

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

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

Guest: Christina Kelly, Stockler Keener-resident, Aleksandr Kratochvila

Jeffrey opened the floor to guest. Christina Kelly spoke stating she is representing her son Cooper from scout troop 558. She asked about potential publication of a Sock and Shoe drive as part of his Eagle project and school, at the fire department on October 14th from 10 to 2 pm. Trustees mentioned they would attempt placing on town center sign, however, it is very late considering only 2 days away. The fire department does have notice posted on their sign. Jeffrey said he asked Cooper to get him the information, previously but did not have any responses. Flyers about event were shared. Christina asked if he had not gotten email. Jeffrey said he had not gotten one from Cooper. May have another collection date.

Stockler Keener then spoke (very fast). He asked about process regarding his property at 3677 St. Rt. 14. He said he was aware the property has been brought up on the website and knows the way his yard looks and knows the way it is and wanted to know what the big deal was about it. Chris said it is in violation of zoning is the problem. Mr Keener as what part was, and Chris said just about all of it. He said he liked living here and understands there are some rules and he would like to work with trustees on this. He said he is still young and has to learn but wants to know what he can do to live the way he wants to live and keep everyone happy. Chris said it looks like a borderline junk yard and noted Mr. Keener even attempted to put up a fence and We do not allow junk yards in the township. Chris said he believes notices of violations were sent. Mr Keener said he got a letter a year ago, about one car port behind the house and has not heard anything since. Chris said that was because it was in the hands of the County Prosecutor now. Mr. Keener said "Just one letter and that's it?" Chris said it should have been more than one. Jeffrey agreed. Mr. Keener said he only got one. Chris said zoning inspector was not there and he could not speak for her. He said he should have also got something from the County Prosecutor. Mr. Keener said he had not received any letters, other than the one. Jeffrey said what he suggests, is she is the one he needs to contact, she handles zoning business. He should call her and Rhonda arrived to meeting. Rhonda said she has sent 2. He said he did call the office and did not get any return calls. He only got one letter. She said she has talked to him on the phone. Jeffrey said what he would like to see, as both of them are there, that they should set up a meeting and try to resolve some issue and avoid the prosecutor's actions. He mentioned she would set the time frame to have it done. Otherwise they will continue with the prosecutor. Rhonda said all the guidelines are posted on line. The zoning book has what is prohibited such as vehicles, garbage, and any of that. Mr. Keener asked what constitutes garbage. She said junk car. some talking over each other. But she said car must be plated. He asked if plates were current would they need to be insured? Rhonda said you sign you have insurance to get the plates. That between you and the State. Chris said if they have current plates they have to have insurance by the State law. more over talking. Accident mentioned, bags of garbage, tires, Mr. Keener said he came up for clarification. More discussion regarding small size of property and being grandfathered in. Car parts, parts of lawn mowers, etc. Would need to be in a building, but his setbacks would not allow another building. He asked if he could have a fence. Rhonda said yes, but presentable. Chris said it needs to be set back from road. Mr. keener mentioned something about garage but was interrupted by Rhonda. He again mentioned with the house being grandfathered in, if he wanted to build a garage, is there anything he could do. She said he could apply for a variance, but he would need to meet setbacks from neighbors as well. some mumbling, prefab discussed as not a permanent structure. Asked max size, but Rhonda mentioned he would still have to meet

setback. She mentioned the list of prohibited structure on website. He asked for a business card, she does not have one, she mentioned all the contact information is on the website. He asked for her name and she shared it. Some more little discussion, He then summarized that if he did nothing this whole process thing goes through that they would start fining him and take him to court. Jeffrey said he would be in court before the fine began. More general discussion. Mr. Keener thanked the trustees for their time and excuse himself.

I. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR 10/12/2023

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

II. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Special meeting 7/27/2023
Moved By: Diehl Second: Bixler
Mr. Pfile: absent Mr. Diehl: yes Bixler: yes

Regular meeting 9/28/2023 (Tabled no quorum)

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

III. Correspondences

NOPEC meeting letter shared.

IV. Old BUSINESS.

Trunk or treat information is posted on the township side. Bill mentioned will be Sunday, Scout to cook Hot dogs, Chris hayride, hot chocolate. Bill said he was not at the meeting so could not share more. (Tim was out ill)

V. Trustee Report:

Jeffrey discussed actions he was involved in regarding the fire department property and getting other opinions on soil sampling and options. He will be getting old report. Mike Woldon (sp) and he will work with EPA for other septic possibilities. May require a new septic system for old department building. Possibly will be able to use for new construction.

VI. Department Reports.

1. Roads: Jeffrey per Kevin; Mowing, new signage placed, no left turn in highlands, 2 stop signs in Bingham allotment. Flags taken down, new brake line on one-ton vehicle, slag under picnic tables by town hall. 17 loads of baseball mix hauled to ball fields. Load of top soil to cemetery and seeded graves.

