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MINUTES OF ELLSWORTH TWP BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S

REGULAR MEETING

February 10, 2021

Chairman Robert Toman called the February 10th regular meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees to order at 7:00 pm. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum: Chairman Robert Toman - present, Vice Chairman William Spellman - present, Trustee Fredrick Houston - present. Also present were Fiscal Officer James DeCenso, Road and Maintenance Supervisor Matt Stroney, Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna, Fire Chief Ted Smith and ZBA Chairperson James Tripp. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Fiscal Officer DeCenso presented the minutes from the Re-organizational meeting and the last regular meetings held January 2, 2021. No one in attendance requested that the minutes be read. **Motion 2021-10:** Trustee Spellman made a motion to accept both meetings' minutes. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

FISCAL REPORT: Fiscal Officer James DeCenso reported that January's receipts were \$34,936 and expenditures were \$49,106. Receipts included \$6,382 from Armstrong Cable and \$12,685 from the Ohio BWC as the balance of the most recent rebate. Expenditures included \$4,520 for the final 2020 Austintown 911 dispatch bill and \$4,250 to Perry & Associates, CPAs for the 2018-2019 state audit. The total gross fund balance as of January 31, 2021 was \$612,167. The Fiscal Officer then presented invoices for approval of \$2,793 to the Ohio BWC for the final 2020 "True-Up" payment, \$4,747.41 to Roof Rite for an emergency Fire Station roof repair and \$221.70 to the Mahoning County Hazmat team for the Township's 2021 annual contribution. **Motion 2021-11:** Trustee Spellman made a motion to approve the \$3,489.11 in expenditures presented. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Mr. DeCenso then advised the Board that the 2021 NOPEC energy grant would be \$3,338 and that NOPEC had also established a \$1,000 grant that could be used for a non-political public event. Mr. DeCenso then advised the Board that the 2020-year end close was in process and that the final statements and financial notes need to be submitted to the Ohio Auditor by 2/28/2020. He then briefly reviewed the Budget workshop that was held earlier at 6:00 pm. The Board suggested that the discussion could be continued with an additional public workshop immediately following the regular meeting. All agreed to stay later.

ROAD and MAINTENANCE: Mr. Matt Stroney advised the Board that there was one burial in Ellsworth in January and that he also assisted in two burials in Berlin Center. He reminded the public that all cemetery decorations must be removed by March 1st. He then discussed the emergency repairs to the Fire Bay roof. He updated the Board on the window project as the new windows have arrived and that the contractor will schedule installation once the weather improves. The Board then discussed with Mr. Stroney the 2021 energy project. Mr. Stroney proposed changing all remaining fluorescent fixtures in the Fire bay, Maintenance bay, Town Hall, and all Administrative offices to LED. The estimated cost would be \$3,331. **Motion 2021-12:** Trustee Houston made a motion to approve the NOPEC Energy Grant and to authorize the Fiscal Officer to execute the Grant Agreement. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

ZONING REPORT: Mr. Sarna reported that no permits have been issued since the last meeting. He has one application for a house on Eagles Nest. Mr. Sarna then reported to the Board that he and Township's attorneys are arranging for a meeting with the Lewis's council the first week of March. The earlier planned meeting did not take place. He indicated that the BZA is scheduling their hearing for the 3rd week of March. He reported on some follow up on the mobile home and garage at 11971 Palmyra Rd. Mr. Sarna discovered that the property is being readied to sell. The burden of the cleanup will be the responsibility of the buyer. He reported that he will be meeting with the Fire Chief to inspect the abandoned properties on Rt. 45 and Rt 224. He reported that he has discussed with the County Prosecutor's office, a citizen's complaint to have political signs removed. The County Prosecutor advised him that any proposed removal would most likely interfere with the property owner's 1st Amendment rights.

Trustee Spellman then discussed some Zoning Board of Appeals member changes. **Motion 2021-13:** Trustee Houston made a motion to appoint AJ Baltes to the ZBA fulfilling the unexpired term to 2025 of Brenda Metts,

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who has resigned. And to also appoint Mark Radosh to the ZBA fulfilling the unexpired term to 2024 of John Thomas, who also has resigned. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Smith reported that there were 34 calls in January, including 26 EMS calls with 22 transports of which the Township transported 19. Lane transported the other three. He reported that Jackson and Craig Beach are now coming on the Austintown 911 dispatch system. He submitted invoices/estimates of \$42.00 to reimburse Chief Blosser for Ambulance fuel, \$564.23 to Fallsway for repairs to the Medic 400, \$575.00 for radio repairs and a new mic installation to the Ladder truck and \$445.00 for installation of the new 800 MHz radios. Also submitted was \$75.00 for a new speaker in the Fire bay and \$90.00 to send two department members for Fire Inspection CE class. **Motion 2021-14:** Trustee Houston made a motion to approve the \$1,791.23 in expenditures presented. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. The Chief reported that University Hospitals presented a continued education class to the department members and has granted a Lucas Chest Compression System to the Department. Now, each of the two ambulances will have a Lucas on-board. The Chief then presented applications for two new junior firefighters. **Motion 2021-15:** Trustee Houston made a motion to appoint Michael Gensamer and Sam Aikens as junior firefighters to the Department. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Spellman reported on further discussions with the County Auditor regarding community wide EMS on-call coverage. He then discussed with a member of the audience, issues that many property owners are having with their septic system check valves. He explained that the issue is a county sanitary matter but that he will certainly provide Township support to their concerns.

Trustee Houston suggested that the Township provide information to the local funeral homes regarding the pricing and availability of the niches in the Ellsworth cemetery. This will ensure that funeral directors would include a niche as an option for discussions with families.

The Board discussed the use of the Fire Hall for public meetings or functions. They agreed unanimously to continue suspending any non-government use of the Hall during the pandemic. The Board agreed to continue to review the situation.

Chairman Toman reported on Crimewatch.

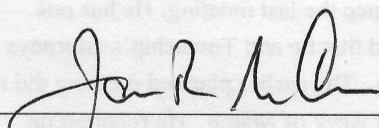
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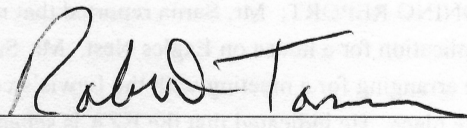
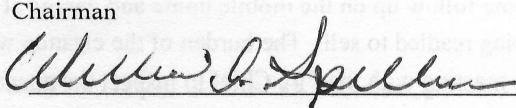
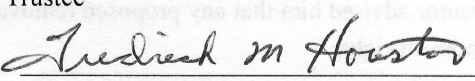
No Old Business to discuss

NEW BUSINESS:

The next meeting will be held March 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall.

At 8:15 pm, Trustee Houston made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.


Fiscal Officer


Chairman

Trustee

Trustee