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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

November 10, 2021

Chairman Robert Toman called the November 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 - excused absent, Trustee Fredrick Houston - 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 James DeCenso presented the minutes from the last regular meeting, which was held October 13, 2021, for approval. No one in attendance requested that the minutes be read. **Motion 2021-97:** Trustee Houston made a motion to accept the minutes from the last regular meeting. Chairman Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

FISCAL REPORT: Fiscal Officer James DeCenso reported that October's receipts were \$27,562 and expenditures were \$37,768. The total gross fund balance as of October 31, 2021, was \$651,937 not including the ARPA grant of \$110,564.75. The Fiscal Officer then presented invoices requesting approval of \$420.00 for new molding to be installed around the Fire bay doors, \$668.77 for the Township's share of radio repeater repairs in Jackson Twp, \$50.00 to Advanced Marking for Township info copies, \$254.50 for additional Trick or Trunk expenses that exceeded the original approval of \$400.00, \$3,100.00 in additional work done by Joseph Painting on the buildings and \$3,314.25 to renew the Emergency Reporting software used by Fire and EMS. **Motion 2021-98:** Trustee Houston made a motion to approve the \$7,807.52 in expenditures presented. Chairman Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Mr. DeCenso then discussed with the Board the 2022 employee group insurance quotes. Medical Mutual has quoted a 15.5% increase, however their rate is still below a community rated quote from Aetna and Anthem did not respond. He reported that the overall expenses will be lower in 2022 as one employee will become Medicare eligible and will most likely choose to reduce his full coverage to a Medicare supplement only. **Motion 2021-99:** Trustee Houston made a motion to approve Medical Mutual as the Health and Life Insurance carrier for the 2022 calendar year. Chairman Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Mr. DeCenso then reviewed the monthly analysis of the EMS and Fire funds. Expenses exceeded revenue by \$4,205 for the month, however through October YTD, revenue has exceeded expenses by \$7,192. Mr. DeCenso then discussed the 2022 budget and distributed a list of open projects for the Board and Department Heads to review. Any unused funds that were encumbered for a particular project should be reallocated back to an available status prior to 2022.

ROAD and MAINTENANCE: Mr. Matt Stroney advised the Board that there was one burial in Ellsworth and one funeral in Berlin Twp. where he assisted. He also sold one plot in October. Mr. Stroney reported on the tree trimming at the cemetery. He is to meet a new vendor tomorrow, November 11th for a quote. It has been difficult to find an arborist to come out. He also reported that a door on a niche cracked when the engraving company attempted to attach a nameplate. They will replace the door at no cost to the Township.

ZONING REPORT: Mr. Sarna reported that he wrote one permit since the last meeting. He wrote a permit for a commercial sign on Akron Canfield Rd. Mr. Sarna then gave an update on some zoning violations including the property at 10610 Akron Canfield Rd. where the County Prosecutor has sent a letter to the owner requiring that the structure be removed. He reported that he has a meeting on November 16th with Attorneys Finamore and Mathews to review documents submitted by the Lewis's, regarding the site plan submission for the cement batch plant on S. Salem Warren Rd. He reported on a discussion with Atty Finamore regarding the McCourt mobile home and some additional documents that he needs from the Fire Chief before he can continue with the process to have that condemned property abated. He reported that at the last Zoning Commission meeting, they discussed the possibility of adopting regulations on solar panels in an amended resolution for the Township.

Chairman Toman recognized Dee Tripp from the Zoning Commission, who requested guidance from the Board regarding any regulations for large solar panel installations. These can be considered a business, but also can be confusing if installed on Agricultural zoned property. The Board instructed the Commission and Mr. Sarna to investigate the options available to the Township. Mrs. Tripp read the regulations from Boardman Twp. Zoning,

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regarding solar panels installed for "residential" use. The Boardman resolution did not identify any regulations regarding large-scale installations.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Smith presented the Fire report. He reported that there were 34 calls in October, including 30 EMS calls with 20 transports of which the Township transported 8. He also updated the Board on YTD statistics. Chief Smith discussed the radio grant that the Mahoning County Fire Chief Association is working on. The Township's portion would be 10% or approximately \$15,000 in 2022. The Chief advised the Board that based on the recent testing, the ladder is scheduled to go to Fallsway for maintenance for greasing. He estimated the cost to be \$1,500.00. **Motion 2021-100:** Trustee Houston made a motion to approve the \$1,500.00 requested for the ladder maintenance. Chairman Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor. Chief Smith then advised the Board that the department has been awarded reimbursement of \$1,200.00 from the State of Ohio for EMS training. He will submit the necessary paperwork to obtain the grant monies. He then thanked his department members and everyone else that helped to make the Trick or Trunk a huge success. The event raised \$250.00 in donations. The Chief requested that the money be put towards a clothes dryer for the station. The Fiscal Officer will gather some pricing and investigate the use of the 2021 OTA Fire Grant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee reports presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

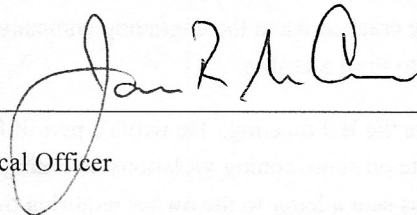
Chairman Toman discussed the Ohio Township Association's 2022 Winter Conference to be held January 26 through January 28, 2022, in Columbus Ohio. He presented information to Chief Smith and Wayne Sarna and suggested that they may be consider attending some of the workshops.

Chairman Toman then recognized Carol Check, who presented information to the Board and the audience regarding the Christmas tree lighting that will be held at Ellsworth Community Church on Monday January 29th at 6:00 PM.

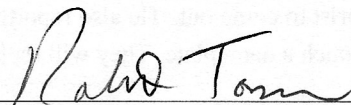
Chairman Toman then recognized Fred Schrock from the VFW Post #9571, who gave an update on the Wreaths for Veterans program that will be held Saturday, December 4th at 10:00 at the Ellsworth Cemetery.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

At 8:32 pm, with no further business to discuss, **Motion 2021-101:** Trustee Houston made a motion to adjourn. Chairman Toman seconded the motion. The roll call vote was all in favor.

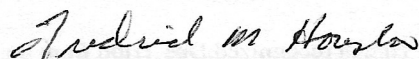


Fiscal Officer



Chairman

Trustee



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