Bill asked for motion to appropriate money for the baseball field mix. Chris asked if baseball pays for that. Bill said, regardless, if township is paying for something it needs appropriated and approved prior to purchase. Jeffrey asked what the bill is, Bill said he did not have an invoice yet, only the delivery slips and bill will be coming. Chris said baseball will be paying. Bill said he gets the bill, Chris said maybe we would not be getting a bill, Bill said we got the delivery slips so we will get the bill, and then if approved and approved to bill baseball. Bill asked as he needs approval. Trustees did not make a motion.

2. Fire: Jesse reported 33 incidents in last month. 28 EMS, 8 MVA, 3 fires 2 structure, one mv. 368 total calls at end of September.

Jeffrey discussed the meeting with Mike Tinlin and Shackelford about EMS district. Discussed one station building, built, EMS only, not relieving any financial issues with township fire and EMS. One million set aside, but Jeffrey feels it will be gone likely in a year. County commissioners set the money up for this purpose. He said this is in response to residents reporting no service when calling in. More general discussion regarding funding, equipment, staffing, levy. Bill asked who is providing ambulances. Jeffrey reported commissioner Tinlin will potentially purchase repurposed squad from someone he knows if no one offers a squad to use, at about 140,000 each. Mr Tinlin said billing ems will sustain services. Jeffrey said if there is any EMS levy, the township would lose that money to the district. Jeffrey said they do not want to look at a fire/ems district. Jeffrey said in his opinion he does not see it financially supporting the townships and 2 squads be able to handle the service needs. Jeffrey mentioned 1600 calls a year in this area (EMS) Jesse said, some chiefs have discussed the issue and problems and need to look to the future as well, and would like to reconvene with the chiefs. But could work with township district. Chris said it needs to include fire in his opinion. some general discussion pros and cons, and need for ems responding to fire and vice a versa, other township thoughts shared with Jesse.

Bill said our levies are combined fire and EMS. He said our billing collections does not even support our department EMS staff salary. Bill reviewed how are present staff is all medic and FF other than a few. Would change department makeup. Salary for just fire fighters would be less. Jesse said we would still need medic skilled, so we would still need to provide EMS. More discussion about number of annual calls neighboring townships, generally indicating 2 squads would not be close to covering the need, likely more like 3-4 squads.

Final discussion conclusion it would not save the township any money. Jesse said time frame was shooting for January. Bill said he did not think the county could force a local EMS district. Jeffrey said the County could take it over. Jesse said if he has 2 townships they would move ahead. Jeffrey said Commissioner Tinlin said if he did not get a township interest he would table it, (he wants more than 2). It would be totally operated and funded by the County. Bill said if we are not a part of the district, they cannot tell us how to bill or operate.

Jesse reported Johnson Equipment Spartan ambulance meeting. went though specs. Will get rough dollar amount of \$56,000 savings from initial 877513 cost. STS contract is a percentage of Truck cost, 5700.00, another system is 2000.00 system of charge. Bill said he did not understand what Jesse was talking about. Jesse said he would explain it to him. Bill asked if he was discussing a state contract fee. Jesse said no. Bill asked if Spartan is on state contract list. Jesse said yes, they are.

3. Zoning: She asked for some background relating to Mr. Keener regarding what he said about communications received. Trustee said he reported only one communication. Rhonda said that she went to Prosecutor to sign letter He was sending to Mr. Keener. More summary of what was discussed prior to Rhonda attendance. Some general discussion regarding trash in township.

She discussed some other property violations and potential to rezone, but can't change our zoning. Brett still on case but no action taken to her knowledge. General discussion regarding Action with County prosecutor and potential need to hire outside attorney for township. Discussion moved to safety of residents with building containing fuel and propane tanks. Go Storage ????? Rhonda to forward information to fire Chief.

Stroup and Tallmadge violation, to be building garage to store junk. Another Stroup property discussed. Permits for 2 ag buildings and a garage. Bill told Rhonda there is mail in he box outside her office (not drop box) to his knowledge.

Bill mentioned he did not process her full pay at 46 hours as he did not receive her hours until Tuesday. He only payed 40 hours. Will adjust next pay if he gets it on time.

4. **Fiscal Officer:** Financial reports shared with trustees. Bill shared letter to Ohio Department of transportation regarding EPA. Bill said it was incorrect on the forms he got from the township employees. The letter is for official deletion and error corrections for the Township vehicles, and then to complete Vehicle inspection reports.

Bill again mentioned the need to decide on appropriation of the \$20,000 grant for EMS retention and how employees and training will be paid.

Motion to pay EFT' and warrants 43207-43226 Moved By: Chris Second Jeffrey Mr. Pfile: absent Mr. Diehl: Yes Bixler: yes

VII. Motion to adjourn at pm. 8:40 Moved By: Chris Second: Jeffrey Mr. Pfile: absent Mr. Diehl: Yes Bixler: yes

absent
Tim Pfile, Chairman

Jeffrey Bixler Vice Chairman

Chris Diehl Trustee

William McCluskey, Fiscal Officer