

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____ 20 _____

FEBRUARY 11, 2015

REGULAR MEETING

At 7:01 p.m. Chairman Robert Toman called the regular meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees to order. A role call was taken to establish a quorum: Trustee Fredrick Houston – present, Vice Chairman William Spellman – present, and Chairman Robert Toman – present. Also present were Fiscal Officer Karen Grittie, Fire Chief Robert Sternburg, Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna, Maintenance Supervisor Matt Stroney, and nine visitors. Western Reserve News was not present to video tape. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES: Trustee Houston made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor.

FISCAL REPORT: Fiscal Officer, Karen Grittie, reported the bank balance was \$875,777.27. Documentation for the audit has been submitted. Karen Grittie, asked Chairman Toman if he had a copy of the "Interim Audit Report" that was on the agenda, as the trustees pick up the main. Chairman Toman did not have a copy. Karen Grittie said the auditor working on the audit and the auditor in Columbus had been called and there was no interim report. The new weekly and bi-weekly summation reports were discussed and on display for the public. Karen Grittie asked Chairman were her receipt was for the money she had left for him in the mail drawer. Karen Grittie explained during her husband's recent multiple hospitalizations, the OPERS returns were submitted late. Mrs. Grittie had paid the interest and penalty of \$29.22 to Chairman Toman. Chairman Toman will give a receipt to Mrs. Grittie. Information was given to the Fire Chief for checking the driving records of the volunteer fire fighters. OTARMA, the liability carrier, will reimburse the township the cost. Karen Grittie filled in the financial information on the form for the meeting with the Mahoning County Engineer and gave it to the trustees to complete. Karen Grittie requested a copy of the completed form be given to her. Trustee Houston made a resolution to accept the first and second half tax advances for 2015. The first advances will be on the following dates: February 20, 2015 if sufficient taxes are collected, February 27, 2015, March 6, 2015, and March 13, 2015 if settlement is not completed by this date. Trustee Spellman seconded. The vote was all in favor.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Matt Stroney, maintenance supervisor reported the Mahoning County Building Inspector passed the generator tie in project. A sign was mounted on the maintenance door with contact information, including email address. There were two burials, one each in Ellsworth and Berlin. The decorations in the cemetery must be removed by March 1, 2015. Matt Stroney attended the OTA Winter Conference, attending workshops on paving and cemetery. The new office area is painted, new tile installed and the A/C completed. Trustee Houston made a motion for up to four at \$40 each, totaling \$160, to attend the ODOT LTAP class on asphalt paving, seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor. The furnace/ A/C project at the Town Hall has started. Sheet metal parts are ordered. To date we have used 35 tons of road salt. There were five tons from last year. 20 additions tons will be purchased. Matt Stroney removed the ice dam on Elias Lloyd road and plowed all the township roads to widen the roads. Trustee Spellman said the cost of salt went from \$30 to \$110 a ton. The county has salted hill areas such as Berlin Station and Rt. 45, and Knauf Rd.

ZONING REPORT: Zoning Inspector, Wayne Sarna, reported the county approved an Ag exemption for an ostrich farm on Leffingwell Rd. The building permit is pending the location of the building. There was a complaint of unlicensed cars at 8283 Huxley Rd. One car had been removed. The final letter on the complaint at 6336 had been sent. If there is no response by the end of February, the Mahoning County Health Department will be notified. On February 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a meeting with the Sportsman Club and neighbors to discuss the shooting complaint. The new zoning map from GIS with the zoning changes will be available for the trustees to sign. There will be a hearing on March 23, 2015 for Basista Holdings. Trustee Houston made a motion that each year the Zoning Inspector will give an updated map to the trustees for signature at the Reorganization meeting, seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Since the last meeting there were one motor vehicle crash, and five transports.

EMS REPORT: There were five transports. Trustee Houston made a motion to reimburse \$1377 for the EMT training for Monica Smith, seconded by Trustee Spellman. The vote was all in favor. Chief Sternburg said EMT classes will be held at the Ellsworth station in cooperation with YSU for 15 students, running from February 27 to mid-June 2015. This is open to other fire departments. The possibilities of a grant are being looked into. The training contact states if the student quits, the student must pay the cost. Trustee Houston stated this is good for the township. Trustee Spellman made a motion to approve 15 candidates to attend the EMT training through YSU, with the account to be determined, seconded by Trustee Houston. The vote was all in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: TRUSSTEE SPELLMAN: While at the Winter Conference, Trustee Spellman attended classes on road preservation. The meeting with the Mahoning County Engineer is coming up and road conditions will be discussed. The RUMA benefitted us. The room is coming up to speed with phone lines. TRUSTEE HOUSTON: Trustee Houston reported the room is almost ready. While in Columbus, he attended classes and had discussions with other. Trustee Houston asked if the Fiscal Officer could have the minutes to the trustees in one week following the meeting. Fiscal Officer Karen Grittie explained the previous administration had set the current one week before the meeting. The change will take effect.