

**Marysville Township**  
**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Hickman at 7:00 PM. Members present Joe Hickman Chair, Andrew Hirsch Vice Chair, Debbie Uecker Clerk-Treasurer, Ron Boehlke Road Maintenance, Bob Casey Road Maintenance and 24 others Supervisor Bill Uter was absent.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**Meeting Minutes:** A motion to accept the November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Monthly Meeting Minutes was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Hickmann and carried 2-0.

**Treasurers Report:** The beginning balance for December 2023 is \$559,392.50 receipts of \$1,038.16, expenses of \$51,390.83 and ending balance of \$509,039.83. A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Hickmann and carried 2-0.

**Old Business:**

1) 60<sup>th</sup> Street culvert was discussed, Ron Boehlke talked with Wright County Soil & Water, and they are checking to see if the culvert is big enough to be classified as a “bridge culvert” and they will assist with notification of the DNR & the railroad. Ron had a brief discussion with a contractor. Andrew Hirsch had discussions with Elizabeth Karels for ARPA funds. Wright County has a 50/50 match on the ARPA funds the Townships can apply for water improvement projects. County Commissioner Mike Kaczmarek discussed the funding opportunity. The US Treasury gave the funds to Wright County, the County had a 50/50 match rule when they gave the opportunity to the Cities and with the excess funds, a County Commissioner brought up to give the same opportunity to the Townships. Mike Kaczmarek informed all in attendance of an upcoming Wright County Commissioner meeting that the concern can be voiced at. He also informed all that the County has a purchase agreement to look at on the old County Building.

**New Business:**

1) David Larson with Charter Communications was present to discuss two different Charter agreements, one has a franchisee fee that Marysville can received up to 5% of video services for use of right away the other agreement has no franchise agreement. Charter was awarded a grant in 2022 for a broadband grant to be completed in 2025 that will cover the Northern part of Marysville Township. The latest grant would cover the rest of the Township to be completed in 2026. Joe Hickmann wants to send the agreement to our Township Attorney to be reviewed before signing and go with no franchise fees. Andrew Hirsch brought up the Township’s right away agreement. David stated that Federal law requires one of the franchise agreements to be signed under the grant rules. This matter will be tabled until January 2024 meeting.

2) Alissa Lowry of 5<sup>th</sup> Street was present to discuss a CUP for a 15-unit dog kennel, she had tried before, but the prior building was too close to the property line. After discussion a motion was made by Joe Hickmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Hirsch to allow the CUP with renewal in 2 years and to follow all of Wright County specifications and carried 2-0.

3) Adam Painschab 676 Co Rd 8 SW was present to discuss opening a home auto repair business that will be open Monday – Friday from 8am to 5pm. His existing building is too close to his neighbors, Mike & Elizabeth Spike who wrote a letter of support for the home-based business. A motion was made by Joe Hickman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Hirsch to allow the CUP for a home-based auto repair business with renewal in 2 years and to follow all of Wright County specifications and carried 2-0.

4) Andrew Hirsch discussed a Capital Improvement Plan and would like to see the Township set funds aside for new equipment.

5) Debbie Uecker gave the 2023 Clean up day report.

6) 2024 Final levy was certified at \$525,000.

7) Safe and Sick leave was discussed this effects road maintenance, clerk/treasurer, and election judges. After discussions a motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Hickmann to pass resolution #2023-10 adopting a Township Sick and Safe Time Policy and the Township elects to: permit employees to carryover accrued but unused sick and safe time into the following year, except that such accrued but unused time shall not exceed 80 hours at any time carried 2-0. The accrual will start in 2024.

8) Maintenance Bob Casey: grade roads, haul rock, work on equipment, spot gravel areas, chip & cut brush on Gowan Ave & 60<sup>th</sup> Street.

Next Month: plow snow, cut brush, equipment maintenance.

Equipment Issues: need front tires on grader, right front sidewall is blowing out. Received a quote from Flat-out tire for 2 brand-new front BKE snow/ice tire for a total of \$2,844, haven't received a quote back from Westside tire. A motion was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Hickman to order the tires thru Flatout and save the spare tire of the good tire and carried 2-0.

Andrew Hirsch handed out a copy of a year-end overview he created along with a 21-month feasibility study on maintenance equipment and discussed both items. Road Maintenance did a good job with hauling gravel, discussed new or used truck costs. Andrew Hirsch wants to budget for a different truck. The 1995 Ford is in better condition than the 2002 Sterling. The Sterling is rusting out and having electrical issues. Residents spoke against purchasing 2 new trucks, however all felt setting up a plan for truck replacement makes the most sense.

**Upcoming Events:**

January 2 – 16, 2024 – Township Candidate filing opens.

January 4, 2024 – Quarterly Township Officers Meeting, Southside Township 7pm.

January 17, 2024 – Township Audit.

January 29, 2024 – Monthly Meeting 7pm, Town Hall.

A motion to approve payroll/claims check numbers 12718 – 12746, AWD 12-2023, AWD 12-2023-1, EFT 12-2023, EFT 12-2023-1 totaling \$51,390.83 was made by Andrew Hirsch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Hickman and Carried 2-0.

There being no other business to be brought before the Town Board, the monthly meeting was adjourned by Joe Hickman at 9:00 p.m.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie Uecker, Clerk/Treasurer

Board Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

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Vice – Chair

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Supervisor

Date Filed: \_\_\_\_\_