

Edinburg Township Trustees – Regular Trustee Meeting

At Edinburg Town Hall

October 26th,

2017

Jeffrey Bixler called the October 29<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Edinburg Township Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call shows: Jeffrey Bixler, present; John Hayes, present; Diane Austin, absent; Bill McCluskey, Present; Kevin Biltz, Present; Mike Pittinger, present; Sandy Templeton, Absent.

Guests attending:

The Following Residents were in attendance: Residents: John Kurtz, Robert Osterland, Laura Osterland Rhonda Lippy Thomas (illegible) III, Roger Holcomb, J Shaw, Owen Shaw, Lloyd Harless Jr., Tim Pfile, Jillian Fesemyer.

**MOTION:** Mr. Bixler called for a motion to approve the agenda of October 29th 2017; John Hayes made this motion, seconded by Jeffrey Bixler. Roll call shows: John Hayes, yes; Diane Austin,absent; Jeffrey Bixler, yes

**MOTION:** Mr. Bixler called for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 12th 2017. This was made by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Bixler. Roll call shows: John Hayes, yes; Diane Austin, absent; Jeffrey Bixler, yes

Jeffrey Bixler opened the floor to those in attendance. He asked those wishing to speak to stand up and state their name before they begin discussion.

Bob Osterland (will correct name) with Boy Scout Troop 558 introduced himself stating he is the ex-scoutmaster he stayed at Tom Gregory is now taking over he stated they had a situation and needed to find a new charter for the troop. He stated there were situations that had taken place within the troop that involved a family that they moved out..... (with a short pause).... asking trustees if they wanted to hear all the detail.

Jeffrey Bixler stated no.

He stated they need to have a new Charter and they have to have word over this by the 3rd of November or the troop would no longer exist. He stated: I don't want to see that happen we've been here since 1921. We are one of the older troops in the country. He stated they have been through a couple charters and because of the situation that's going on.... (indiscernible).. council..... we get accepted into the church..... met with council and go over and talk to them..... then for some reason the church will say no. I'm pleading my case.

Jeffrey asked "who was your Charter?"

Bob replied the small white church over here. (Someone interjected), the Church of God. Bob said they basically had to let them go because they're getting so small and they are barely staying above water right now. Bob stated a long time ago they used to be with the Edinburg United and they want to start...they want another troop in over there, they want all our chain of command in our troop to step down,. Bob said he already did for other reasons, not because of that. Marlan has stepped down and Mrs. Shaw is our new committee chair and Tom is our Scout Master. I want to stay with the troop, but going over there, most of the families are saying that if do that they are going to pull their boys out of the troop and find another troop. There are some bitter things going on. I don't carry things around with the scouts and that, but we are in trouble.

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Jeffrey asked for clarification as to what the sponsor does for the charter. Bob stated he has some things here (presenting documents) that might help you a bit. Basically the charter is in charge of the troop. They can tell us who they want as a leader. It doesn't cost the community anything. Actually we are a benefit to the community because there are a lot of things we do for you. I think we would be better being here than with the church.

John Hayes asked: being here meaning what Bob? Bob: With the town hall, with, (someone, female interjected): being sponsored by the township, Bob continued, with Edinburg, with Edinburg being the Charter.

Jeffrey asked if there were any other Townships they know of that are charters... that sponsor? Bob said no the only requirements are that it cannot be a for profit organization. It can be a VFW, a Legion. A lot of scout troops go to churches and he does not know why they push in that direction, it's not a bad thing but the way things are right now, until the air cools down, we need a charter to stay open; stay in business. If we can get it through here than we can continue to search a church; which we have to others in mind, that probably will take us. The bottom line is we are kinda being black balled because they want to start another troop over there and basically split our troop up. Jeffrey asked: you're saying Edinburg United? Bob replied Right.

Jeffrey said well it probably should have been brought to us approximately two weeks ago, and the reason I say that is, before I would be willing to put my ball cap into the parade, I would run it by the assistant prosecuting attorney because that's what we run all of our business through; that we are not sure of. And I'm not sure whether we can do this or not. I don't know.

Bob asked; as far as being a charter? Jeffrey replied, being a sponsor. Bob stated I know. they we're going to do it almost 20 years ago when they moved from the church before they moved over here. In that time frame they were talking about doing it up here and then that church said yeah we'll take them. So they went over there. Legally, as I was saying, as far as the scouts are saying, yes you can as long as you're not for profit organization.

