

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

March 13, 2019

Chairman William Spellman called the March 13, 2019 regular meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees to order at 7:03 pm. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum: Trustee Robert Toman - present, Vice Chairman Fred Houston - present, Chairman William Spellman – present. Also present were Fiscal Officer James DeCenso, Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna, Maintenance Supervisor Matt Stroney and Fire Chief Ted Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Fiscal Officer DeCenso presented the minutes from the last regular meeting held February 13, 2019. No one in attendance requested that the minutes be read. Trustee Toman made a motion to accept both meeting minutes. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

FISCAL REPORT: Fiscal Officer James DeCenso reported that February's receipts were \$27,990.76 and expenditures were \$60,701.06. Receipts in February included \$6,000.00 as the first advance on the 2019 1st Half property taxes. Extraordinary expenses included \$17,571.41 paid on the ODOT SIB loan, Western Reserve Landscape \$4,025 for two months plowing and 3 ton salt, and Arms Trucking \$2,275 for 21.67 tons of salt. For the two-month period ending 2/28/2019, receipts were \$43,431.79 and expenditures were \$89,134.31. Mr. DeCenso's report included a fund balance decrease of \$32,710.30 in February and a decrease of \$45,702.52 through 2/28/19. The fund balance as of February 28, 2019 was \$563,416.23 minus the encumbrances as of February 28 of \$165,317.69 for a net balance of \$398,098.54. The current unencumbered balance; less the SIB ODOT Loan balance of \$115,939.94 was \$282,158.60. Mr. DeCenso advised the Board that it is typical for the Township to incur these fund decreases until the property tax collections are finalized. He estimated that another \$115,000.00 should be collected during March and April. Mr. DeCenso reported that the 2018 Township's financials and notes to the financials were sent to the State Auditor as required. These and 2019 reports will become the basis for the next audit. The financial notes are available to the public upon request. Mr. DeCenso advised the Board that he has received the 2019 Mahoning County HazMat Assessment. The fee is \$221.70; based on \$0.10 per Township resident, estimated at 2,217. Trustee Toman made a motion to approve payment of \$221.70 to the Mahoning County HazMat Assessment. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Mr. DeCenso then advised the Board that the 2019 Primary Elections will be held Tuesday, May 7th and the General Elections will be Tuesday November 5th. Both Ellsworth precincts will use the Fire Hall those days for voting.

ZONING REPORT: Wayne Sarna reported that he had no permit requests since the last meeting. He reported that he attended a Mahoning County Health Department hearing, regarding the condemnation of a mobile home located at 6336 Elk Road. He would like to see the mobile home removed or condemned. A tax sale is possible since there are back taxes owed. Another issue regards a mobile home located at 11971 Palmyra Road. The health department is investigating that property for potential violations. He reported that the Zoning Commission also reviewed a request to reparcel property on Leffingwell Rd, however the owner first needs to address wetland issues before selling the 19.35 acres in question. The property is located near Huxley Rd. Mr. Sarna also reported that the zone change request for 10875 Akron Canfield Rd is still on hold. At that time Chairman Spellman recognized Dee Tripp from the Zoning Commission. Dee advised the Board that Kim Lewis from the Green Team will be at the next Zoning Commission meeting on April 8th to give a presentation regarding the Township's recycle bins. She also reported that the Commission members were taking steps to review and educate themselves about the Ohio Sunshine laws.

