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BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

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MINUTES OF ELLSWORTH TWP BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S

REGULAR MEETING

February 9, 2022

Chairman William Spellman called the February 9, 2022, regular meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees to order at 7:05 pm. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum: Chairman William Spellman - present, Vice Chairman Fredrick Houston - present, Trustee Robert Toman - present. Also present were Fiscal Officer James DeCenso, Road and Maintenance Supervisor Matt Stroney, Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna, and Fire Chief Ted Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Fiscal Officer DeCenso presented the minutes from the Reorganizational meeting and the last regular meeting both held January 8, 2022. No one in attendance requested that the minutes be read. **Motion 2022-12:** Trustee Toman made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

At this time, Chairman Spellman recognized Atty. Gina DeGenova, the Chief Assistant and Communications Officer of the Mahoning County Prosecutor. Ms. DeGenova spoke on behalf of her department describing the services available to the Township from the Prosecutor's office. She presented the contact information of the other attorneys in the department and their respective responsibilities within the Prosecutor's office. The Board thanked Ms. DeGenova for taking time to visit the Township and explain the available resources.

FISCAL REPORT: Fiscal Officer James DeCenso reported that January's receipts were \$13,913 and expenditures were \$34,031. Expenditures included \$4,172 for the BWC 2021 final payment and \$2,006 for road salt to Arms Trucking. The total gross fund balance as of January 31, 2022, was \$704,386. He had no figures for the General Fund contingency balance. Mr. DeCenso indicated that all figures are preliminary as he has not closed 2021 and cannot perform a final bank reconciliation for January until the 2021 close is completed. The Fiscal Officer then presented invoices for approval of \$250 to ABCO printing for checks and \$221.08 in additional expense above the previously approved \$750 to Western Reserve Baseball to reimburse them for the 2021 season Handicap Portable Toilet rental. It was noted that the unit was kept through October to use at the annual Trick-or-Trunk event. Also presented was an Attorney invoice from Baker, Dublikar for \$2,985 for 2021 legal work regarding the Cement Plant site plan presented to Zoning last year and an invoice from the Ohio Auditor for \$8.20 for 2020-2021 Audit matters. **Motion 2022-13:** Trustee Houston made a motion to approve the \$3,464.28 in expenditures presented. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Mr. DeCenso then presented to the Board a resolution to approve the acceptance of the NOPEC 2022 Energy Grant in the amount of \$3,327. **Motion 2022-14:** Trustee Houston made a motion to accept the resolution for the 2022 Energy Grant of \$3,327 from NOPEC. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. The Board then discussed the 2022 NOPEC Community Grant. It was decided to request \$250 for the Wreaths for Veterans program and \$750 for the Trick-or-Trunk Halloween event. The Fiscal Officer advised the Board that the award amounts would be doubled if the applications were received by February 15th. The Board discussed using the additional award money for an Ellsworth community picnic this summer. **Motion 2022-15:** Trustee Toman made a motion to apply for the 2022 NOPEC Community Event sponsorship of \$1,000 and directed the Fiscal Officer to apply prior to February 15th to obtain a doubling of the grant. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. The Fiscal Officer then reported on the 2022 Budget Workshops in process.

ROAD and MAINTENANCE: Mr. Matt Stroney reported that there was one burial in the Township last month. He then advised the Board that the broken name plate on a Niche has been replaced by the vendor. He also reported on a roof leak above the fire bay. He brought in Roof Rite for emergency repairs. No costs are yet known. Mr. Stroney and the Board then discussed the use of the 2022 NOPEC grant to replace the windows in the Road Department building. Mr. Stroney presented a quote of \$7,093 from AIM Construction to replace 14 windows. The grant would be for \$3,327, leaving the Township responsible for the balance of \$3,766. **Motion 2022-16:** Trustee Toman made a motion to approve expending \$7,093 for 14 new energy efficient windows in the Road Dept building and to co-ordinate the funding of this project with the anticipated grant from NOPEC. This approval is contingent on the acceptance by NOPEC of this project. The Fiscal Officer is to approve the purchase

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of the windows only after he has received approval of the project by NOPEC. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