Jeffrey said I understand on the business side; what I'm worried about is the government side. Bob stated he understood that but they got til next Friday to come up with a charter; or were now history. Jeffrey asked John if he had any thoughts on this.

John said when I was approached today by Rodger... Rodger Holcomb, I know there's a nice boy scout troop; that's all I know. He said, you fellas and ladies that work with the scouts around here are very admirable. John said, so I asked you to come to the trustee meeting and run it by Jeff and Diane, but she's not here tonight. But I think it's a shame that you have only 3 or 4 days. John said he was never a Boy Scout or Cub Scout but knows they are highly regarded and he would like to see them continue. If there are two troops in the future, so be it. But he didn't want to see anything go by the wayside. I don't think anyone would want to see the softball team or the soccer teams go by the wayside. Our kids need your kind of guidance right now. But like Jeff said, asking Jeffrey why he said two weeks. Jeffrey replied, well we had our last meeting two weeks ago and if this had been brought up at the last meeting it would have given us a little bit of time to talk..... John completed sentence with the prosecutor. Bob interjected, we got...(interrupted by female voice) stating we didn't get told this date til yesterday. Jeffrey interjected, one second please. Bob finished, yes we got told Friday night and we had the other Church lined up and Friday night they (referencing Edinburgh United) called us and kind of blackballed us and said they decided "not to take you now" and I didn't know about it; and have to give him a call myself. And that was Friday. So we're trying to figure out what we have to do.

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So I called National to find out what we had to do to find a charter organization and they said as long as it's not a profit organization like a private company or something then you guys can do it. But we were we got things working against us there cuz there's a buddy buddy thing going on they just kind of really dampen this pretty good.

Jeffrey said, okay would you like to say something. Would you state your name please.

Rhonda Lippy: Okay, we just received a letter yesterday from Council as far as the dates go. They said we're chartered through the church through the 30th of November but they wanted us to have something in line by the 3rd of November. We only received this in writing yesterday. So this is why we're coming to you and I don't know if you read the church newsletter. It's kind of a one-sided letter against people he's never even spoke to. I have never gotten.... I can.... as a minister, he should be.... in my eyes as a minister you need to see both sides of the story. Isn't that what they preach to you? You need to hear everybody's side without making decisions And that's what would be..... and things were said in that newsletter; I could read it if you don't have a copy; that were not necessarily true. Bob interjected they weren't true.

Jeffrey ask for a raise of hands for everyone that was there in reference to the Boy Scouts. 9 hands were raised. Rhonda continued: we have, I have two boys that are working on their Eagle projects. One turns 18 in April and one turns 18 in May. I know one project is going to be fixing..... (not stated)..... another Eagle project is in the park. My boys have done all 3 Eagle projects in the park. John interjected, like the fire pit? Rhonda continued the 2 fire pits, and the Big E, was one of my sons Eagles project. Bob interjected, one of the projects is to replace the flower boxes around the flagpole and do everything in stone instead of wood. Rhonda continued, I just value the program. (Others interjected... we all do). Bob said, we do have an upcoming project at the cemetery where we're going to take it in sections and start resetting all the stones and the foundations and stuff like that. That was going to be a troop project to work on and get things straightened out for you.( table discussion occurring between Mike and Jeffrey indiscernible) Rhonda continued and even if you say yes, you vote Yes for us to do it with approval from Legal counsel, that would at least give us a little more time.

John stated, like Jeff said, as 3 trustees the Board of Trustees, we have to answer to our entire community Rhonda interjected, I understand. John continued, and so that's why if..... Rhonda interrupted stating, there's no Monetary.....( over talking) .....John Hayes said, I agree (not sure if responding to Rhonda or Mike) John Hayes said, I know what you're talking about.

Mike Pittinger: if we make a phone call...(Jeffrey and Mike side bar).... we can give them someplace.....\*\*addendum at 11/30/2017 meeting per Jeffrey Bixler; asked Mike if Association could Sponsor.

John Hayes: In order for the board to make a decision one way or the other, we need to talk to the prosecutor to get legal, is what Jeff said.

