

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 10, 2021

Chairman Robert Toman called the March 10th regular meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees to order at 7:00 pm. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum: Chairman Robert Toman - present, Vice Chairman William Spellman - present, Trustee Fredrick Houston - present. Also present were Fiscal Officer James DeCenso, Road and Maintenance Supervisor Matt Stroney, Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna, Fire Chief Ted Smith and ZBA Chairperson James Tripp. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Fiscal Officer DeCenso presented the minutes from the last regular meeting, which was held February 10, 2021, for approval. No one in attendance requested that the minutes be read. **Motion 2021-18:** Trustee Houston made a motion to accept the minutes from the last regular meeting. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

FISCAL REPORT: Fiscal Officer James DeCenso reported that February's receipts were \$27,189 and expenditures were \$41,777. Receipts included a \$6,000 advance on 1st half property taxes. Expenditures included \$4,500 for the new windows to be installed in the Fire Hall. The total gross fund balance as of February 28, 2021 was \$575,428. The Fiscal Officer then presented invoices for approval of \$175.00 for 2021 renewal of Nat'l Fire Prevention Assoc of \$175, emergency repairs to the Township's snowplow of \$290.00 and emergency fire station roof repairs of \$385.79. **Motion 2021-19:** Trustee Houston made a motion to approve the \$850.79 in expenditures presented. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Mr. DeCenso then presented to the Board the 2021 final appropriations budget. **Motion 2021-20:** Trustee Spellman made a motion to approve the 2021 permanent appropriations of \$1,054,286.50. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. The Fiscal Officer then advised the Board that the 2020-year end process has been completed and that all required statements, schedules and notes have been uploaded to the State Auditor's office. Copies are available to the public upon request.

ROAD and MAINTENANCE: Mr. Matt Stroney advised the Board that there was one burial in Ellsworth in February. He reminded the public that all cemetery decorations must be removed by March 1st. He then advised the board that he has been contacted by a local funeral home regarding a possible disinterment. He suggested to the Board that they may need to consider a resolution or cemetery policy that covers disinterment in Township cemeteries. Mr. Stroney then gave an update on the LED light replacement project. He advised that the "Exit" lights have been completed and that the remaining LED bulbs have been ordered. He advised the Board that the new windows should be installed by late April or early May. He reported that the main circulating pump on the Road Dept building's boiler sprung a leak and required an emergency replacement. The cost is \$520. He also indicated that the Steiner chlorine pump will also need replaced and will cost approximately \$400. He reported on an issue on Elias Lloyd Rd where drivers are running off the road at the bend and suggested installing some type of delineation road markers. Mr. Stroney advised the Board that he will be needing summer help with grass cutting and other maintenance chores. The Board discussed the requested items and the lawn damage. It was reported that delivery trucks are perhaps responsible. Chairman Toman discussed the need for a new laptop for remotely logging into the marquee sign for programming. **Motion 2021-21:** Trustee Spellman made a motion to approve \$920 in requested expenditures and to approved up to \$750 for a new Road department laptop. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Mr. Stroney then suggested that the Township may be able to use recycle funds to repurchase some new picnic tables made from recycled products. The Fiscal Officer will explore the options of using recycle funds.

ZONING REPORT: Mr. Sarna reported that he wrote one permit since last meeting, for a single-family home on Eagles Nest Circle. He also received an exemption for an Agricultural structure at 8605 Palmyra Rd for farm equipment storage. Mr. Sarna reported to the Board that a meeting has been set up for March 18th with the Township's and Lewis' council to attempt a resolution between the parties. A BZA hearing is scheduled for March 29th if no resolution is reached. He then reported that the Miller property has had an appraiser appointed by the Probate Court. He reported on property owned by Carl James, who is requesting to replat his property to accommodate additional homesites. He has referred Mr. James back to the Mahoning County Planning Commission.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Smith reported that there were 26 calls in February, including 20 EMS calls with 10 transports of which the Township transported all 10. He reported on the inspection of two vacant structures. The first at 6336 Elk Rd. He will submit a complete report with pictures to the trustees. He also inspected the property at 7015 S. Salem Warren Rd. He reported that the structure is unsafe and that he will also provide a full report to the trustees. The Chief presented information on a new Paramedic applicant and two new potential junior firefighters. He then discussed that he is reviewing a quote from Fallsway for all vehicle maintenance. He will continue to review other vendors for similar maintenance programs. The Chief then discussed the need to replace twelve portable radio batteries. They will cost around \$40 each. Chief Powell is obtaining pricing for future review. He then reported that the new turn-out gear, that was ordered last year, has arrived and has been distributed. Chief Smith and Lt Ashburn then discussed the upcoming required SCBA bottle tests and mask fit tests. The compressor maintenance quote is \$908.70; the SCBA testing costs will be \$1,259.25. He suggested renting a machine for the fit tests for \$500 as opposed to paying a vendor at least \$50 per member for a test. Last year the department paid over \$1,100 for fit testing. Each air-pak should also get new AA batteries, which is estimated at \$250. **Motion 2021-22:** Trustee Spellman made a motion to approve \$3,400 for the requested items and services. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Chief Smith then updated the Board on the grant applications in process. He also reported that with all the new development at Diehl Lake, he would like to approach the Diehl Properties Board to discuss necessary hydrants and water availability. The Board agreed and offered any assistance as needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Spellman presented information on a proposed one-quarter percent sales tax increase in Mahoning County to be split between the County Engineer and Townships for bridge and road improvements. He explained that the MCTA has been debating as to their recommendations to the Mahoning County Commissioners for such a levy increase to be presented to the voters. The quarter percent would raise approximately 8 million dollars. The current recommendation includes a split between the county and the townships based on township road mileage. Due to limited township road mileage in Ellsworth, this formula does not appear to be positive for this Township. The Board discussed and indicated that they could support an increase in the sales tax, however the formula to distribute these funds needs to support more equity to Ellsworth. There will be another MCTA meeting on April 1st. He also reported that the county did deliver additional road grindings for the new baseball parking lot.

