

CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY: Jeffrey Bixler 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Bixler: Chair, present, Vice chair:, Diehl present Trustee Pfile: present, Bill McCluskey, Fiscal officer, present , Jesse Baughman, fire chief, absent. Rhonda Lippy, zoning, absent. Emily Duma present for zoning.

Guests :(writing on guest list sign in not all legible, some names may not be spelled accurately) Scott Smith, attorney, Mary Jane, visitor, Sandra Paris N.Benton, Ron Schubert, N.Benton, Matt Pretis, Uniontown, Peggy Coy resident, Lynn Allen, visitor, Tim Allen, visitor, Peggy Stonier,visitor, Tryston Bissexx, visitor, Maureen Haska, resident, Rick Oblisk, resident, Cyndi Oblisk resident, Connie V, visitor.

I. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR 9/26/2024

Moved By: Pfile Second: Diehl
Mr. Pfile: yes Mr. Diehl: yes Mr. Bixler: yes

II. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

a. 9/12/2024

Moved By: Pfile Second: Diehl
Mr. Pfile: yes Mr. Diehl: yes Mr. Bixler: yes

Mr. Bixler opened the floor to guests. He asked them to stand, say name, say what you want to talk about, and no interruptions to the speaker from audience.

Scott Smith introduced himself as an attorney from Akron, retained by a group, the Edinburg Pioneers made possible through the James Chapmen/Albert Shewell Family, that wish to do extensive work to restore the cemetery. Funding provided by Evelyn Bonnie Hefner Shewell, putting up \$5000.00 initially and an additional \$5000.00 in the spring. Project is to be lead by Sandra Paris and will contract with? Myer a stone mason. M. Paris will plan to do history and location maps.

He explained he understands this has not been a smooth road and he was there to help get it smoothed.

Jeffrey asked for clarification on retainment. Attorney Smith said he was retained by Ms. Paris to represent the group. (Edinburg Pioneers). Packets dispersed to the trustees with group information.

Overall discussion continued with trustees and Attorney addressing the issues of projects being on hold for at least 2 months. Attorney Smith state Mr. Bixler said all parties would be invited to work this out tonight. Mr. Bixler said not all parties, but rather our legal council (not present). Attorney Smith spoke with frustration regarding his appearance and belief of different purpose in his understanding of his role tonight based on discussion with Mr. Bixler and Ms. Paris and other groups. (now appears 3 groups, Edinburg Pioneers is new) Mr. Bixler summarized that both parties are not to do anything with the stones until trustees give permission. If animosities continue, including parties involving law enforcement, or battle ground, all will be stopped.

Tim asked for summary of what Attorney Smith was doing here. Attorney Smith summarized his work for client, client presented what they wanted to do to the attorney, and he understood he was there to work this out. More discussion back and forth, including if or not work needs done, his views, and his frustration with present situation and avoiding coming back. Trustees agreed with Attorneys summary, however, will work on their time and not group's demands. More back and forth and trustees' position that other community members and families, do not want this specific person, working on their family stones. Discussion regarding police involvement. More back and forth summaries of opinions. Tim summarized the trustee plan to set rules, and feel they are being pushed against their time frame, and involvement of an attorney was simply curiosity regarding township needing representation.

Mr Bixler opened the floor to Ms. Coy, who presented pictures that show stones being moved since the last meeting. Tim asked if cleaned, she said yes, but nothing is broken, agreeing nothing was to be done, and showed some pictures of broken stones. Tim said he went to the cemetery and did not see the problem (other than 7 stones moved and sextons will set). Jeffrey asked when this was done. She said she did not know exactly when, but since last meeting. General discussion back and forth. Trustees saying sexton will reset stones.

Ms. Haska said that it was here understanding from meeting attendance that no stones were to be touched. Tim said this is true, however, they do not know exactly when these stones were touched. Jeffrey said only mausoleum door painting and mapping was allowed (no stone work)

Lynn Allen spoke up and asked if she could map, trustees agreed, but do not touch stones.

Ms. Haska said the rules posted on the cemetery are outdated, Trustees will review.

Cyndi Oblisk asked about moving Boy Scout shed. Need for new shed discussed as perhaps it could not handle a new move. Spots identified at the park. Cyndi said they were looking to see if it can be worked on to survive move.

? Attorney Smith? asked if parties will be notified of any meetings regarding the cemetery. Trustees said yes and it would also be held in a public meeting.

III. Correspondences. Tim mentioned he heard from Linda Dillon that the boy scouts would be staining the table outside the town hall on Saturday the 28th

Bill shared letter thank you letter from Portage County Child and adult Protective services for donated rental.

IV. Old BUSINESS.

Tim called portage county engineer on Alliance and Hughes road speed study, recommending 40 mph. Jeffrey asked about weight limit signs, Tim said he would follow. Maureen Haska asked if resident truckers are excluded and trustees said yes, it will not apply to those that have their personal truck at home.

VI. Trustee reports:

Chris mentioned the Boy Scouts will be camping at the park this Saturday. Debbie was notified.

Jeffrey asked if title transfer was forwarded to Bill. Bill share deed with trustees.

VII. Department Reports.

1. Roads: Tim reported Roads: replaced power steering line on newer dump truck, new handle for town hall door, working on equipment, table salt delivered, framing and stone placed in the playground areas. Tim discussed process, and taking more material than estimated. Will not likely do larger area by playground swing sets (? before end of year.) Jeffrey asked if need PO approval, but he had not received any estimates, but using playground grant seems okay.