Jeffrey stated I want to make a suggestion. Talking with Chief Pittinger, the fire department Association could also sponsor. Mike stated, it wouldn't be the fire department it would be the fire Association. Jeffrey and Mike both stated: which is a nonprofit organization. Bob asked how soon could it be before we get an answer on that. Jeffrey said that's why I asked Mike; and he seemed to be in favor of it and he can probably get you an answer much quicker than we can because we are restricted by rules, Sunshine Law and such like that. Bob stated that would be great. I can give you the paperwork and you can take it with you tonight. Mike Pittinger said let's do that and I will get a hold of our board members. And tomorrow we can probably call

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a special meeting. We do have to vote on it through the association. I don't see an issue with that at all.

Jeffrey Bixler asked Roger Holcomb to state his name. Roger continued: keep in mind when Council BSA Council comes and asks you questions and wants to fill you in on what's recommended or something for the Boy Scout Troop; they're going to tell you that this is a dysfunctional adult leadership that argue and fight, we don't. We haven't. They're going to tell you that there is drugs in our troop. There's not. They're going to tell you there are alcoholics in our troop. There's not. I'm just letting you know that what things they've said to other churches that are false. We are a real tight group here as far as the adult leadership. We're missing a few here tonight. Mike Pittinger asked is Bob Grudosky in the troop? Rodger and Bob stated yes. Rodger continued, the one boy Luke is the one working on the project. Mike said, let me get a hold of all the members tonight. I'll send out an email to everyone tonight so I won't get a response back till tomorrow and we can call a session later and I don't really see an issue with it. Bob asked, would you want one of us there or somebody there to answer any question. Mike stated that might not be a bad idea. Let me get a hold of everybody and one of your guy's contact information and see if I can get this done by tomorrow afternoon. Mike said he knows his treasurer is on duty tomorrow and he can get a hold of Bob and the president, she's working tonight. Bob stated okay, before you leave he would give Mike the paperwork. Rhonda and Rodger said thank you. Mike Pittinger asked: one more question. Where would you guys have your meetings? Bob stated here ( meaning the town hall). Jeffrey stated it would still say it's the same. Indiscernible chatter....That's our shed..... we got a lot of work already...Kevin Biltz: that's their building out there. Mike: correct, I knew that. Jeffrey stated, that's troop 558 shed and that's troop 558's trailer, that's correct right. Rodger stated that would transfer over to whoever our.... Jeffrey asked if the troops number would stay the same? Bob stated, the troops number would stay the same and everything the troop owns would belong to whoever the charter member is at the time, to include our finances, the whole nine yards. Rhonda stated, but it would all go through your tax ID number. Mike Pittinger said where a 501 c 3. Rhonda said, right, so that qualifies.

Jeffrey asked if anyone else had anything they would like to bring forward. Over chatter with Mike Pittinger. Rhonda stated : yes, we maintain it all ourselves. (Referring to finances) Rhonda asked if she could ask one more question? Just to let you know we still have boys that are getting close to their Eagle that are life Scouts looking for projects. So, if you guys come up with some stuff, we have boys. Rhonda continued, if you have something in the township we have boys looking for projects actively.

John Hayes said this is beautiful. I will tell you, the chief Mike Pittinger over here will do his level best to turn every one of your Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts into firefighters. That's his bottom goal. Mike Pittinger added they are looking for Cadets. Jeffrey Bixler added some history, that in the 1960s, troop 558, in order to be a Cadet on the fire department or a junior fire fighter you had to be a Boy Scout with 558. He asked those attending, do you know how I know that?, I'm one of them. Audience member....so you have an interest in it. Jeffrey: yes I have an interest, It's a good program. ....other affirmative responses. Bob stated, it is a good program and I can't believe someone is trying to butcher it like they are. Jeffrey stated, we will stay out of the political end of the business that you guys have. If they feel that they can do that, then you guys are in good shape.

Jeffrey Bixler introduced John Kurtz who added: the Boy Scouts are accepting girls now. Others in room agreed that is true. Jeffrey Bixler stated that's one of those things that .....(much over chatting).... Jeffrey Bixler continued, it's a change, everything changes, anybody that..... and I know and I'm speaking for my personal opinion,

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change is the hardest thing in the world for Someone to grasp but when things push far enough, you only have two options that's to fail or change.

Correspondences

Bill stated he wanted to correct the date of the Community Health Improvement plan meeting from November 12th as stated at the last trustee meeting, to November 15th at the Ravenna Elks. The time is from 2 to 4.

