

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

Roll Call

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

Guests: Peggy Coy, Linda Dillon, Maureen Haska, Jackie Pfile, Cyndi Oblisk, Rick Oblisk, Jodi Morris: residents, Ron Schubert, Sandra Paris, N. Burton, Mary Jane, visitor and Beverly Nissel, Akron

**I. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR 10/0/2024**

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

**II. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:**

a. 9/26/2024

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

Jeffrey began the meeting with a summary from Mr. Pfile, regarding a summary of rules to be followed while working in the Edinburg Cemetery. Jeffrey asked that presentations be kept to 10 minutes after Tim's Presentation. Chris added that each group hold comments until other speaker done,

The Center front section between two main driveways in the front of cemetery, not past the chapel. Sexton to review work on a weekly basis, Trustees hold right to stop work at anytime. Sexton will always maintain final word. D2 to be used only on limestone stones at this time, not granite. Tim understands regardless of who does the work and if objections, the trustees will review. trustees discussion regard work progress in groups or rows, agreed to wait until after presentation. Jeffrey asked if Kevin is designating the area for the group, as only one will be designated. Tim stated there will be some legal documents brought in the future and any subcontractors must be approved and bonded and liability documents.

Beverly Nissel began her presentation with a Power point presentation. Presented work completed so far including painting Edinburg cemetery sign. Goal was 5 years plan. She presented a picture map of the cemetery in 1950's, compared to 2024, showing stones no longer visible. Shared more pictures. Reviewed proposal with presentation. (She did not identify, specifically mentioned, however, the Group working for proposal is the Edinburg Historical Society-cemetery committee on presentation cover sheet.) Goal is completion of proposal by 2026. Documentation attached. She also discussed list of donors in waiting of at least 10. They are also a 501.c3. (7.92 minutes)

Jeffrey asked and they discussed publication of stone work prior for potential of family to contact if wanted. However, trustees reviewed the maintenance is the responsibility of the Township. Jeffrey also asked for clarification of, EOHS post signage proposal. Jeffery asked if they are asking township or their organization to create and post signage. Beverly indicated EOHS will, after trustee approval. Asked about master gardener who is on the committee. Chris asked more regarding an inventory of trees and any garden planning. May be able to be an official Arboretum. More general discussion. Bill asked if they are designated, will this open up opportunity for grants, Beverly said yes. She also said by forming the historical society, it also oppurtunes more grant possibilities.

Next Sandra Paris began her presentation. Attached(proposal) and other documents handed out to trustees. She discussed a book created for Rootstown Historical society. Graveyard preservation primer mentioned as her guide. Reference letters presented. Mentioned Lynne Allen would be member, and was past Fiscal officer so could show fiscal officer how to set up the donations. Discussed how she moved her team from her

name to the Chapman-Shewell Family donation. Discussed family history and activities. (Generally appeared to be presenting that a majority of the front section is of the family genealogy) Discussed donations offered and other potential sources. Discussed adopt a stone. Again, mentioned Pioneer Family as group. (10.27 min)

Jeffrey then let Sandra know that the ten minutes has expired. She stated she was not yet done. Jeffrey said he was clear about the time frame up front and it was time for questions. Tim asked Sandra about donations coming from who? Sandra said it is coming from her, but being put under the pioneer families. Asked if she could speak more. Jeffery asked about ground penetrating radar. Jeffery asked if she has one, she said yes they bought one in Rootstown, but then said they had a company do it. They were not happy with results but does have a network of contacts. Jeffrey asked her about the grants. Sandra said she did all the work for a \$60,000 grant for Rootstown from the state, however, she did not specifically write the grant. Jeffery asked who in the group is actually resident of Edinburg. She mentioned some Shewell family names. Discussed find a grave team member and some others. Mentioned Friend of Edinburg Cemetery Facebook page, of about 145 members, mostly Edinburg family relations or residents.

Jeffrey opened up to other trustees, but began his opinion. Chris mentioned he thinks both would do a good job. Jeffrey said from what he has seen and those involved, he is concerned that Sandra resigned from Rootstown in an abrupt manner. Sandra said she left because they were not doing it properly. He asked what steps she took. She discussed the majority rule of the organization. A guy not on the committee came in and decided he would do work, that got approved by the historical Society, she did not believe the procedure and the barrier. Historical society did make the decision. So she left. More discussion regarding volunteers, but burn out occurs, he was the only one volunteering. Time mentioned both groups have merit. He feels Edinburg Historical Society had best presentation and plans. He mentioned he did not disregard Sandra's expertise in any way. And is torn. Chris asked Sandra why she choose Edinburg Cemetery. She said it was initially because of her work in the cemetery with Find a grave. Chris as why not work in Deerfield. She said most of her relatives are here. Also close to her home. More discussion.

**Motion Resolution 2024-027**

Jeffrey made a motion to accept the Edinburg Historical Society as the group to move forward with for Edinburg Cemetery preservation and care projects. Seconded by Tim.

