

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

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REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 8, 2015

The April 8, 2015 regular meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum: Trustee Fredrick Houston – present, Vice Chairman William Spellman – present, and Chairman Robert Toman – present. Also present were Fiscal Officer Karen Grittie, Tom Powell Assistant Fire Chief, Wayne Sarna Zoning Inspector, Matt Stroney Maintenance Supervisor, Fred Schrock Zoning Commission Chairman, Attorney Rogers, and 9 visitors. Western Reserve News was videotaping. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Trustee Houston made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2015 regular meeting and the minutes of the special meetings on March 11, 2015, March 12, 2015, and March 14, 2015, seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor.

At 7:02 p.m. Trustee Spellman made a motion per the ORC 121.22 to go into executive session with legal counsel, seconded by Trustee Houston. The roll call vote was Trustee Houston – yes, Trustee Spellman – yes, and Chairman Toman – yes. At 7:45 p.m. Trustee Spellman made a motion per the ORC 122.21 to come out of executive session, seconded by Trustee Houston. The roll call vote was Trustee Houston – yes, Trustee Spellman – yes, and Chairman Toman – yes. Trustee Spellman announced no action was taken.

FISCAL REPORT: Fiscal Officer Karen Grittie reported the bank balance was \$878,688.61. Trustee Houston made a motion to accept the amended certificate for the ending fund balances for December 31, 2014, seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor. The amended certificate will be sent to the Mahoning County Auditor. The Fiscal Officer reported all the bills have been paid and the first quarter taxes are filed. The 2012-2013 audit report is on the Ohio Auditor's website.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: The Fire Hall A/C project is completed. The Town Hall A/C project was quoted at \$7720. The cost to complete in house was \$3679.33, for a savings of \$4040.67. Matt Stroney attended the factory service class for the Samsung Multi Zone heat pumps that were installed. One cemetery plot was sold. There were 2 burials, and one grave was dug with our back hoe. The new mower, chain saw and weed trimmer were purchased. A blower for \$191.00 was purchased from Do-Cut. The Green Team's website lists the times and locations and times for 2015. A quote from Specialized Construction for paving will be coming. One application for summer help has been received. Matt Stroney reported the two fuel tanks at the fire station could be filled in or removed. The cost to remove is \$5000. The tanks can be sold as scrap for \$200. The permit to remove the tanks is \$75 per tank for a total of \$150 paid to the Treasurer of State through the Department of Commerce. Once started the project must be completed within 90 days. The pump in the pond for the Fire Department will be tested and one item will be completed. The flags for Memorial Day need replaced, some having been given to the VFW for proper disposal. The cost to replace all the flags and poles is \$1000. The flags and poles would be purchased through the VFW, Hilltop Gifts and Western Reserve Flag Company. Trustee Spellman thanked Earl Moracco for his expertise on the installation for the new furnaces and A/C at the Town Hall and Fire Department, helping the township to save money. Matt Stroney also reported the tanks at the fire department were pumped dry. The fuel oil was pumped into the tank at the Town Hall, with an additional 144 gallons to be held as our credit. Trustee Spellman made a motion for \$5000 for the removal of the two fuel tanks at the Fire Department, seconded by Trustee Houston. The vote was all in favor. Trustee Spellman made a motion for \$191 for the new blower purchased at Do-Cut, seconded by Trustee Houston. The vote was all in favor. Trustee Houston made a motion to spend up to \$1100 for flags and poles, seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor.

ZONING REPORT: Wayne Sarna, Zoning Inspector, reported a permit for a modular home on Gault Road was issued, and a permit for a 192 square foot addition on Diehl Road was issued. The new owner of the Pellin property stopped in with a stop work order from the county. The zoning inspector called the Mahoning County Building Inspector and learned repairs could be done, but construction needed a building permit. The new owner will be meeting with the Zoning Commission to discuss the proposed use. A letter to 8920 Herbert Road was sent concerning the driveway being too close to the side property line. A letter of violation was sent to the owner of property on S. Salem Warren Road for a RV and debris. There has been no response. A follow up letter for the Huxley Road property was sent. The swap meet has called about temporary signs. The permit for 15 and 17 West Hill is under review. The garage is to be taken down and the decision is pending. The car at the Elk Road property has been removed per Earl Moracco.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT: Assistant Chief Tom Powell reported since the last meeting there has been four emergency medical calls, 1 vehicle crash, 1 false alarm, with drills, runs and cleaning there were 226 total fire fighter hours. Assistant Chief Powell reported the Fire Department is looking into a security keypad for the station door. The township was advised to look into AED's for the Fire Hall, Town Hall and Maintenance building at a cost of \$2000 each. Trustee Spellman made a motion to purchase six keys, seconded by Trustee Houston. The vote was all in favor. Trustee Houston made a motion to accept Brandon Smith as a probationary fire fighter, seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: TRUSTEE SPELLMAN reported the More Grant for safety items will be sought again this year. The Land Bank has property in Ellsworth. Trustee Spellman reported the roads are still a problem. TRUSTEE HOUSTON: The roads are bad. The phone number to report roads is on the marquee at the Fire Department. The public calling gets results. The work continues on the zoning office. Trustee Houston made a motion to have a special meeting on April 15, 2015 at 7 pm at the Town Hall for the zoning resolution and to be announced in the legal notices, seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor. CHAIRMAN TOMAN will be going on Thursday to the Mahoning County Engineer to ask for road repairs. The OTARMA review reports recommended hold harmless for all subcontractors. More fire trucks should be in the Memorial Day parade. The Chamber of Commerce will be highlighting Ellsworth and Berlin Township at a Friday morning breakfast, with the media in attendance. The date will be either May 1 or 15, 2015. The cost is \$20 per person. The Historical Society will be asked to help with the Crypt Keeper program for the cemetery. The vacant property on West Hill is vacant and will be going up for Sheriff Sale. Crime Watch will be starting. A new worker through JFS will start next Monday at no cost to the township.

OLD BUSINESS: Two meeting have been held for the Land Use Plan, which was modified. Trustee Houston made a motion at accept the Land Use Plan, seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor. Trustee Spellman thanked all the zoning commission members for their hard work. Trustee Houston reported the Land Use Plan will be on the township website, EllsworthOhio.com.

Fiscal Officer Karen Grittie read her letter of resignation as Fiscal Officer for personal reasons – her husband's health. Trustee Houston made a motion to allow each trustee to seek legal advice as to hold to fill the vacancy, seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor.

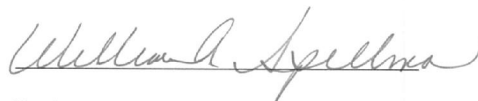
At 8:52 p.m. Trustee Spellman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Houston. The vote was all in favor.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman



Trustee



Trustee