

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

Roll Call

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

Guest: James Repasky; a student resident: Gail Pavliga, State representative.

(note for reporting record, Rep. Pavliga spoke extremely fast and items may have been missed) Rep. began speaking discussed recent participation in the Ohio township association meeting (Portage County Township association meeting) and a township Church (Edinburg United Church) event presenting award. She promoted that she is active and reaching out figure out ways to connect. As far as policy she is on the budget finance committee and we have put a lot of money in and the governor passed the transportation budget and hopefully will provide benefits to the township. Also states she always has an ear and is interested in the fire depart project and perhaps can produce some earmarks for that. She said the job of a state rep is to go around and be visible and listen. She said she is here to help with any operational budgets and capital budget and on policy through legislative updates. Opened for questions but went into asking if there are any other community events coming up where she can meet the community because it is hard to go door to door to campaign so she is always looking for ways she can connect with the community and here their concerns. Opened again for questions, Chris reported he talked to her about Fire Station Before and asked what preparation was needed to revisit. Those kind of things are things she can advocate for and applying for State money isn't quite as hard as applying for Grant, but things she needs to look at when she goes to advocate for that with the Chair of Finance is what is the community buy in. They don't want to just fund a project out of the blue. Are you going to be able to staff it; what is the need within the community, because I need to go to sell them on it and say they did a levy and got this much money, Chief is on board, we got????and will be able to staff all that. We need to get a price in mind of what will be needed and what amount (percentage) the township is covering. Example we give a third, finance a third can State give a third as our station is really outdated, our population is growing, and our emergency response is, that type of expression for support. Discussed process generally. Tim Thanked guest. She asked again about events? memorial day, but she is busy.. She said she would volunteer to be the speaker and not be political about honor of the fallen, and (undiscernible). Trunk or treat was mentioned. Rhonda said she could be a judge, She said she would love that. Chris said oh that would be awesome, Jeff said that would be cool, Tim said there is a real good following. She discussed schedule for work. Trunk or treat was scheduled for October 29th at this time. She said she could judge costumes and say some words. Rep. Pavliga did not stay for the meeting.

James Repasky was addressed and reported he was just here to observe.

I. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR 5/25/2023

Moved By: Bixler Second: Diehl

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

II. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

A. Trustee meeting 5/11/2023, motion

Moved By: Bixler Second: Diehl

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

III. Correspondences

MOTION: Tim reported on **Resolution 2023-013** to accept tax rates for 2024. Jeffrey asked that we already did this. Bill said no, but it seemed a bit early. He said he reviewed

to numbers against our levies, from taxes. Chris made motion, Seconded by Jeffrey.

Mr. Pfile: Yes

Mr. Diehl: yes

Bixler: yes

Tim shared letter from NOPEC on our accounts.

Bill stated Ohio Edison will now bill each meter separately instead of grouping, as we need ten meters for a master bill and we only have 7. So this will mean more billing and warrants compared to past.

Discussed how township choice does not make residents choose the same. Also gave NOPEC annual report.

IV. Old BUSINESS Chris reported the memorial banners are up and another order will be coming up. Bill asked if there was a phone number for the contact he can put on website as Chris mentioned Patty Templeton would be taking over the processing. He requested also the name. It is Patty Dillon (was maiden name). Chris said he did not have her number, it was at home.

Jeffrey shared lease agreement with trustees, regarding the park area to be farmed. He will have leaser sign.

V. Trustee Report: Chris reported he went to the county meeting regarding Wind mills and Solar panels. Chris Meduri spoke and said a wait and see approach seems reasonable. I will first com to the trustees and it can be turned down at that time. We also had option to totally opt out for all properties. He also mentioned they raised the amount for which bids were required. Bill mentioned that this was in the house, but still needs to go to the Senate for vote. It is from 50 to 75,000 with an annual percentage increase, however, it wont be until late in the year to go into effect if passed. Chris mentioned a change in force accounts from 3500 or 105000 for project. Bill mentioned we have not used forced accounts in his time as fiscal officer, Chris agreed it has been quite a while.

Chris mentioned he spoke with Frank Pavliga Architect (at the Portage County Township association meeting), from Randolph area and done fire stations and Tony Luchetic (sp) knows him and gave him a good recommendation. Chris said he wouldn't mind setting up a meeting either him about the fire station about an hour before the meeting and that he would do a drawing he could present to the public right away and if we got the funding and wanted to move on right away then it would be a separate contract. Trustees set up special meeting at 6:00 pm June 8th to discuss fire station plans.

VI. Department Reports.

1. Roads: Working on flowers and planting around town hall and the Gazebo and doing seeding. Kevin asked to recognize and thank Patty Dillon and Judy French for watering flowers in the cemetery and park. Would like to thank Patty Dillon, Judy French and Debbie Coss for planting flowers at the park and Cemetery..They have been weeding and Terry Dillon, Judy French and Dan Francis helped weeding at the cemetery, Spread stone at townhall

2. Fire: Jesse reported EMS training was done at Charlestown FD, Fire training in May focused on understanding the roads and sequence of accidents, equipment on trunks, June will be auto extraction equipment and procedures. Congratulations to Tom Eland for completing Fire Officer level 1 nd 2.

Requested the trustees hire Firefighter/medic Scott Simmons to the department.

shared information discussed previous issues. would assist but not staff.

Motion: Resolution 2023-014

Jeffrey moved to accept employment of Scott Simmons after completing post offer testing. Seconded by Tim.

