

CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY: Bixler, Jeffrey 7:32 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.

Guest Byrne, Brett Bencze County Prosecutor

I. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA FOR 3/14/2024

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

II. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

- a. 2/29/2024 Trustee meeting
 Moved By: Pfile Second: Diehl
 Mr. Pfile: yes Mr. Diehl: yes Mr. Bixler: yes

Guest floor opened. Mr. Bryant came to pay lease of the park field for farming. Chris explained to Brent that there are 2 interested parties. Brent said it would be best to go out for bid and take the best offer. Mr. Bryne /Jeffrey expressed he was under the assumption the lease was ongoing and that he has put a lot of work and expense with fertilizer on the field already. More discussion generally, but said he would look into it more, Jeffrey said he would discuss later. Tim asked if the lease could be for a 3-5 year period. Some more discussion of cost even this year he has already used product and needs to recover cost. Bill mentioned that the revenue is of direct interest to the township residents as well to help pay for increasing costs for the park. So bid might bring in more revenue. He reminded all parties that the contract does state the township can reclaim the property at any time with a 30 day notification, and this is based on the rules governing the township property rental; if the trustees feel there is a present township need/use for the property, regardless of the lease period. Present rent is \$25 per acre for year. Bill mentioned bid options would also be limited due to access to the property is limited. Mr. Bryne discussed other properties he is farming. He said he would like at least 5 years more.

III. Correspondences

Tim mentioned he is receiving notifications for CDL drug testing Consortium. Some discussion, about the need. Cost is 50 per pull, and Insurance will reimburse 30. But Discussion occurred regarding repeated testing of both individuals, and discussion of time away from work and waiting at the testing site. Tim will review program. Jeffrey shared septic fees for town hall and Fire department. Also shared letter from the state of Ohio regarding handout for residents with any cable coplaints.

IV. Old BUSINESS.

Tim discussed the Solar eclipse and his recommendation to close the park that day. The concern is if there are a lot of people, they may ruin the softball fields if driving on them. He reported the crowds are expected to be very high, and it will likely not even be township residents there. Jeffrey said West branch is sold out for their event and 80% are out of town. Bill mentioned he did not think that was an option, and Chris said yes the nature work grant says it needs to remain open.

Discussion occurred and was suggested the road crew work the park that day, and if it gets too crowded then they can close it then due to lack of space. Road department can use their judgment about closing based on space.

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VI. Department Reports.

1. Roads: Tim reported road department was patching roads, working maintenance around garage. Move block at park and seeded. Security cameras are in at the park. Seeded at cemetery and had funeral. General discussion about block at bleachers

2. Fire: Jeffrey 32 calls 2024 Feb and 36 in Feb 2023. 5 fire, 26 EMS MA given 12 received 2. To date runs 2024 70, 75 in 2023. EMS training will be at Edinburg this month, First Responded Mental Health. Joint training in February in Ice and cold water rescue with Portage County Dive team, And Ohio Incident reporting System by the State Fire Marshal Office.
Flow testing for SCBA will be in April.

Discussed County Team Response coverage. Jesse asked about workers compensation relating to this. Jeffrey said it would be covered by Edinburg. Bill said it will be based on who is paying the payroll and who is directing the persons work; defining who is the employer.

3. Zoning: Rhonda, she reported she is working on home addition in Highlands, Did talk to Mr, Kinner (sp). Discussed difference between junk based on beholder, discussed storage unit possibilities. Also discussed fence. General back and forth. Chris mentioned he talked with and he still has 2 weeks left. Can be held for contempt, and also, township can have agents clean up materials with a written letter of protection from the court. He can put that in the order. Chris said he would suggest moving forward on the cleanup. But we would have to pay for it And discussed issue of getting paid for the cost. Tim mentioned putting it on taxes as it can just be filled up again. said letter would hold for this issue.

No report.

4. Fiscal Officer: Bill shared permanent appropriation budget for the year. He reviewed numbers and levels of approvals. He said he needed a motion to approve the budget. He also shared numerous end of year reports. None of the present levels exceed the amount allowed on the first amended certificate.

Motion Resolution 2024-006

Chris made motion to accept the 2024 permanent budget numbers presented.(attached) Motion was seconded by Tim.

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

Bill asked for approval to carry over 5 hours for payroll of zoning inspector as he did not receive the payroll by deadline, and was 5 hours short of what was submitted.

Tim made motion, seconded by Chris

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

He also shared numerous end of year summary reports for the department heads and that he was willing to go over any of them individually reports.

Chris made motion to pay the bill, eft and warrants; 43380-43403 , seconded by Tim.

Jeffrey asked for a motion to go into executive session at 8:04 pm for a conference with the attorney for the public body, concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject of pending or imminent court action and to consider the compensation of a public employee and related investigation/discussion of complaints by public employee, (Rule 3358:17-1-04.2 A1 and A3}

Mr Phile made a motion to go into executive session, this was seconded by Mr. Diehl, at 8:04 pm.

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

Mr Bixler asked for a motion to come out of executive session at 8:39 pm. Mr Diehl made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Phile.

Edinburg Township Trustees Meeting

Town Hall

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2024

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

Mr Bixler asked for a motion to return to the regular meeting at 8:40 pm. Mr. Diehl made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Phile.

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

Motion: Resolution 2024-007

Mr. Bixler asked for a motion to allow the County Prosecutor move forward with the Schill (sp) settlement agreement at terms discussed.

Mr. Diehl made motion seconded by Mr. Phile.

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

Mr. Bixler asked for a motion to Move the regular trustee meeting from Thursday March 28 to March 27th at 7:30 pm and also have a special meeting to discuss township court actions, at 6:30 pm. Diehl made motion seconded by Mr. Phile.

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

Meeting change will be posted on the town center sign on 3/15/2024.

Mr. Bixler made a motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm seconded by Tim.

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

Jeffrey Bixler, Chairman

Chris Diehl, Vice Chairman

Tim Pfile, Trustee

William McCluskey, Fiscal Officer