Chairman Spellman recognized Paul Hendricks who gave an update from the Building Doctors regarding the condition of the Town Hall. Their report reiterates their 2013 report that the problems are caused by a lack of air circulation from beneath the building thru the sandstone foundation. The suggestions to cure the problem include the opening of some ventilation vents that had been blocked over the years and creating a barrier for the moisture. They felt that the siding was not a contributing factor to the fungus growth. The Building Doctors provided a list of restoration consultants that could be engaged. The Board agreed to continue exploring remediation options.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Mr. Matt Stroney reported that the Christmas decorations have been removed from the cemeteries. The Fire Department has requested that he obtain some collapsible "Road Closed" signs. He also reported that he attended the annual Mahoning County Engineers meeting. Mr. Stroney then gave an update on three prices obtained for a new mower. Prices ranged from \$9,114 to \$10,381 for comparable units. After discussion, the Board selected the \$9,114 Exmark quote from Hilltop. There would most likely be a 3-4 week delivery lag. Trustee Houston made a motion to approve \$9,114 to purchase an Exmark mower from Hilltop in Columbiana. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. The Board then discussed with Chief Smith the usage of Road Closed signs during an emergency event. At that time Trustee Houston made a motion to approve up to \$400.00 for the purchase of signs for the Road department. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Mr. Stroney thanked the Milton Township maintenance department for their assistance in replacing the engine in the Hammerhead side by side.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Ted Smith reported that there were 25 calls in February, including 6 EMS calls with four transports. The increased number of fire calls was mostly related to downed trees from recent windstorms. He reported that four members attended the Ice Rescue class at Kent Fire dept. Chief Smith requested funding \$950.00 to send a member to EMT class. The firefighter has agreed to fill at least one medic call shift a week at the station over the next year in exchange for the Township's payment of the class. Any amounts not worked off, would be paid back to the Township. Chief Smith updated the Board on grant applications that he is working on. He reported that the switch to University Hospital protocol is complete and that he had applied for a new Rx license. Chief Smith advised the Board that annual truck maintenance, ladder test, pump tests and safety checks are due. Pricing will depend on required maintenance. The Chief also requested replacement of six thermal monitors. The existing monitors are not keeping a battery charge and are very large and bulky. The new monitors are light and able to be strapped to the air pack. The new monitors are also able to take still pictures. Chief Smith also requested replacement supplies for the ambulance. These items were all included in the 2019 appropriations. He also requested \$750.00 to replace three helmets that are out of certification, \$300.00 for radio repairs and \$150.00 for a new battery in the Air Trailer. After discussion, Trustee Toman made a motion to approve \$5,599.00 for the EMT training, the cameras, the helmets, the radio repairs and the battery for the air trailer. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. The Board requested a copy of any Agreement between the Township and the EMT training candidate. Chief Smith and the Board then discussed the future of the EMS call shifts. The number of shifts covered has decreased significantly over the past few months. The Board felt that the importance of having EMS available is an important service and that the project should continue for another three months for another review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

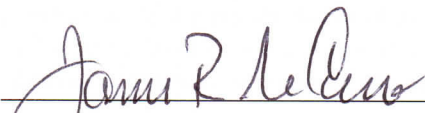
Trustee Toman reported that he attended the County Engineer's meeting and that there would be some county road paving done in the Township this summer and would increase with the passage of an additional \$5 license tag fee, by the Mahoning County Commissioners. He also reported on the Crime Watch and that there was no significant crimes to reports.

Chairman Spellman thanked the contributions made by the public and the Historical Society for their efforts to save the Town Hall. He also reported on the County Engineer's meeting and the lobbying done by the Township for paving county roads located in the Township. Chairman Spellman reported on a recent Vindicator article describing the potential of the ABC water district to expand water lines into the Township. There has not been any formal discussion between the water district and the Township, however the Board would always be ready to listen to any proposal that would be beneficial to the residents.

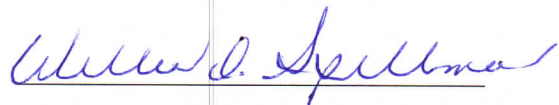
Chairman Spellman then recognized Dan Stout of the local Knights of Columbus lodge #11369, who announced that the organization would be hosting a pancake breakfast at the Fire Hall on May 5th to benefit the Ellsworth Fire and EMS departments. It is their way to thank the department for their work within the community.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday April 0 2019 at the Fire Hall.

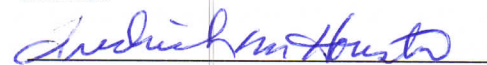
At 8:27, Trustee Toman made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.



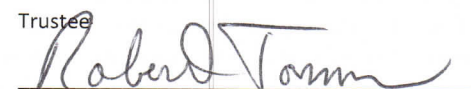
Fiscal Officer



Chairman



Trustee



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