

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held

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MINUTES OF ELLSWORTH TWP BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S

REGULAR MEETING

April 13, 2022

Chairman William Spellman called the April 13, 2022, regular meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees to order at 7:00 pm. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum: Chairman William Spellman - present, Vice Chairman Fredrick Houston - present, Trustee Robert Toman - present. Also present were Fiscal Officer James DeCenso, Road and Maintenance Supervisor Matt Stroney, Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna, and Fire Chief Ted Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Fiscal Officer DeCenso presented the minutes from the last regular meeting which was held March 9, 2022. No one in attendance requested that the minutes be read. **Motion 2022-32:** Trustee Houston made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

ROAD and MAINTENANCE: Mr. Matt Stroney reported that there was one burial in Berlin Township where he assisted. He reported on activities performed during the month including repairs to the Fire Dept. washing machine and the truck exhaust system in the fire bays. He notified the Board that all the mowers are ready and that the pole flags have been received installation in May. He suggested that the Township consider ordering a one-half or full pallet of material for this fall's crack sealing program before the prices continue to increase. He reminded the Board that the roof for the Fire/Admin bldg. needs to be resealed this year and that he needs a new printer in the Road Dept office. The Board discussed the foresight to order crack sealing material now and storing it until fall. **Motion 2022-33:** Trustee Houston made a motion to approve expending up to \$2,200 for a full pallet of crack sealing material and to authorize up to \$300 to purchase a new printer for the Road Dept. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Trustee Houston then announced Mr. Stroney's retirement and thanked him for his nine years of dedication to the Township. He then introduced to the audience, Thomas Hoffman who has been hired as the new Road and Maintenance Superintendent. Mr. Hoffman has started in a transition position. Mr. Stroney thanked the Board for the opportunity to work for the Township and indicated that he would be available to assist in any upcoming major projects and will be available for consultation as needed.

Chairman Spellman then introduced Zion Hensley and her father Jason. Ms. Hensley is a Western Reserve School student who won a Junior Olympic gold medal last July and is now has the #1 ranking of boxers across the United States in both the bantam and intermediate classes. She is the first female national champion from the Mahoning Valley. Many of her coaches were on hand who gave testimony to her work and dedication. The Board of Trustees then recognized Ms. Hensley with a proclamation of her achievements and also declared June 11, 2022, as "Zion J Hensley Day". Ms. Hensley then gave a short speech thanking the Board, her coaches, teachers, and her father for all of the support that she has received.

FISCAL REPORT: Fiscal Officer James DeCenso reported that March's receipts were \$82,736 and expenditures were \$33,747. Receipts included \$64,000 in 2022 property tax collection advances. Expenditures included \$2,985 for previously approved legal fees. The total gross fund balance as of March 30, 2022, was \$760,138. He reported that the unencumbered General Fund amount is currently \$7,602. The Fiscal Officer then presented invoices in detail for approval of \$8,232.56, including an additional Ohio BWC 2022 premium estimate of \$4,226.00. **Motion 2022-34:** Trustee Toman made a motion to approve the \$8,232.56 in expenditures presented. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Mr. DeCenso then reported that, in light of Western Reserve Landscape's decision not to renew their snowplow contract, that he is exploring the Township purchasing salt from the State of Ohio. He also reported that the Township has received an additional \$441 in ARPA funding in March. He finished by reporting that the 2021-2022 State audit has begun.

ZONING REPORT: Mr. Sarna reported that there were two permits written since the last meeting. He issued permits for a storage building on Leffingwell Rd and an attached garage on Elk Rd. He reported that there are no new updates on the Lewis site plan application. He discussed the demolition of the trailer at 6336 Elk Rd. He has received a quote from Dave Altieri of \$6,500 for the trailer and garage demolition. He then reported that the other property that had been condemned, at 7015 S. Salem Warren Rd has been sold. The new owner will be responsible for the demolition of the house. He also reported that the owner of the building at 10610 Akron

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Canfield Rd is in the process of obtaining bids to have the building removed. He then advised the Board that he and the Zoning Commission have revisited the Township's current zoning fees and should have some recommendations for changes at the next meeting.

