

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING APRIL 4, 2022

The Harrison Township Trustees met in regular session on April 4, 2022 at the Township Hall. The Chairman, Mark Van Buren, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and he led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Fiscal Officer called the roll, and the following members and guests were present.

Trustee	Mark Van Buren
Trustee	Eric Smith
Trustee	Ray Foor
Fiscal Officer	Carolyn Elder
Zoning Inspector	Valerie Hans
Road Superintendent	Ben Patterson
Guest	Larry Kretzmann, SWLCW&SD
Guest	Eleanor Good, 1848 Alward Road
Guest	Dan King, 7648 Smoke Road
Guest	Steve Bodie, 4309 Wesleyan Church Road
Guest	Jim Organ, One Source Advisors
Guest	Ed Stiles, 7910 Blacks Road
Guest	Joe Garrett, Trebel

From the floor – Dan King

Mr. King lives at 7648 Smoke Road and read the following statement: I am here concerning the zoning at 7600 Smoke Road. I am requesting that the Zoning Board and Trustees provide me with a letter stating that 7600 Smoke Road is in full compliance with all zoning regulations. I would like this to include a statement confirming that the light fixtures on the building are also in full compliance with all zoning regulations. Additionally, I would like the letter to confirm that the light meter used to determine whether light fixtures meet the proper zoning brightness limits is and has been when previously used, correctly calibrated and configured to provide a correct reading of any light fixture measured for zoning purposes. End of statement by Mr. King.

Mr. King expressed more concerns about the lights shining on his property. Mr. King has had an attorney contact the township with his concerns, therefore the trustees could not discuss the matter at this meeting.

It was stated that the zoning inspector re-inspected the property and they are in compliance with the zoning code.

From the floor – Steve Bodie

Mr. Bodie lives at 4309 Wesleyan Church Road and feels that vehicles are excessively speeding on this road. He would like the trustees to contact the Licking County Sheriff. Mr. Bodie inquired if the trustees have been to any meetings concerning Intel. Trustee Van Buren stated that there is a lot of unknown and that there is a meeting for township officials with Scott Ryan on April 5th.

Also stated was that the Transportation Improvement District (TID) will study the roads in the area.

From the floor – Joe Garrett, Trebel

Mr. Garrett is with Trebel, the company that is contracted with the township for aggregation. The township is currently contracted with Volunteer Energy for gas and electric aggregation. Mr. Garrett announced that Volunteer Energy has filed bankruptcy. The natural gas contract program ends on May 31, 2022. Residents that are signed up for township aggregation will go back to the utility. Mr. Garrett thought that Archer Energy would replace Volunteer Energy. Mr. Garrett would like the trustees to sign a contract allowing Trebel to contract with Archer Energy if the rates are acceptable. The contract will be sent to the prosecutor.

From the floor – Jim Organ, One Source Advisors

Jim Organ services the township health insurance policies. Mr. Organ reviewed issues that employees were having with the Benistar policy.

From the floor – Ed Stiles

Mr. Stiles zoning violations are in the Licking County Common Pleas Court system with his properties on Blacks and Watkins Road. Mr. Stiles stated that he wants to work with the township and doesn't understand why neighbors can have trailers and other stuff. Trustee Foor ask Mr. Stiles what he feels would be a fair solution. He would like to build a fence around his property. Trustee Van Buren stated that this court case has a pre-trial on May 26, 2022 coming up and that the trustees should not discuss this matter.

-Eric Smith moved to approve the following:

- 1. The minutes of the March 14, 2022 special meeting.**
- 2. Payment advice 91-2022 through 116-2022**
- 3. Warrants 18243 through 18273**
- 4. PO 34-2022 to Wilson, Phillips & Agen, CPA'S for audit \$1,890.00.**
- 5. The March Bank Reconciliation**

Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

From the floor – Larry Kretzmann, SWLCW&SD

Mr. Kretzmann reported that the interconnect with Pataskala is ready to go in the fall. The district is developing a well field in Kirkersville. Trustee Van Buren inquired about the waterline to State Route 161 and who paid for the line. Larry responded that the district paid for the line and that developers will pay the cost back as they tap the line. There was a lengthy discussion led by Trustee Van Buren wanting to know why the district is going out of the district when they should be benefiting the townships that started the district. Larry stated that the district must serve. Trustee Van Buren inquired again if the district is going to explain the debt elimination that customers are charged for. Larry stated that it is going away, the district is going to incorporate that amount into the monthly rate.