Jeffrey introduced the Charles Harris letter listed by Bill on the agenda. Bill informed the trustees that Charles Harris is there auditing company for the township. He stated we are up for an audit again next year. Jeffrey stated it feels like we just got done with 1 Bill stated it is every two years based on the election cycle. He explained that they are offering service to complete the GASB 34 for the year-end summary. He stated this is a new addition to the year-end report by the state auditor and is often referred to as the Hinkle system. He stated that it has some financial information which is pretty standard and requires additional reporting regarding the financial state of the township and would include information in regards to all contracts the township also has with other providers such as life force, OTRAMA, OPERS. He said that this is similar to a publicly traded company that needs to add information at the end of their financial reports for stockholders. He stated he has submitted this in the past and was not aware of any dings or anything that was not appropriate however he just wanted to make sure the trustees were aware that the service was available to the township if needed in the future.

John Hayes reported that he got some countywide emails regarding other townships making a resolution in regards to something. He asked Jeffrey if he could bring him up to speed on that. Jeffrey attempted to pull the email up on his phone he stated it was in regard to the state trying to get all the townships to sign on to.....unable to find on phone.. He stated, we haven't done it in the past because we haven't found any benefit to it and there's a lot of other townships that also do not participate. It's not a requirement. It's something they're trying to get all townships to do to be part of an entire system. Jeffrey and John joked about being caught off guard by John, John apologized. Jeffrey said,, anyway he knows what John is talking about and he thought we had had a real brief discussion on it at one time and it's been like the second announcement that they've gotten for it and he didn't think that at that time the trustees appeared very interested in it. Jeffrey stated after he read it all over again he still wasn't interested, personally. Bill asked for supporting the record, if he had at least a topic to record regarding this conversation. Jeffrey said he apologized but he could not find the e-mail at this time. Jeffrey stated he would forward Bill the email so he could insert the topic into the record.

Old business.

Jeffrey stated He had received the Enervest electric motor approval letter for the motor/electrical power in the park and the letter stated that we do not have mineral rights To this oil well. Said it could have been part of the original sale (before the township ownership) that the township did not get to purchase the mineral rights. Regardless, we will not be charged or pay for any of the work being done and that it should save the township Fire Department from calls.

RESOLUTION 2017-069 :

Jeffrey made a motion to accept the land owner approval of electric route to Enervest operating LLC at 125 state route 43 Hartville Ohio, to install the electric motor and

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wiring as long as it has its own meter and is separate from the Township power source at our township park. John Hayes seconded the motion. roll call Hayes yes Bixler yes.

Jeffrey Bixler presented a certificate of Wastewater inspection from the county for the Fire department. It had a suggestion for a pumping to the tank. Bill asked Kevin if he still had the contract in effect. Kevin said they didn't have a regularly scheduled pumping any longer after they fixed the plumbing issue. Jeffrey asked Mike if they were still working on a grant to redo the system. Mike said it appears to be working correctly at this time.

Jeffrey Bixler noted to John that the employee evaluations needed to be completed by the end of the year. John Hayes asked if Jeffrey Bixler ever came up with the format they were going to use. Jeffrey Bixler stated he is using the form from the employee manual. They may tailor the form differently to include specific information with regard to the fire department employees.

John Hayes stated he had given Jeffrey a form he had in the past. Jeffrey Bixler agreed. both trustees agreed to the form presently located in the employee handbook. Mike Pittinger stated that he had prepared a different evaluation form. Jeffrey Bixler agreed that the form he had in hand was more generic and the other was more specific relating to the fire service.

John Hayes asked for discussion regarding the jake brake signage that had been brought up at a previous meeting. Kevin stated he had talked to Joe Defuria from the state highway department. He stated the trustees had to decide where they wanted to put it and that they were replacing the one at Carlisle way. He stated he needed to know how far from the address on a mailbox the township wanted the sign placed. Kevin stated he had to go out and take a look at that. Kevin stated he had sent him a copy of the resolution Bill had found in the minutes. However he said it is nothing like the resolution that had been submitted to the trustees previously. Bill stated he had looked through all the records and all he could find was what he copy to Kevin and the trustees. Jeffrey stated it looked like it had dragged on for a while. Bill said it appeared that they had also combined that with the Edinburg Township signs. Kevin stated parking as well it was all combined. Further general discussion about the Ohio revised code and a previous resolution, location and area. Also the potential need to alert the state highway department. John also mentioned an "End Engine Brake" signs to be reviewed as well. It was decided the trustees would allow Kevin to identify the location and proceed from there with present information.