2. Fire: Scott Simmons reported: he reported on cot status for fire equipment power load system. Myers will install OCT 1 and 2nd. Palmyra asked to run mutual aid at that time. Jeffrey asked if we could count on this. Scott said yes. Bill mentioned that although it is a grant, we still need a statement of final bills and statements of completion, get cancelled checks, etc. The township has paid \$38000.00 ahead for all this, and talked with the grant manager at BWC about this. Scott said there will be more required of him for quarterly reporting etc. Bill said his concern was getting the grant money into our accounts, so Scott would need to make sure all documentation was forwarded to him. Chris shared cot

information with the attendees.

Said got EMS Grant for 3600. He asked Bill if he has seen the money . Bill said he does not have any money, only a po listed on the State site. He said Scott should follow up. Scott said we should have gotten it 6 weeks ago. Bill said no check nor direct deposit to date.

Electric company came for safety training and discussed the raining. Quotes reicieved for tire replacement. New Hose and ladder testing pricing shared with trustees No formal estimate received by fiscal officer for PO.

Scott mentioned thanks for township trustees approving 2 day grants training. He mentioned assistance to Fire Fighters grant, open for only 45 days. And he would like to apply for the fire engine. Mentioned grant allows up to 1 million dollars. ?AFG grant? Pricing discussed it is a cost share grant, at 5 % at around 45,000 township cost. He reported some concerns regarding portal access to Federal grants. i.e. only one administrator (what is something happened to Fiscal officer) and he stated he does not have access to all available grants.

(Since meeting; Fiscal officer reviewed site and added Tim Pfile as additional Authorize user, as an authorized user has control or financials even though Scott asked for this ability) as employee cannot have such access to financial controls. (Review also showed Scott has been given access to all available grants as a grant writer.) Jeffery asked for standard for Authorized user. Scott suggested he administrative authority, as wants ability to go in and change things quickly.

Bill discussed the ID systems being tied directly to an individuals, personal accounts and cell phone. Administrative Authorization cannot be given to an employee, as they can change township information and finance information. Scott mentioned that BWC denied another application, as Bill would not change BWC payroll report to separate fire fighters (although only other option is volunteer fire fighters, and we do not have volunteer fire fighter, also township had been audited by BWC and entries were correct) Perhaps grant was only available to volunteer fire departments? More grant discussion with Bill asking Scott to talk and work with him on grant issues. Scott said he was limited in his access to other grants at the site, and only give data entry privileges. Jeffrey asked Scott to work with Bill.

MOTION: Jeffrey made a motion to approve replacement of tires through great lakes tires, 5195.98

Seconded by Tim,

Mr. Pfile: yes Mr. Diehl: yes Mr. Bixler: yes

Chris gave Bill the quote.

Jeffrey discussed rear suction on the engine needing repaired, Cost is \$8222.53 at Countryside. Jeffrey summarized it is a need.

MOTION: Chris made a motion to approve replacement of rear suction through great Country side Trucking and other maintenance repairs. three invoices reviewed not to exceed \$13,513.84. Jeffrey made Final motion. Seconded By Tim

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Scott asked if he could go ahead and work on the AFG grant, Jeffrey said of course and work with Bill.

Bill asked if the township would be responsible to pay up front to receive the grant, as that is not possible, we do not have 1 million. Scott said either way, the State fire Marshalls office will offer the Loan. He said he presented this in the past. Bill again said regardless we did not have the funds for 12,000 a month payment. Bill said it was shared

when we had the quote from vendor.

3. Zoning: Emily read Rhondas report:

Permits: 3959 Alliance Rd Agricultural Pole Barn

I have been fielding calls and emails from people inquiring about new projects, working on the database, and organizing files.

Trustees reviewed motion from common pleas for property cleanup on 14, however, court listed Ravenna township rather than Edinburg township on Resolution. Emily offered to contact County Prosecutor.

VIII. Fiscal Officer: Bill shared payment reports. Shared PO's and EFT's Including Chip and seal. \$ 33651 for chip and seal. Asked for approval to pay Visa Bill, as he still did not receive receipts, 2 Loews and one clarion subscription all Jesse. Last meeting, he said he had receipts. Agreement was once a week for visa receipts. I have not gotten any.

Motion: Jeffrey made motion to approve payment to Elan visa, without receipts, Seconded by Chris.

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Bill shared that he has not received all the certificates of completion for Fraud training. From Fire nor Zoning inspector. Fire department turned in signed forms, but no certificate. Anyone can sign the form. Needs certificates. Due date is 9/29/2024. 3 months since repeated request.

Bill shared copies of the OTARMA Liability action report from KLA audit, again. Reported he is only the fiscal officer and cannot initiate these changes. Trustees will need to act if they choose. Even though he is the one they send everything to. Bill did confuse with the Cyber security audit and did mention action taken with computers in road department, but not computer in the back room in fire department. He then corrected and said there are 2 out there that need action. He suggested the UAN computer will be updated next year and they can have it.

Yelling outside the building, interrupted meeting, Tim checked, all clear.

Chris made a motion to pay the bill, eft's and warrants shared; 43609-43625 , Tim made motion seconded by Chris.

Mr. Pfile: yes Mr. Diehl: yes Mr. Bixler: yes

Mr. Pfile made a motion to Adjourn the meeting 8:50 pm seconded by Chris.

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Jeffrey Bixler, Chairman

Chris Diehl, Vice Chairman

Tim Pfile, Trustee

William McCluskey, Fiscal Officer