

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 11, 2020

Vice Chairman Robert Toman called the March 11th regular meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees to order at 7:00 pm. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum: Trustee William Spellman - present, Vice Chairman Robert Toman - present, Chairman Fred Houston - excused. Also present were Fiscal Officer James DeCenso, Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna, Road and 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 meetings held February 12, 2020. No one in attendance requested that the minutes be read. Trustee Spellman 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 February's receipts were \$30,354 and expenditures were \$130,280. Receipts in February included a \$13,000 advance payment from the 2019TY first half property tax collections, and expenses included a \$50,805 payment to the ODOT SIB loan and a \$46,506 payment to Stryker for the Power Cot and the Power Load System. Total receipts through the first two months on 2020 were \$53,581 and total expenditures were \$161,240. The total gross fund balance as of February 29, 2020 was \$504,371. That is a reduction of \$99,926 from January 31, 2020 and a reduction of \$107,659 from December 31, 2019. Accounting for the increased principle payment on the ODOT loan in February, the outstanding loan balance has been reduced to \$50,805. Mr. DeCenso then presented for approval invoices of \$250.00 for EMS Plumbing for water backflow inspection, \$626.00 for CareWorks Comp, and \$661.21 from TIS Western Star for expenses exceeding previous quotes. He also requested approval to spend \$77.00 in postage and to add \$2,000.00 to the Parking Lot Lighting project. Trustee Spellman made a motion to approve \$3,614.21 for all of the requested expenditures. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Mr. DeCenso then advised the Board that he completed and submitted a letter, on behalf of the Township to the US Department of Commerce supporting Congressman Bill Johnson's efforts to begin a broadband feasibility study for rural areas. Trustee Spellman made a motion to provide a resolution supporting the feasibility study. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. The Fiscal Officer then advised the Board that he had received a letter from Everflow Eastern Partners seeking to purchase the Township's gas royalties. He informed the Board that the Township receives about \$60.00 per year. Trustee Spellman suggested that the Fiscal Officer obtain a purchase price.

ROAD and MAINTENANCE: Mr. Matt Stroney reported that there was one burial in Berlin township where he assisted. He presented to the Board a quote for a metal roof to be installed on the road equipment storage garage that is located at the cemetery. He advised the Board that all decorations have been removed from the cemetery as per cemetery rules. He also advised the Board that the Parking Lot Project has been completed. He notified the Board that there would be grindings available from ODOT in the near future that can be used for some parking along the ball fields on Elias Lloyd Rd. The Board discussed the need to explore the necessary engineering to create the parking area. Mr. Stroney will follow up. The Board then reviewed the metal roof quote of \$4,600.00 from AIM Construction plus some potential plywood repairs. After discussion, Trustee Spellman then made a motion to approve up to \$5,000.00 for the road equipment storage building roofing project with AIM Construction. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

ZONING REPORT: Mr. Wayne Sarna reported that no permits were issued since the last meeting. He continues to monitor recent complaints that he has received. He informed the Board that he met with the owners of 11535 Akron Canfield Rd for the storage of two unlicensed vehicles and an abandoned home. The home continues to be heated and is livable. The owner would like to maintain the property. Mr. Sarna reported that the vehicles are gone. He reported on a complaint of a business located on Elk Rd for the sale of goat milk soap. He will also be meeting with the property owner at the corner of Western Reserve Rd and Duck Creek Rd to review a drainage issue.

Vice Chairman Toman then recognized Dee Tripp from the Zoning Commission who advised the Board that the Commission Chairman's term was incorrectly listed as terminating December 31, 2020. However it was

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discovered that the term year was actually 2019. Trustee Spellman then made a motion to re-appoint Sean Giblin to a five-year term on the Zoning Commission retroactive to January 1, 2020.

Mr. Jim Tripp chairman of the ZBA, then advised the Board that Ron Knight's term has expired on the ZBA after eighteen years and that Brenda Metz had previously been appointed from alternate to a full member of the Appeals Board. He requested that Robin Whitehair be appointed as the new alternate. He also announced Rita Baun's resignation after fourteen years on the ZBA due to relocation from the Township. He discussed the need to replace Rita as the Appeals Board secretary. Trustee Spellman made a motion to appoint Robin Whitehair as the alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. The Board expressed their appreciation to Ron Knight and Rita Baun for their many years of service to the Township.

Vice Chairman Toman then recognized Tim Ramsey, who owns the property at the corner of Western Reserve Rd and Duck Creek Rd. He wanted to address the Board regarding the recent zoning complaint about a drainage issue from the property. He wanted the Board to know that he had properly installed down spouts and that he does not need to run them to a drainage ditch unless other property owners are also required to do the same. Mr. Sarna advised that he did not write up a violation, but is only interested in resolving a complaint that is actually a county matter. Mr. Ramsey concurred and only wanted the ability to provide his testimony to the Board. The Board thanked him for his comments and willingness to work with Mr. Sarna.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Ted Smith reported that there were 28 calls in February, including 16 EMS calls with ten transports of which the Township transported six. Mutual aid was provided by the department six times to surrounding communities. He reported that 18 different members of the department gave time to the 28 calls. He reported that he would need approval for the annual ladder testing at \$1,110.25 for the ladder truck and other miscellaneous ladders. He advised the Board that Jacob and Abigail are progressing well in their EMT training. The Chief then advised the Board that he is exploring some additional Ohio grants that may be available in the near future. He also reported that University Hospital has provided some instructional materials regarding safety protocols regarding the coronavirus. He reported that the Dart vehicle, supplied by Lane had not responded within the Township last month, but that they have responded elsewhere in the county. Chief Smith then requested the ability to purchase some shirts to give to department members as appreciation of their time and efforts. The Chief then requested from the Board that he pursue another additional Lifepak 15 monitor, as the existing monitor lease will be completed in March. The existing monitor could be moved to the second ambulance. The Board agreed. Trustee Toman then made a motion to approve \$1,610.25 for the ladder testing and to give the Chief approval to spend up to \$500.00 for apparel for the firefighter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Spellman advised the Board that Diehl and Gibson roads are now on the county schedule for paving. Also, that the county has been delivering dirt from this project to the VFW. He then recognized Jeremy Thompson from the Western Reserve Baseball Organization. Trustee Spellman advised Mr. Thompson that the Board has never set strict rules for the use of the ball fields, but that the WRBO is entrusted with keeping the fields in shape and that the Organization is responsible for picking up their trash and keeping the players and attendees safe. The fields are available for use by the entire community and that the WRBO needs to provide contact information to the Township so that other groups could use the fields too, when available. Mr. Stroney advised that he is available to assist with maintenance and will have the fields cut as needed. He also asked the WRBO to adhere to the parking restrictions in the ball field and park areas.

Trustee Toman advised that the natural gas line construction would be starting soon.

Mr. Fred Shrock advised the Board that the Ellsworth Historical Society would be holding their next meeting on April 13th at the Town hall.

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The next meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at the Town Hall.

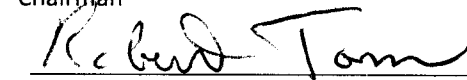
At 8:40 PM, Trustee Toman made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.



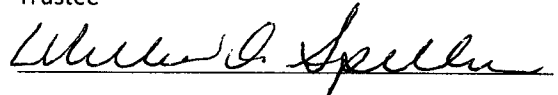
Fiscal Officer



Chairman



Trustee



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