

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

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MINUTES OF ELLSWORTH TWP BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S

REGULAR MEETING

September 11, 2019

Chairman William Spellman called the September 11th regular meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees to order at 7:00 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 August 20, 2019. No one in attendance requested that the minutes be read. Trustee Houston made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

FISCAL REPORT: Fiscal Officer James DeCenso reported that August's receipts were \$71,856.37 and expenditures were \$29,574.73. Receipts in August included \$48,000.00 from 2nd Half 2019 Property Tax advances, \$6,798.00 Cable Franchise Fees, \$1,146.00 OTARMA Capital refund and \$1,265.00 from Edinburg Auction for the old mower and weed trimmers. Extraordinary expenses included the \$3,658.00 to NE OH Peterbilt to replace the turbo on the ambulance. For the eight-month period ending 8/30/2019, receipts were \$365,253.37 and expenditures were \$354,071.93. Mr. DeCenso's report included a fund balance increase of \$42,281.64 in August and an increase of \$11,181.44 through 8/30/19. The fund balance as of 8/30/19 was \$620,300.69 minus the encumbrances as of August 30th of \$114,726.49, for a net balance of \$505,574.20. The current unencumbered balance; less the SIB ODOT Loan balance of \$100,107.63 was \$405,466.57. Mr. DeCenso then presented invoices for approval of \$64.00 to reimburse him for paying the annual Zoning PO Box rental and \$112.59 for printer toner and a case of copy paper. Trustee Houston made a motion to reimburse Mr. DeCenso the \$64.00 and to authorize payment of \$112.59 for office supplies. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Mr. DeCenso then advised the Board that in regards to utilizing a qualified newspaper for legal notices, the County Prosecutor has opined that the Warren Tribune's Mahoning County edition will now qualify. The Board discussed to continue utilizing this Vindicator replacement. The Fiscal Officer then notified the Board that the sale of the liquor license at Country Pantry presents an opportunity for the Trustees to request a hearing with the Ohio Liquor Control Board if needed. The Board determined that no action is warranted. Mr. DeCenso then reviewed the requested action from the Mahoning County Solid Waste Management District to approve their Plan Update. After a brief discussion, Trustee Toman made the motion to approve the MCSWMD Plan Update. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

Chairman Spellman then introduced Steve Avery from the Mill Creek MetroParks. Mr. Avery presented to the Board and the audience some preliminary changes to the Vickers Nature Preserve. The Preserve includes 260 acres located in Ellsworth Township. The Park has hired a consultant to devise a master plan for the area. He explained that their plan includes more than an equestrian park. They will not eliminate the equestrian areas, but has decided not to renew the lease with the Buckeye Horse Park. The MetroParks will now provide maintenance and security. Mr. Avery took questions and comments from the Board and the Audience. Much discussion from the audience included that the Park maintains the use of the old house situated on the property for private rentals and 4H use. Mr. Avery invited the community to review the plans and add comments at millcreekmetroparks.org. Mr. Avery thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and the Board thanked Mr. Avery for his presentation.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Mr. Matt Stroney reported that there were two burials in Ellsworth Cemetery last month. He requested the Board to review and change the current cemetery policy that allows any contractor to build a monument foundation. He felt that it would be easier to maintain the quality if a single contractor could be selected. The Board asked Mr. Stroney to bring a written proposal for their review. He then reported on the crack-sealing project that is currently underway for the Township roads, cemetery and parking lots. Mr. Stroney reported that the Fire Station west man-door has been replaced, and to consider replacing the north door also. He reported that the fuel tanks have been removed from the Town Hall property. He also advised the Board that the exterior painting of the Town Hall has begun. The Board thanked Mr. Stroney for all of the recent activities that he has undertaken. Mr. Toman then made a motion to approve up to \$1,500.00 to

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replace the north man-door next to the Fire bays. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Mr. Stroney then presented proposals from Pantalone Paving to seal and re-stripe the Township Complex parking lot and the Town Hall parking lot. The Board requested that project be done over a weekend to limit the inconvenience to postal customers and other Township activities. The Board discussed doing the Complex lot now and the Town Hall next year. The proposal for the Complex is \$4,300.00. At the last meeting the Board approved \$2,460.00 for sealant. At that time, Trustee Houston made a motion to hire Pantalone Paving and approve up to an additional \$2,000.00 for the project. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