Road Report – Ben Patterson, Road Superintendent

Ben reported that ODOT is accepting resolutions to participate in the 2022/2023 road salt contract.

-Ray Foor moved to approve Resolution 2022 04 04 01 which states: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2022. Eric Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

The Licking County Prosecutor is looking into certified letters that the township received for the Wesleyan Church Road Culvert Replacement Project. A vendor has filed a claim against the contractors (Archer Excavating) bond for non-payment.

Ben reported on the Refugee Road Retaining Wall. He is obtaining a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (PCN permit) and the Division of Wildlife. The township is waiting on information from the Licking County Engineer.

Grinding roads on the list of the 2022 Resurfacing Project was discussed.

The Smoke Road culvert was discussed. Engineering was provided to the township to upgrade this culvert to a bridge for the ODOT grant application. The grant was denied. The trustees decided to request engineering to replace the culvert and not upgrade it to a bridge.

-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2022 04 04 02 which states: IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING, OR IMPROVEMENT OF The 2022 Smoke Road Culvert Replacement in Harrison Township. The motion further requests engineering from the Licking County Engineer for the Smoke Road Culvert Replacement Project as a culvert. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

-Eric Smith moved to approve \$2,500.00 for playground mulch from Almendinger Sawmill LLC for the township playground. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

-Eric Smith moved to approve \$1,000.00 for trucking to Parsons Trucking LLC to haul the playground mulch from Almendinger Sawmill to the township playground. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

Zoning Report – Valerie Hans, Zoning Inspector

The Zoning Inspector reported on the following items.

- The March permit and fee total was \$6,510.90.
- Edward Stiles Parcels were forwarded to the Licking County Prosecutor and the Licking County Common Pleas Court on 6/14/2021. The judge has set this case for pre-trial on 6/26/2022.
- 110 For Ave. – They have the siding and some insulation removed from the second unit but it has not been removed.
- 4180 Outville Road – Additional dwelling unit established on the property. The Licking County Prosecutor’s Office is assisting the Zoning Inspector in preparing a response to the Reichgott’s attorney. There is a valid violation that needs to be corrected on this property.
- 7720 York Road – Nuisance and Junk Motor Vehicles Violations. The vehicles and busses have been removed from the property. There is additional cleanup needed.
- Received junk vehicle complaints on the following properties: 4774 Refugee Road (ZI is still determining if violation exists) and 5744 Blacks Road (3 junk vehicles).
- The Zoning Commission held a public hearing on 3/15/22 to discuss the PUD application for the 281 acre property that recently detached from the Village of Kirkersville. The public hearing will continue 4/19/22.
- The comprehensive plan is getting close to holding public hearings.
- The Zoning Inspector reviewed improvements without a permit and she will follow up.
- 153 Almahurst purchased an additional 2 acres from the adjacent property owner. The split was approved by the LCPC on 3/28/22.

Trustee Van Buren filled out the quarterly credit card report.

Trustee Van Buren reported on the West Licking Fire District.

There will be a Licking County Township Association meeting at the Jersey Baptist Church on 4/5/22 for information on the Intel Project.

The fiscal officer reported that the first half tax settlement has been received.

-Eric Smith moved to approve the following blanket purchase orders:

- 1. Outville Street Lights, \$1000.00**
- 2. Indian Hills Street Lights, \$975.00**
- 3. Harrison Meadows Street Lights, 1,500.00**

Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

The trustees reviewed correspondence concerning an ongoing BWC case.

The fiscal officer read various pieces of correspondence and passed out Financial Reports for the trustees to review. The March bank reconciliation was signed.

Being no further business, Chairman Mark Van Buren adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Minutes are unofficial until approved by the trustees.

Respectively Submitted,

Carolyn I. Elder
Harrison Township Fiscal Officer

Resolution 2022 04 04 01 and Resolution 2022 04 04 02 is a part of the April 4, 2022 minutes.