

CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY: Diehl 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Guests :Peggy Coy, Linda Dillon, Maureen Haska, residents, Lynn Aren (sp), Sandra Paris, Cemetery history, Doug Mayer, Save a Grave.

I. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR 8/29/2024

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

II. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

a. 8/08/2024
Moved By: Pfile Second: Diehl
Mr. Pfile: yes Mr. Diehl: yes Mr. Bixler:

Chris opened the floor to the guests for comments.

Peggy Coy first spoke asking that her family stones not be touched or cleaned or flagged. Spoke of some family history. Tim asked about a granite stone he heard comment on. Peggy spoke of a presentation by Beverly Nissel as shining, but now dull due to someone spraying stone. Tim asked if the stone could be buffed to fix. Linda Dillon also spoke about this and asked who is going to take care of fixing stones if they are damaged (generally referring to groups presently working in the cemetery). She supported statements of Ms. Coy that she would prefer only she take care of family stones. Tim asked if trustees should designate the cleaning, how to move forward. Peggy mentioned that the family should be contacted first. Tim and Chris in affirmation said this could not be the case, as there is no way to contact every family member. Tim said he would look to take care of the stone buffing, per complaint. Chris mentioned (in exasperation) that he was almost to the point of saying nobody does anything in the cemetery, without "specific" permission detail and approval of trustees or sextons. Ms. Coy said she had done that.

Chris reviewed that the actions/concerns that are presently being taken at the cemetery is very unfortunate, but will need to put everything on hold. Tim mentioned he did not feel anyone should proceed in these 2 project groups that cannot seem to get along. Chris mentioned extended family can also disagree with who should or can care for stone.

Sandra Paris spoke next, reporting that she has not done any work in the "Ice house?" section of the cemetery other than her great grandparents grave. She stated she is putting flags up (small pink marker flags) for any stones she feels are a danger to others from falling. She said she notified the sexton and that this is just until a professional could get there to decide. Saying all she is doing is cleaning, mapping and testing for instability. She said Peggy did text her and tell her not to touch her family stones (someone said that's a lie) but she did not tell which ones to remove flags from. Ms. Paris said the flags are only on stones that are ready to fall, Ms. Coy said this is not true. Some further rehash of statements. Tim interjected and said We are just going to suspend all activity. He voiced he feels it is very unfortunate that this has turned into such a conflict and apologized to attendees that he did not foresee this conflict happening. He said trustees would work on a more formal policy for next spring. He said they could continue the mapping, but no moving or cleaning of stones due to the level of animosity.

Sandra introduced Doug Mayer from Save a Grave. Dave expressed his extensive skill, knowledge and past project history to the trustees. He hoped he could intervene and work

in a "non-personal" (referring to earlier discussions) manner. He mentioned the D2 will leave a film, that can simply be wiped off with a rag. Further discussion of project, supporting its use. He mentioned the cemetery is the responsibility of the community (an a museum to him), forever. Stones in disarray and over 100 years will have pins and decay. He shared portfolio of his work with trustees. He discussed type of work he has done, types of repairs, amazing findings of buried graves. He wished the "? cattling" going back and forth would stop, as the time may change persons interest to continue interest and efforts. Sandra prompted him discussing stabilizing stones. He said he would be open to discuss repairs with any interested family members, as well as instruction in repair. Tim mentioned that it may be as simple as posting if work will be done and family members can decide. Mr. Mayer said the large community he is working for now put an ad in the paper and waited to see if there would be any complaints, but did not receive any. Again, mentioned the time issue.

Chris said he would turn down Mr. Mayer's work and Ms. Paris' donation until trustees get a handle on how they wish to proceed. He apologized for the guests and their travel to the meeting. He discussed his personal love of the cemetery. Tim also mentioned township has spent over \$10,000 on stone and foundation leveling in the past 2 years on large stones that (for assisting this record while transcribing, from past meetings, per fiscal officer, sextons felt needed care and safety.)

More general discussion from cemetery workers, volunteers, liabilities.