The Board then recognized Jeremy Thompson from the Western Reserve Baseball Organization. Mr. Thompson presented the request of WRBO to use the fields in 2021. The Board explained the local rules and that the Township will provide as much assistance as it can, however the WRBO is responsible for cleaning up trash after each event. The WRBO needs to keep the concession stand and dugouts clean. The Board discussed the portable toilets, and that the Township will again pay for the handicap accessible unit. **Motion 2021-23:** Trustee Spellman made a motion to approve 6 months usage of a handicap accessible porta-john at \$125 per month. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

Trustee Houston notified the Board that all local funeral homes have been contacted with current information regarding the available niches in Ellsworth Cemetery. The Board discussed again the need to use a common font name plate.

Chairman Toman reported on Crimewatch.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion 2021-24: Trustee Spellman made a motion to approve Kevin Felger as a probationary Firefighter/Paramedic on the Ellsworth FD, and to approve Brendan Berry and Olivia Mihin as junior firefighters. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

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Chief Smith then advised the Board that Lane Ambulance will no longer answer calls in Craig Beach, so 911 will dispatch 2nd call for Craig Beach to EFD.


The Board discussed re-opening the Fire Hall to the 4H groups and rentals. The Board unanimously agreed to reopen the Hall under the current Ohio COVID precautionary guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS:

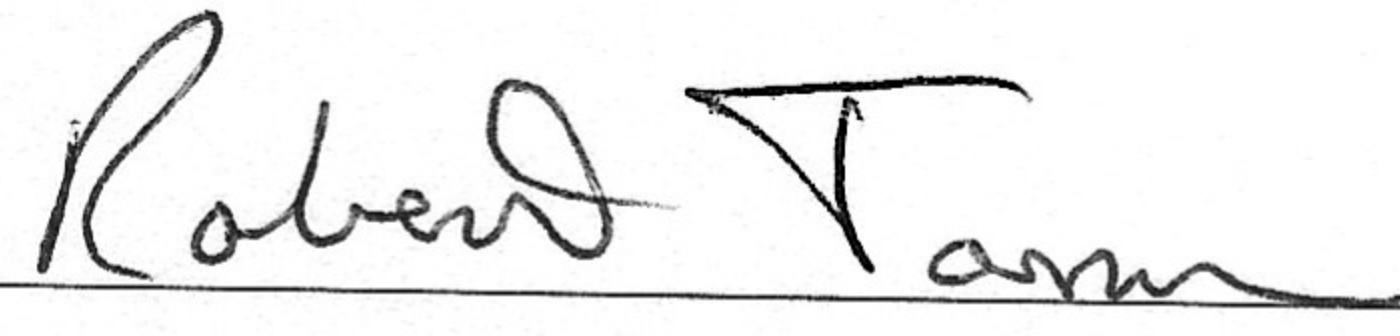
The Board recognized Fred Schrock, from VFW #9571, who advised that they will be placing flags at the veterans graves this year and that there may be some type of honor services for the 2021 Memorial Day. He also explained that the VFW has established a fund to refurbish the old helicopter in front of the VFW Hall. Donations are being accepted.

The next meeting will be held April 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall.


At 8:45 pm, Trustee Houston made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.



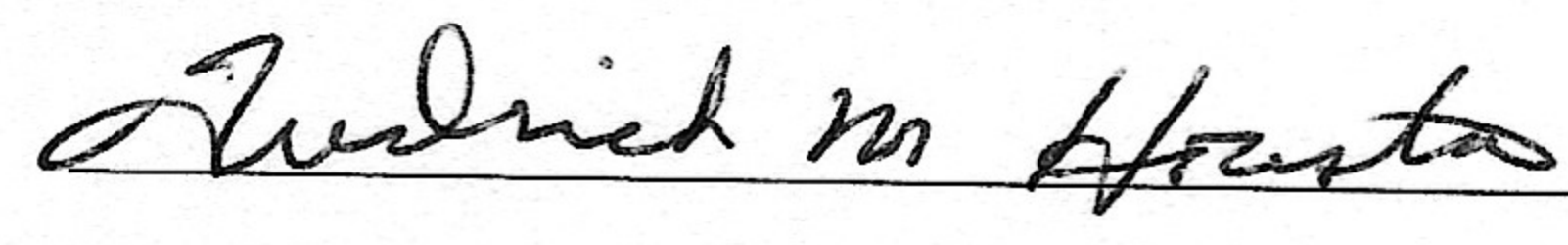
Fiscal Officer



Chairman



Trustee



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