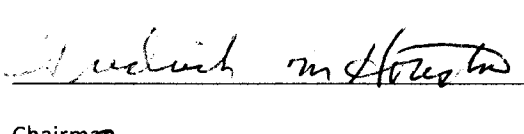
Chairman Houston also discussed some of the workshops he attended at the OTA winter conference. He gave an example of a Census workshop where census documents were used to support a social security application, when a birth certificate was not available. He emphasized the many uses of the Census project.

Chairman Houston recognized Mr. Paul Hendricks of the Ellsworth Historical Society. Mr. Hendricks requested the use of the Town Hall for Meetings and special events. The Board agreed to allow the Society to use the Hall when reserved.

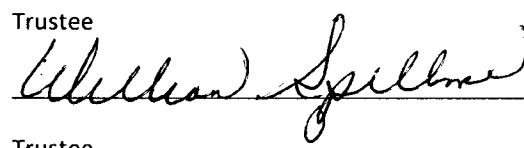
The next meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 12, 2020 at the Town Hall.

At 8:48 PM, Trustee Toman made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.


Fiscal Officer


Chairman


Trustee


Trustee