Sandra introduced Lynn Allen, who add summary of work she has done in cemeteries cleaning stones, in West Virginia, and with Ms. Paris in Rootstown cemetery. She said she has not heard any complaints only praise from Rootstown residents. Sandra Paris mentioned there is a state law that says on direct descendants have a say on the tombstones. Ms. Coy said she does not know of this in Ohio revised Code. Mr. Mayer interjected saying the cemetery sales the plot, to the family, but still owns the cemetery, and the family pays for the stone and belongs to the family. Questioned hope long the duty of care remains with family. Ms. Paris again mentioned liability of township for dangerous stones. Chris challenged this statement. Tim again apologized to presenters. Ms. Paris asked if she could leave here presentation with the trustees, Tim agreed. Time said he will need more time and we will get there for the spring. Ms. Paris said she could be gone by then and her money will go to her children. Chris again apologized to her and Mr. Mayer.

III. Correspondences. Chris mentioned recall on the truck to Jesse,

IV. Old BUSINESS.

Chris mentioned the one town dump truck. He said road department got dealer estimates of \$12,000-\$14,000. He presented the Fair board an offer of \$15,000. Tim said based on the vehicle and condition he believes we would get more at auction, however, would pay the fees, thus lowering the purchase revenue.

'Motion: Resolution 2024-023 Chris made a motion to sell the vehicle to the Randolph Fair board for the amount of \$15,000. Tim seconded the motion

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

Tim mentioned the bench from the church needs placed. Project members to be contacted to move forward. There are 2 benches (another memorium Noreen Brooks), Chris asked that Nate and Kevin pick placement.

IV. New business:

V. Trustee Report: Chris reported someone requested to proceed with lowering the speed limit on road by camp Carl. No speed seems posted on Alliance road, Tallmadge to cable line. 40 mph is mentioned.

Maureen Haska asked if the same could be done on Hughes road.

Chris mentioned he approved donation/excusing to Jobs and family services pavilion rental fee.

VI. Department Reports.

1. Roads: Tim reported Nate has been working on old truck, light bar. Work on mower, replacing broken shaft, weeding and mowing

2. Fire: Jesse provided congratulations to Scott Simmons for work on BWC Safety intervention grant, for \$28,374.80 for lift power load system. Also the department of public safety EMS grant as well. Scott explained details of grants. Scott Simmons mentioned first the State EMS grant. Presented award letter, \$3583.

Maureen Haska mentioned grants also available by DD for accessibility improvement, such as playgrounds. Gave other examples. Anything making things more inclusive and accessible.

Scott said the grant payment requires purchase of equipment by December 2024. Discussed equipment, but purchase 400 over grant

Motion: Trustees approved moving forward with AED life pack and Bender lift, per presentation and recommendation of fire department.

He continued discussing the BWC grant, reported history that the grant initially closed and deadline missed, was resubmitted. We got it. Shared letter and purchase order requests with trustees for Stryker and Myers for putting it in. States trustees approved purchase at previous meeting. (Records indicate approval for to move forward on submission of amounts for the grant application, not approved purchase). He also presented the township will need to pay \$9458.26 is the 1/3 match we will have to make and was approved. (again, per record review this was not approved prior). He said it would safe this much just preventing a worker's comp claim. More discussion.

Tim presented to make a motion to Purchase the equipment, but Jesse said it was already approved (per record, no, only application for grant). Scott said it is time sensitive. asked if we used PO's, Chris said we do but use verbal as well. Chris said they could go ahead and order it, and Scott said they would make up a PO number for processing. Chris and Tim said they did not think it would matter. Chris said they would need to talk with Bill, he is not sure why he is not here. Tim said Bill informed them he would not be in attendance. Scott said it needs completed by tomorrow. Tim asked they check with Bill first thing in the morning.

Jesse said they continue to apply for a lot of grants, such as ODNR. Scott to attend some federal grant training, and Jesse approved reimbursement. Will be split with Marlboro Township. Not sure who will have to pay and then reimburse.

Complete Auto donated repair of Brakes on Fire squad Vehicle in the amount of \$2400.77 to township. Asked that Bill send a donation form to them. Jeremy volunteered his time outside work hours.

Life packs had maintenance with no cost due to the service agreement. Jesse wants to thank Stryker for \$1500 in parts.

Jesse said vehicle tires need replaced, will get a quote. All tires on truck, original tires.

Presented resignation letter from Alex Zajac. trustees approved resignation. Seconded by Tim.

Edgar Poliano(sp) application shared for fire and EMT basic for employment. Trustees reviewed application and made motion to hire

Motion: Resolution 2024-024 Chris made motion to Hire Edgar Poliano to fire department, pending pre employment testing receipts, seconded by Tim

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

Discussed vehicle servicing coming up.

