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REGULAR MEETING MAY 9, 2023

Mr. Barto called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Barto yes, Mr. Schuster yes.

Trustee Schlachter not in attendance due to a death in the family.

Pledge of Allegiance

Township Administrator - Leo Britton

Fiscal Officer – Michele Nowakowski

Department Heads Present

Fire – Chief Kay

Police – Chief Kaiser

Roads/Park – Chad Klavinger

MOTION: Approve Minutes from Regular Meeting April 11, 2023.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

Trustee Barto

If any of you were at the first meeting where I was chair of the board, I made a statement. I would like to revisit part of that. Although the meetings are opened to the public, they are for discussion and resolution of township business as it pertains to your elected officials. Audience participation is not required but is welcome as long as it stays on topic and remains respectful. We have had in the past people blurting out not so pleasant things. That is not going to be tolerated any longer. The speaking will be available after the meetings. You did elect me by an overwhelming majority in 2021 and I appreciate that. I have had both residents and employees of this township tell me that I am running a circus, and I am not running a circus here. I am available anytime. Feel free to call me anytime. If I do not answer leave me a message. I will call you back. I assure you Mark (Trustee Schuster) is the same way. You elected him as well as me to bring calm and some sense to this township. I would ask that you respect that and give us that opportunity. Facebook is not the place to discuss township business. When I see people on Facebook saying that we as trustees are running kids out of our parks that is ridiculous, uncalled for and unnecessary. You can come to me or call me I will talk to you anytime. That situation at the park got way out of hand and it didn't need to. It was being handled by us. Some people don't like the way it was handled. I assure you that when this happened there was a number of factors involved and we did the best we could to resolve it when it occurred. With that being said let's get started with the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on police department hiring

Chief Kaiser states he accepted a few resumes but that's where it stands for right now. Nothing concrete.

Update on fire department hiring.

Chief Kay states he received an application in and request the board to approve a part time EMT Shelby Clawson who will be working day shift and the weekend shifts.

MOTION: HIRE SHELBY CLAWSON TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A PART TIME EMT AT A PAY RATE OF \$15.75 AN HOUR EFFECTIVE DATE MAY 9, 2023.

Mr. Barto, moved; Mr. Schuster, seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto yes.

Update on roads department projects.

Chad stated that the county has started redoing the curbs on Shoreland. Trustee Schuster asked if we heard back from E & K Contractors. Chad says he has not. Trustee Schuster states he had a conversation with the foreman on the job and said to him that they obviously broke the storm sewer but we were negligent by not marking the storm sewer and then you did the repair on it. But I am looking at bill and what they charged us and looking at pictures the bill is not justifiable. We are not going to pay it until we see a broken-down bill. The foreman said they submitted it to Lucas County thinking they would cover it but they forwarded it to the township for us to pay. Trustee Schuster told him we need more clarification on the bill before we pay it. Chad said the county guy was sitting there with them when they pulled up the video of it on their system when they were working on it and digging and they could see right where the line was by looking at the computer. We will wait to see if we get a revised bill. Hold first bill.

Chad would like to hire a part time person to help with things for the summer. Would like to hire Chase Cook. He has work release and work permit from school.

MOTION: HIRE CHASE COOK TO THE ROADS DEPARTMENT. PART TIME SUMMER/SEASONAL HELP AT \$11.50 AN HOUR. EFFECTIVE START DATE OF MAY 30, 2023.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll call: Mr. Schuster yes, Mr. Barto yes.

Update on Lucas County ALS transports.

Chief Kay states that the fire chiefs developed sub committees to work on the logistics of transferring ALS Service to the area fire departments. County officials said they will be reaching out and setting up meetings with each area to discuss the contract and change of service. Leo will be the contact for the township along with one of the trustees. We are grouped with the City of Toledo and Ottawa Hills.

Discuss tree removal quotes.

Chad checked into getting another quote for the trees at the park from the discussion at the last meeting. Chad contacted the guy that Trustee Schuster gave him a number for he came out and looked the trees. He was a lot more than Tree Monkey quoted. His quote was \$13,100.00 for all three trees. Tree Monkeys quote was like \$4,300. Gave us option to have them just cut down tree or take care of everything. Trustee Schuster in the future when we get quotes would like to have both places quote the same job as far as what they do on the job so it's easier to compare. Tree Monkey is still a better deal. Trustee Schuster would like to start getting a scope of work letter/quote for future projects that need done when getting quotes from companies. It's more of a line-item detailed quote so when someone is bidding on a job you can hand it to them and they all can bid the same thing so they know what's expected that we need done. Will give us more tighter numbers if everyone knows what we are wanting for more of a comparison on quotes.

MOTION: HAVE THREE (3) TREES IN SHORELAND PARK REMOVED BY TREE MONKEY. NOT TO EXCEED \$5,500.00.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Barto yes, Mr. Schuster yes.

Update on Shelter Park advertising.

Leo states both banners and sign are in. Just need to be hung. Also, will get Shoreland Park sign hung.

Annual employee reviews

Trustee Barto would like to sit down with Leo to go over and be a part of reviews with employees. Trustee Schuster still needs to look at reviews that Leo put in his mailbox.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss parking issues at Shoreland Park

Discussion

Trustee Barto said that we authorized several teams to use fields. One time there was 2 teams that scheduled double headers that lead to parking problems. It has been fixed to avoid future problems. It didn't help when the Shoreland Shelter House was rented at the same time.

Trustee Schuster concerned that there are no designated handicap spots. Chad and Trustee Schuster to go out and check out possibilities to improve parking. Also need to check into no parking signage around park. Also need to check with Rick when he gets back to see if he has any ideas.