John Hayes next mentioned that he had asked Kevin to make a couple calls to the Edison Electric regarding the new street light at Carlyle Way. Kevin stated they have not called him back, and that he had the work order number. (First Energy Akron). John said he would get involved. Bill mentioned that while searching records regarding the Jake brakes he did find a discussion in the minutes regarding Edinburg sharing the cost of a new street light at Palmyra and Edinburg, and the cost to total to his memory was in and around \$3000.00 for installation and \$11.00 a month for electric bill. Jeffrey agreed about this on Alliance road, back in 2003. Bill stated it was just to give them a rough estimate.

New business.

No new business.

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Trustee reports.

John and Jeff agree they had covered everything that they wanted to discuss.

Department reports.

Kevin Bixler Road Cemetery Park.

Kevin presented a pricing estimate from Leppo for new and used Butler trailer. He reported uses and specifications of the trailer. John asked for information regarding the safety of hauling the roller. Kevin stated it was not. Length discussed as better as to carrying two mowers rather than making two trips. Kevin said that since we got some money from the sale of the equipment at auction, now would be a good time to look into this. John stated he thought the cost of the trailer was a bit steep, although he liked the idea and trailer; but there is a need to look for a bargain. He thought \$4000.00 would be more reasonable. Further discussion about pricing and strategies and safety of roller hauling, and warranty amongst the trustees and Kevin.

He reported working on mowing in the park and picking up leaves. Review of the cemetery looking at the foundations and recording names he found 162 monuments that could be fixed. He said he did not complete the north side yet. He would give Kevin a list of the names in the cemetery bequests so that can then could identify if those names were part of those plots needing attention.

Mike Pittinger Fire Department.

Mike reported 10 calls total since last meeting 1 fire 7 EMS Medical 1 MVA 1 Mutual Aid Medical. 1518 and 1511 are now back in service. Jeffrey asked what the costs of those repairs were. Mike stated he has not yet got a total from Mr. Lang. Bill stated he was at the post office today and there were no invoices. Mike stated he had paid it on the credit card. A discussion regarding the invoice going to Edinburg PA as Mr. Lang thought Edinburgh had an account. This is why the credit card was used once this information was found incorrect. Mike stated he purchased a fuel cap for 1513.

Bill McCluskey fiscal officer report.

Bill presented 3 EMS call recipients for collections.

Resolution 2017-070. Jeffrey made a motion to send CAMCHA, GRICOR, RECMAR to collections. John Hayes seconded the motion. roll call Bixler yes Hayes yes.

Bill presented PO's for Stamm, Elan, University hospitals, Akron waste oil, and a discussion regarding Spotted Dog Technology for Rover (mobile). He asked for approval of purchase and then approval of PO for payment. 300.00 a year for paging service about fire department calls.

Resolution 2017-070. Motion made by Jeffrey to pay Spotted Dog technologies/Rover mobile \$300.00 for paging system for one year service contract. Seconded by John Hayes. roll call Hayes yes Bixler yes.

Mike asked Bill if he had received the questionnaire regarding Medicare billing from Life Force management. He told Jeff he had forwarded that to him. Bill said he had not received such an email. Mike said he would forward that email to Bill and asked Bill to print that out for him. Bill agreed and told Mike he would give him that hard copy tomorrow at the fire department.

Bill reported he was unable to complete the automatic payroll deposits for Baker and White. Paperwork for auto deposit for Baker was returned to Mike Pittinger to be completed. Automatic payroll deposits should be available with next paycheck cycle.

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Motion to pay the bills warrants 40364-40394. John Hayes made the motion and it was seconded by Jeffrey Bixler. Roll call Hayes yes Bixler yes

Just Bixler asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.. John Hayes made the motion This was seconded by Jeffrey Bixler. Roll call Hayes yes Bixler yes.

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Jeffrey Bixler, Chairman

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John Hayes, Vice Chairman

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Diane Hargett Austin, Trustee

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William McCluskey, Fiscal Officer