Some guests: Ms. Paris and Mr. Mayer returned (based on voices). Ms. Paris asked if the trustees could go into executive session to discuss some issues off the record. Mr. Pfile and Mr. Diehl said no they could not, as there are very specific rules about this.

She said there were some things she would like to discuss confidentially, how does she do that. Chris said she could talk to them after the meeting, but Tim said only individually, not together as there is a quorum.

Ms Paris continued, that the trustees had mentioned starting a cemetery association to her, and she provided information on the previous cemetery association. She said since trustees had asked her about starting that, she would like to do that. Chris said unfortunately the trustees will say no, at present, until things are worked out, as he explained. Jeffery is out of town, He and Tim were also out and needs more time to check with the legal counsel, before they say yes, its okay to have a cemetery association. She asked if she can continue to clean the war memorial and the bronze at veteran’s bridge. Tim and Chris said no, not at this time. Further discussion of conflicts. She presented Mr. Mayer again. no comment. She stated she wanted it on record that will plan to make the same donation after January. (although she has previously requested the amount not be disclosed in the record officially) because she wanted to complete it. Further discussion about reasons for her work and interest. Guests then left again. Mr. Mayer said if he were to come back, what information would Trustees have. He said he is here for himself, not Ms. Paris. Trustees said they have all information on him they need and do not dispute his credentials. However, Chris said until next spring, there will not be any work moving forward. More general discussion and anxieties discussed. Guests left.

3. Zoning: MPR properties violations sent to them. Needs resolution for Brett to follow through with legal proceedings

MOTION: Resolution 2024-025 Chris made motion to allow County Prosecutor to follow through with legal proceedings for MPR property zoning violation. Tim Seconded motion Mr. Pfile: yes Mr. Diehl: yes Mr. Bixler:

BZA requested a land survey for a garage placement at Highlands. BZA working with zoning regarding Schill properties. Awaiting court action date for cleanup on Keener property.

discussed some zoning permits.

Tim asked Chris about the zoning assistant hire. Chris said he did not know Bill was out of town but would like to set up a meeting for paperwork before the next trustee meeting.

VII. Fiscal Officer: Shared by Chris: Bill asked for resolution by trustees to accept the amounts and Rates determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the

Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. Numbers and report were shared with the trustees.

Chris stopped moving forward noting a note from Bill to include the following statement (if true) if selling the township vehicle to Fair board."Whereas no township trustee, any member of the township trustees' family, or any business associate of the township trustee is a trustee, officer, board member, or employee of the Randolph Fair Organization"

Trustees agreed. Trustees added this to the previous resolution of sale, did sign document as well.

Reviewed Bills notes stating deeds to fire department property were attached per trustee request. It is all he could find in research and working with Lori Calcie at County recorder office.

Received \$1513.83 grant he applied for from EMA eclipse grant

Asked trustees to review Paul Adelman bill for approval.

Township audit almost complete.

Will update Township website records next week.

Shared the OTARMA Cyber audit recommendations with trustees

No Fraud prevention documentation of completion has been received from fire nor Zoning departments. Jesse said he has them in his mailbox and will get to Bill.

Asked trustees sign Payment report received (per EFT policy)

Scott Simmons asked if he could say something about the website. He said it was very antiquated, does not fit on a computer screen, nor phone browser. He said it would be advantages to find some to set the properties to cell phone and computer monitors. Chris said he has had some complaints in the past but resources are limited and it is time consuming. So it falls back on Bill and he doesn't have time to do it. (At time of this transcription, Fiscal officer reviewed the web site on both his laptop, desktop, iPad, and Phone browser, and was able to see all information on the screen.)

Chris returned to the resolution for tax report. Reviewed figure and read full resolution

Motion: Resolution 2024-026

Chris made a motion" To accept the amounts and Rates determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor" Seconded by Tim

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

Chris shared letter regarding Local Government report ? from Auditor, \$4743.92to township

Chris made a motion to pay the bill, eft and warrants shared; 43573-43589 , Tim made motion seconded by Chris.

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

Edinburg Township Trustees Meeting

Administration Building

August 29th

2024

Mr. Pfile made a motion to Adjourn the meeting 8:56 pm seconded by Chris.
Mr. Pfile: yes Mr. Diehl: yes Mr. Bixler:

_____ abstain
Jeffrey Bixler, Chairman

_____ Chris Diehl, Vice Chairman

_____ Tim Pfile, Trustee

_____ William McCluskey, Fiscal Officer