Approve renewal levies for certification

Trustee Barto states we need to approve renewal levies for certifications for County Auditors. Trustee Barto states there are two for fire, one for roads, one for parks. Regarding the fire levy I met with Chief Kay last night he feels that instead of a renewal levy that has to go up every five years he would like to try for a permanent levy. It is not really a change in amounts it's just something we wouldn't have to do again in five years.

RESOLUTION #26:23: NECESSITY FOR LEVYING A TAX CONTINUATION REPLACEMENT EXCEEDING TEN-MIL LIMITATION FOR FIRE/EMS FOR A TWO MIL LEVY.

Resident Jerry Mayfield asked if he could speak out regarding what Trustee Barto said. He stated that it is not a replacement it is a renewal. A replacement would be a new levy it should say a renewal. Trustee Barto states it is a continuation. It is a continuing levy; it is not going to be renewed. Trustee Barto states he just said he wants to push it into a permanent levy that's per John Borell. Trustee Schuster ask Chief Kay, this is what you want right? Chief Kay replies yes.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

RESOLUTION #27:23: NECESSITY FOR LEVYING A TAX CONTINUATION REPLACEMENT EXCEEDING TEN-MIL LIMITATION FOR FIRE IT IS 3.75-MIL.

Trustee Schuster ask Trustee Barto what is this one for? Trustee Barto replies fire their both fire. Trustee Schuster ask why is there two why aren't they combined into one. Leo replies because they were done at different times. It is a whole other process if we would combine them.

Mr. Barto moved Mr. Schuster seconded

Roll call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

RESOLUTION #28:23: NECESSITY FOR LEVYING A TAX RENEWAL INCREASE EXCEEDING THE 10-MIL LIMITATIONS FOR ROADS. IT IS A 2 ½-MIL LEVY.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster yes

RESOLUTION #29:23: NECESSITY FOR LEVYING A TAX RENEWAL INCREASE EXCEEDING THE 10-MIL LIMITATIONS FOR PARKS. IT IS A 1-MIL LEVY.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

Trustee Schuster ask audience if everybody is clear on what is going on with these levies? Several people in audience reply no not really. Trustee Schuster ask Don to speak a little further regarding them. Trustee Barto states that we have four levies that are up for renewal Parks, Roads and two for one (1) Fire and one (1) EMS. Trustee Schuster explains that regarding Fire, Chief Kay would like the levies for Fire to be the same as the Police. Police are permanent. Police levies do not come up every five (5) years for renewal. Fires do right now. For budgeting purposes, they need to know that the money will be there instead of having to worry about it. Discussion. Chief Kay explains we just want the opportunity to explain to residents why this is important and that we are struggling to provide service this way. We need to change the dynamics how we provide the service because we can't sustain the way we are doing what we are doing right now today. Trustee Schuster is hoping that people here that attend these meetings understand this and go out and talk to their neighbors so people have a better understanding of this and educate others to be able to help. If you have questions please ask. Discussion with resident Jerry Mayfield on his knowledge on these. Chief Kay states the fire department plans on having informational meetings for residents.

Approve fire department SCBA testing.

MOTION: APPROVE PAYMENT INVOICE TO FIRE SAFETY SERVICES, INC. ANNUAL FLOW TEST AND FIT TEST SCBA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,587.00. BUDGETED.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes, Mr. Schuster, yes.

Approve fire department hose and ladder testing

MOTION: APPROVE PAYMENT INVOICE TO WATERWAY OF MICHIGAN FOR HOSE AND LADDER TESTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,256.30. BUDGETED.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, Mr. Barto

Approve street light assessment 2024 resolution

RESOLUTION #30:23: LIGHTING ASSESSMENT.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster yes, Mr. Barto yes.

Zoning Resolution

RESOLUTION: #31:23 2650 COVEVIEW NUISANCE

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Barto yes, Mr. Schuster yes.

Fiscal Resolution

RESOLUTION: #32:23 MOVE MONEY FROM GENERAL FUND PROGRAM 110 TO 120 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,400.00.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster yes, Mr. Barto yes.

RESOLUTION: #33:23 MOVE MONEY FROM PROGRAM 760 TO PROGRAM 610 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,500.00.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster yes, Mr. Barto yes.

Michele, Fiscal Officer, ask if the new employee Chase Cook's pay will come out of the gas tax fund like the other road employees? Leo said he will be working with roads and parks. Leo states he will make sure that it is documented in Tru Pay correct for when she goes to pay him.

MOTION: APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, BLANKET CERTIFICATES, PURCHASE ORDERS AND CHECKS NUMBERED 50126 TO 50165 & ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS NUMBERED 325 TO 430 TOTALING \$117,245.49.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes.

AND \$46,108.73. FOR ACCOUNTING AND \$71,136.76 FOR PAYROLL.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

SPEAKERS

Omar Frey

Spoke regarding easement and rail road ties. Feels he has been wronged in the past with incidents with the township police department and peoples rights are being violated.

Trustee Schuster said that if he wants to talk he can reach out to him.

Ray Barron

Suggested a few parking ideas for Shoreland Park, Shelter House and ball diamonds.

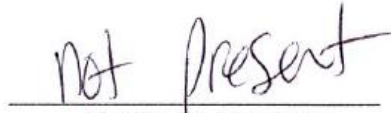
MOTION: Adjourn Meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes.

Approved by:


Don Barto


Kellie Schlachter


Mark Schuster


Kimberly Kay