ZONING REPORT: Wayne Sarna reported that there was one permit issued since the last meeting, for a porch addition to a residence on Gault road. He reported that he is monitoring the mobile home at 6446 Elk Rd to determine if it is occupied. Mr. Sarna then reported that the home at 9914 W. Hill has finally been demolished. He is also reviewing the Leffingwell Rd property where the owner is composting tree stumps, logs and wood debris. He will review the legality of their intentions with the Mahoning County Prosecutor's office. He reported that he has signed an affidavit as to the past zoning violations of Deon Franket at Diehl Lake. Mr. Sarna also reported that he has reviewed the vehicles parked on the property next to Country Pantry. He has advised the owner that the vehicles be moved or have valid licenses. He will be reviewing the water drainage of a new home being built on Knauf Rd. Although the complaint has been closed, he would like to review the area.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Ted Smith reported that there were 18 calls in August, including 14 EMS calls with nine transports of which the Township transported seven. Chief Smith and the Board then discussed the dispatch contract proposals from the City of Canfield and Austintown Township. Since all 911 calls are answered in Austintown, fire and EMS are then rerouted to Canfield for dispatch. After brief discussion, Trustee Houston made a motion to approve the dispatch contract proposed by Austintown at \$40.00 per dispatch. He continued by establishing January 1, 2020 as the change over date from Canfield to Austintown. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Chief Smith then reported that the brake work has been completed on Engine 41 and the new lighting package has been ordered as previously approved. He then discussed with the Board a request from Shannon Blosser to attend EMT-A classes at a cost of \$1,700.00. Also that nineteen members of the department completed the air-pack fit test. Chief Smith reported a successful grant awarded from the State of Ohio for \$1,889.00 for EMS equipment or training. The Chief then requested eight new class B shirts for the new department members. Trustee Houston asked Chief Smith if Shannon Blosser would be signing a two-year work guarantee in exchange for the training. Chief Smith acknowledged that she has agreed. Trustee Houston then made a motion to approve \$1,700.00 for Shannon Blosser's EMT-A training and \$200 for the uniform shirts. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Toman reported that Knox Energy is interested in adding gas lines down south rt 45 and to the Diehl Lake area. A public meeting will be scheduled to introduce their program to those residents. He also advised that Township residents may be receiving letters from First Energy Solutions to attempt to win back customers from NOPEC. The Board discussed that NOPEC is a not-for-profit organization and that residents should research their options.

Trustee Spellman discussed the upcoming 2020 Census and promoted the importance to complete the census questionnaire. Trustee Spellman thanked all for their assistance with updating the Township's exhibit at the Canfield Fair. He also reported that the Tree Lighting ceremony would be Saturday November 30th.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday October 8, 2019 at the Fire Hall.

At 9:10 PM, Trustee Toman made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

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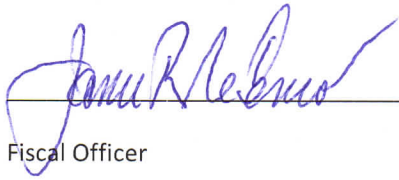
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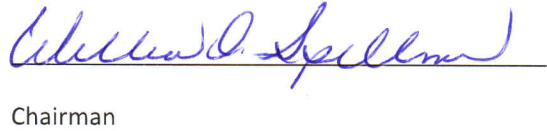
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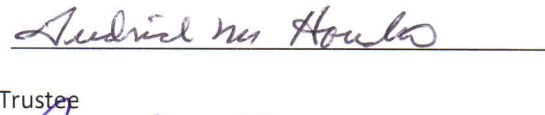
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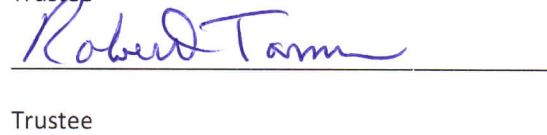
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Fiscal Officer


Chairman


Trustee


Trustee