The Board then recognized Dee Tripp, from the Zoning Commission who requested that new members of the Commission be approved to attend a Zoning Workshop in Newbury Ohio on June 24th. The cost would be \$60.00 per person. **Motion 2022-35:** Trustee Houston made a motion to approve up to three members to attend the June 24th Zoning Workshop in Newbury Ohio at a cost of \$60.00 per person plus mileage. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Smith reported that there were 34 calls in March including 10 that were cancelled and 14 EMS calls with 10 transports of which the Township transported 7. The other 3 transports were provided by mutual aid departments. He reported that he had been asked to review the process to have a building on the grounds of St Paul's Monastery burned down. He will contact the EPA to obtain the current fees and review the expenses that the Monastery would be responsible for. Chief Smith then reviewed with the Board, his proposal of new firefighter and EMS stipends. The Chief then reviewed quotes that he has obtained for the annual hose (\$2,387.00) and ladder testing (\$1,237.90). The prices do not include any necessary repairs that may be related. He also presented quotes for a new gas detector at \$1,700, a thermal camera kit for \$1,800 and new telescoping scene lighting for the truck at \$2,000. He also presented an invoice of \$93.75 for the Township's share of the recent county radio grant writing. Chief Smith then reported that Planet Fitness may have some exercise equipment available to donate to the Department. The Board then discussed the use of the Apparatus (One-Mill) Fund for the requested equipment. **Motion 2022-36:** Trustee Houston made a motion to approve the \$9,218.65 in expenditures presented, with funding from the One-Mill Levy Fund as appropriate. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Chief Smith then presented applications for four new Junior firefighters. **Motion 2022-37:** Trustee Houston made a motion to approve Abigail Blair, Marek Stevens, Shane Ashburn, and Nick Zambardi as Junior Firefighters. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Toman reported on some Zoning complaints that he has received. He turned over the complaints to Wayne Sarna.

Trustee Houston discussed the use of seasonal help for the summer grass cutting. The Board discussed continuing using Callos to provide temporary help. Earl Moracco is currently provided by Callos. However, due to other conflicting working locations, Callos is unable to provide Maxine Borchers as a temporary worker. **Motion 2022-38:** Trustee Houston made a motion to approve hiring Maxine Borchers as a seasonal employee at \$15.00 per hour and to utilize Mr. Moracco through Callos with his rate to increase to \$15.00 per hour. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. The Fiscal Officer noted that the rate from Callos for Mr. Moracco will be \$20.25 as originally appropriated in the 2022 Township Budget.

Chairman Spellman reported that the Mahoning County Sanitary Engineer has announced plans for a \$1.2 million dollar upgrade to the Diehl Lake sanitary system. He also announced that the annual VFW Memorial Day parade will be held Sunday May 29th.

Chairman Spellman then introduced representatives from the Western Reserve Baseball Organization (WRBO). Chairman Spellman reviewed the rules to maintain the fields and buildings and that the WRBO provide contact names and phone numbers to be on file with the Township. Keith Young, WRBO vice president, requested that the organization would like to arrange to have some drainage issues and other repairs performed on the fields, with the Township splitting the costs. The Board requested that the WRBO obtain some prices for these repairs before the Township would commit to paying any expenses. There was also discussion regarding painting the dugouts. WRBO members offered to paint the dugouts if the Township would provide the paint. The Fiscal Officer reminded the groups that any outside contractor would need to furnish insurance information and sign a hold harmless Agreement with the Township.

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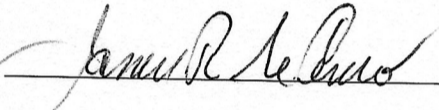
OLD BUSINESS:

The Board again discussed the quote from Dave Altieri to demolish the trailer and garage at 6336 Elk Road. A resolution is in order to approve any work. **Motion 2022-39:** Trustee Houston made a motion to approve \$6,500.00 for demolition of the condemned structures at 6336 Elk Road. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

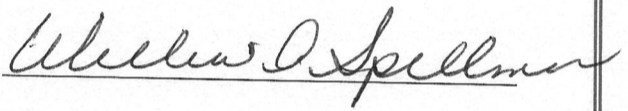
NEW BUSINESS:

The next meeting will be held May 11, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

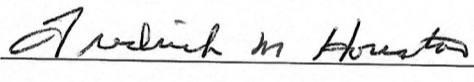
With no further business, at 9:08 pm, Trustee Toman made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call was all in favor.



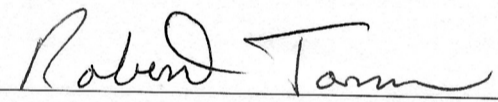
Fiscal Officer



Chairman



Trustee



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