Mr. Pfile: Yes

Mr. Diehl: yes

Bixler: yes

Motion: 1518 passed pump testing, had to make some minor adjustments to leaky air valve replaced in the cab. Dump shoots were taken apart and cleaned and lubed. Rear intake suction valve. Cost for parts and Labor 1850.00

Trustees made motion to approve payment to Countryside. Motion Jeffrey, second Chris.

Mr. Pfile: Yes

Mr. Diehl: yes

Bixler: yes

Jesse reported discussion with Jeffrey about dissatisfaction with Bob Houser and Moody and Nolan. He asked if he could reach out to Four Points Architectural Service. Jeffrey agreed and Phil Strader contacted, and would return call next week.

Jesse presented information regarding new fire truck with Spartan rep. will work on layout plan. Jeffrey also wanted to be included. Bill asked if they were approved Ohio Vendor by DAS. He said yes.

Jesse presented specs for 2024 1 ton Chevrolet truck and some of the specs and features, will be \$50,000. Bill asked if included everything. This does not include the graphics, or cap. (this was on the fire report but not discussed: Cost of cab will be estimated at 4981.00 from JWW Auto Accessories LLC in alliance Ohio). discussion of color. Jesse said other stuff is other vendor. This price is just for the truck. Bill said Sarchiones is not listed as a State contractor. Jeffrey asked if that would make a difference. Bill said yes. He also asked if a trade in could be included and was told the trade in could not lower the price for the item, only after, so would not lower the price below bid requirement. Bill said this will need to go out for bid. Chris said he thought they could do up to 50,000 without Bid. Jeffrey said other items will not be related to the truck only price. Bill said if it is 50,000 or over, it will need to be bid out. Tim asked if they were on the State bid list. Bill said no. He said he shared, Jeffrey said no. bill gave him vendor list for Chevy and Ford truck vendor list with him. Jeffrey said there was only one Chevy dealer on the list, Valley something. James Repasky helped with name but not discernible. Tim said well if we have to we have to. Bill said you cant just pick after the fact. You need to know what all the specs are, before the bid, then pick the best bid. Bill said he will not write a check if Sale price is over 50,000. He said you cannot pick and choose who you notify about a bid going out. All must have same field. Chris said as long as it is less than 50,000 we could go ahead and buy it. Tim suggested that all the information be written in ink as final price and go from there. Bill said if you wanted to wait til the end of the year and the new price was in effect it wouldn't matter (discussed 75,000 increase earlier). Tim asked if we could go to them and tell them that and see if they can drop the price, would it break any rules? Bill said he is not an attorney and would rather not guess. Chris suggested going back to the 3/4 ton at lower price. Bill said, your are changing the specs again, so what do you want. Jesse discussed why he wanted the 1 ton instead of 3/4 and reasons and hypotheticals to support 1 ton over 3/4. Jeffrey said he will hold off til next meeting and for Jesse to get a price, permanent in writing, both ways.

Chris asked Jesse if they got in contact with the Architect Shannon had mentioned at the last meeting, thinks lives in Bingham's place. Jesse said he did not know who and Chris said to check with her.

Bill asked if Jeffrey discussed invoice from VASU related to marcs radio, but was never reviewed, 2665 dollars. Bill said it was like it was reworking old radios, but never approved by trustees. Jesse said there should be no more bills as grant paid for

everything. Jeffrey asked Jesse to review with VASU to find out what the work was for. Check would be held for now. Bill gave Jesse invoice number. Some other general discussion about further service that will be done, but no charge.

Bill asked Jesse for receipts he still needed from Jesse so he could pay visa bill. Jesse presented them. Bill asked for the record if trustee approval of a laptop computer for the fire department. Jeffrey confirmed it was approved by him.

3. Zoning: Reported on permits relating to a pole barn, in ground pool, attempt to resurvey for Mountaintop regarding redrawing plot. She reported she is writing violations. She reports she has had complaints of encroachments that she believes are civil issue. Bill asked how to resolve issues when surveyors report different lines, as he has experienced it on his own property with three different surveyors vet they are within about 1 foot difference. Jeffrey said it should be exact. She reported she is sometimes uncomfortable because of threats, further general discussion of property line and buildings blocking view of road drives as buildings being placed on property lines, relating to non-permanent structures. Discussed land drawings lack address or business names.

Bill asked if Rhonda got information from Wyatt, as he came to office when he was there and said he was there to pick up documents. Bill said he looked and couldn't find anything so he went on website and printed some different forms and permit pricing. Rhonda said she usually tells them to go to the website and what form to print. Bill said he expects they got the right form and she should be receiving a call.

4. Fiscal Officer: Bill reported he provided the cash prizes for the parade floats 1,2,3rd place. He picked up magnets and plaques. check for Band/choir.

Jeffrey went back to fire report. Hanna Hull resigned May 15th due to moving. He wanted to publicly thank her.

MOTION: Jeffrey made motion to accept resignation of Hanna Hull seconded Tim

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

Bill asked about another name no longer on roster. He asked for his education, why trustees make a motion to accept resignation, as you cant say no. Jeffrey said they do that to show trustees are in agreement with the resignation. Bill said it is not like you are firing someone. But it would be an executive session to discuss a firing? Jeffrey said yes.

Motion to pay EFT' and warrants 43074-43084 Moved By: Jeffrey
Second: Chris Mr. Pfile: yes Mr. Diehl: Yes Bixler: Yes

VII. Motion to adjourn at 8:53 pm. Moved By: Diehl Second: Bixler
Mr. Pfile: Yes Mr. Diehl: yes Bixler: Yes

Tim Pfile, Chairman

Jeffrey Bixler Vice Chairman

Chris Diehl Trustee

William McCluskey, Fiscal Officer