ZONING REPORT: Mr. Sarna reported that there were no permits since the last meeting. He then discussed the invoice from Atty. Mathews (Baker, Dublikar) that was approved as part of the Fiscal Officer's report. He had met with Atty Mathews on five occasions to discuss the site plan review for the proposed Cement Plant on S. Salem Warren Rd. The Board then discussed the condemned properties at 7015 S. Salem Rd. and 6336 Elk Rd. Mr. Sarna will move forward to schedule the necessary hearings with the property owners. He also reported on the property at 10610 Akron Canfield Rd. The property is for sale but no clean up efforts have been noticed. He also reported on an agricultural exemption written in July 2020. The Mahoning County building dept has reported that the owner now plans to live in the structure, which is not permitted under the exemption. He has contacted the property owner that the exemption will be rescinded, and a new permit may be required.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Smith reported that there were 28 calls in January including 17 EMS calls with 15 transports of which the Township transported 6. The other 9 transports were provided by mutual aid agencies. He then reported on a barn that is being demolished on Rt 224 near Duck Creek Rd. The owner has requested approval to burn some of the debris. Chief Smith authorized that limited fires off acceptable materials could be used but that any complaints would cause his fire to be extinguished. Chief Smith then discussed the need for the Board to consider a resolution to authorize EMS billing to a medical patient who refuses transport or treatment after a call is made for assistance. Many insurance companies are denying payment when there is no authorizing ordinance or resolution policy for denials. He also requested the Board review some billing charge increases as suggested by the billing company. The Board requested some time to review and will consider at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Toman discussed some of the workshops provided by the Ohio Township Association at the 2022 winter conference including the Agri-business model that allows certain business activities to occur on properties zoned Agriculture.

Chairman Spellman discussed a meeting that he attended along with Trustee Houston, at the Mahoning County Engineer regarding some paving projects for the Township and the new quarter percent sales tax. No sales tax monies will be spent until 2023. Mr. Spellman also discussed contacting Guttman Oil to begin work on any available funding through the State of Ohio for greenfield programs.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business to discuss

NEW BUSINESS:

The next meeting will be held March 9, 2022, at 7:00 pm with a Budget Workshop scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm.

Motion 2022-17: At 8:55 pm, Trustee Toman made a motion pursuant to ORC 122.22(g)(2) to adjourn to Executive Session for purposes of discussing personnel matters. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call was all in favor. The Board invited the Fiscal Officer to attend. **Motion 2022-18:** At 9:40 pm, Trustee Houston made a motion to return to Regular session. Trustee Toman seconded the motion. The roll call was all in favor.

Motion 2022-19: Trustee Toman made a motion to approve Dustin Hellman as a probationary Firefighter. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call was all in favor.

With no further business, at 9:50 Trustee Toman made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call was all in favor.

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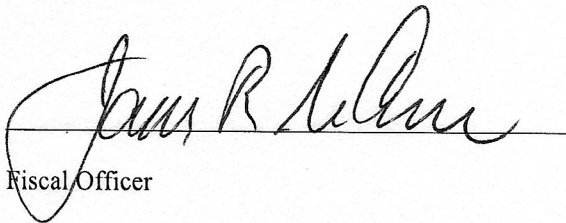
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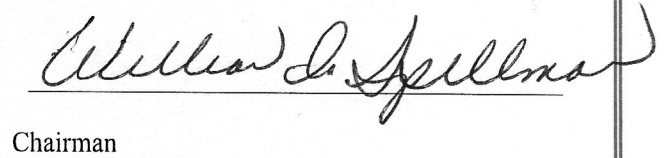
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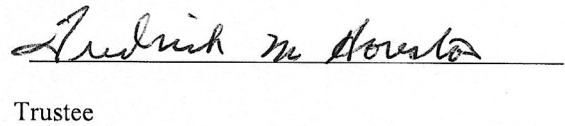
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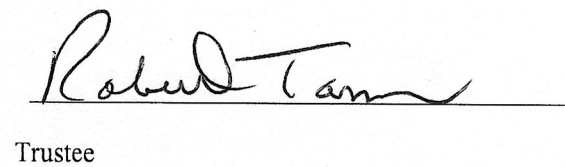
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At 11:11 am, Trustee Toman made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.


Fiscal Officer


Chairman


Trustee


Trustee