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

III. Correspondences. Jeffrey presented letter from Portage County Combined Health District about another annual increase in concession fees. Jeffrey says there is nothing they can do about it. Bill mentioned the time to discuss this would be at the Annual PCCHD Meeting the trustee rep attends in the Spring. They keep raising them every year.

IV. Old BUSINESS.

Trunk or treat Oct 27th 1-3 pm. Chris to do Hay rides. Maureen Haska asked if she could pass out seeds rather than candy, trustees said yes. (she would mark non-edible)

IV. New business:

Park Advisory Committee would like to purchase reusable decorations for the trunk or treat venue, requesting \$500.00 for this year. Discussion in agreement but also discussed storage. Apparently resident will store for township.

Bill mentioned he still has money from NOPEC, however, did not yet get an invoice from Woodsy for Memorial Day. But also need food and hot chocolate purchase.

Chris made motion to approve up to \$500.00 for decorations, Seconded by Tim.

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

V. Trustee Report

Jeffrey brought it to the attention of the trustees and attendees, that he is speaking with area trustees and communities regarding the formation of a Fire EMS District.

VI. Department Reports.

**1. Roads: Tim reported.** Plow on new vehicle. New door handle installed for town hall, keys in the office. Quotes for the cement pad for new storage building at \$4800. Jeffrey said we are not sure this is going to be. Renting life to paint flag pole and ratchet straps on salt shed.

Jeffrey moved to approve \$1000.00 for straps for salt shed. Tim seconded  
Mr. Pfile: yes            Mr. Diehl: yes            Mr. Bixler: yes

cleaning ditches and replace to playground areas in pea gravel. Bill asked about vendor, as he has not got a large bill. Next year will be larger area. Replaced faucet in concession stand sink. Chris discussed bench and Boy scout building with Cyndi.

Went to zoning first.

**2. Fire:** Jeffrey reported 43 runs last month 32 in 2023, total runs 2024 and 2023 at 368, (not report shared with fiscal officer) 30 EMS calls 7 MV collisions, 19 MA given, 3 received. Transmission line repaired by complete auto. Hose testing was completed 3 failed. New tires installed 1518. No quotes reviewed of Countryside.

Discussed individual with frequent flyers, 2-3 times a week for various issues. When take to the Hospital, he is released. Jeffrey said Jesse is to deal with resident about the abuse, and how it affects the township overall needs to fill real emergency. Trustees will review potential charges for these unnecessary calls. Most of these needs are personal responsibility, not the fire department. Discussion regarding potential outreach with available social services. Discussed billing of patient, if call not deemed emergency by hospital. Each call is cost to township of about \$800.00. Hospital should be providing such social services as well. Will discuss with County prosecutor. Bill mentioned we have done this with residents in the past, Jeffrey agreed citing the alarm drops for fire at a group home, and how problem was solved after billing began.

**3. Zoning:** Wrote permit for in ground pool Bingham, answering calls, zoning classifications, easements, Emily reported that Brett said the typo will not affect the procedure moving forward Keener property. End of October.. MPR properties needs a resolution, Rhonda to follow-up on required format of resolution. General discussion with the property running a business in residential area with non-permitted buildings and storage for residential area. Back to fire report.

VII. **Fiscal Officer:** Bill reviewed the invoices paid for Countryside this payment cycle. \$5000.00 of the \$13.000 approved at previous meeting.

Bill reported 3 additional hours to Emily's time sheet, as she did not include it on her time sheet for work she did with him. Mentioned uniform company again, billing continually screwed up, because or repeated errors in payments and deposits not credited to correct invoice. Bill says he would like to look at another provider. Bill asked why they are even paying for uniforms not worn. Unifirst will require weekly fee, regardless of if they are cleaned or not. Tim to follow up with them and is working on this at his employment.

Bill shared information on certificate he still has not received from fire department and zoning for Fraud training.

Chris made a motion to pay the bill, eft and warrants shared; 43626-43647 , Tim made

Edinburg Township Trustees Meeting

Town Hall

October 10th

2024

motion seconded. Mr. Pfile: yes                      Mr. Diehl: yes                      Mr. Bixler: yes

Tim addressed with Edinburg Historical Society how trustees will move forward. Go ahead with work approved, no heavy lifting. Chris mentioned to stay away from the front area where Shewell and Chapman graves are more populous. Beverly discussed some graves and replacement of a cross. Bill asked if she did receive the plaque sent to township, she said yes.

Chris asked Rhonda if he and she should go to keener property and also have a sheriff present. Rhonda to get Brett approval. Chris mentioned will likely need to get a company to clean up property afterwards and township pay.

Mr. Pfile made a motion to Adjourn the meeting 9:02 pm seconded by Chris.  
Mr. Pfile: yes                      Mr. Diehl: yes                      Mr. Bixler:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey Bixler, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Diehl, Vice Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Pfile, Trustee

\_\_\_\_\_  
William McCluskey, Fiscal Officer