

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JUNE 6, 2022

The Harrison Township Trustees met in regular session on June 6, 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	Don Martin, 2566 Outville Road
Guest	Craig Moncrief, 411 Town Street, Columbus
Guest	Norma Welch, 9687 Loop Road
Guest	Jim Havens, 3587 Loudon Street

From the floor – Don Martin, Outville Power Show

The Outville Power Show will take place at the Harrison Township Complex on July 8th, 9th and 10th.

From the floor – Jim Haven and Craig Moncrief

They were in attendance in case there were any questions concerning the rezoning of 281.28 acres located east of Outville Road. Parcel # 026-080076-00.000.

From the floor – Norma Welch

She wanted to clarify that Kirkersville residents do get to elect board members. Ms. Welch is concerned with semi-trucks on the roads. Trustee Van Buren reviewed the public hearing process for the re-zoning application. Ms. Welch is concerned that there is tension between the Township and the Village of Kirkersville. Trustee Van Buren is a member of the TID and would like to work with the Village Council.

Road Report – Ben Patterson, Road Superintendent

Ben reported the flood plain permit is in progress for the Refugee Road Retaining Wall Project. Ben presented estimates for two new 520 gallon fuel tanks for the road department as follows:

1. Co-Alliance \$12,416.17
2. Hamilton Tanks \$16,856.00
3. First Choice \$16,826.56

-Eric Smith moved to approve purchasing two 520 gallons fuel tanks for the road department from Co-Alliance LLP. The purchase order was approved for \$14,000.00. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

Ben reported that the Watkins Road culvert sandstone retaining wall is not in good condition. He will proceed to solve this problem working with the open purchase order at Edwards Sheet Metal.

Ben ask for suggestions to repair the cracks in the shelter house concrete floor. Trustee Foor stated that they should be able to fill the cracks with epoxy.

-Ray Foor moved to approve the following:

- 1. The minutes of the May 17, 2022 regular meeting.**
- 2. Payment advice, 150-2022 through 177-2022**
- 3. Warrants 18316 through 18347**
- 4. The May bank reconciliation.**

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

Trustee Van Buren reminded everyone about the Licking County Township Association meeting on June 25th at Van Buren Acres. Doors open at 11:00 a.m., meal at noon with the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Zoning Report – Valerie Hans, Zoning Inspector

Valerie Hans, Zoning Inspector presented the following items.

- The May zoning permit and fee total was \$1,928.37.
- Valerie presented the Board of Trustees with the zoning text for Parcel #026-080076-00.000. The property consists of 281.28 +/- acres and is generally located north of I-70, east of Outville Road SW, south of East Main Street, and west of Swamp Road SW. The property borders I-70 to its south, agriculture to the east, Outville Road and agriculture and residential to the west, and residential and commercial to the north. The applicant proposes to rezone the property to the PUD, Planned Unit Development, district to allow industrial and commercial uses. The Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing within the next thirty days. The Zoning Commission recommended approval of the PUD with conditions to the trustees.

-Ray Foor moved to hold a public hearing on June 28, 2022 at 7:00 at the Harrison Township Hall located at 6750 Outville Road, Pataskala, Ohio 43062. The Public Hearing will start at 7:00 p.m. and consider a Zoning Amendment Application submitted by Donald Plank, Plank Law Firm, LPA for 281.28 acres located on Outville Road between National Road and I-70. The applicant is requesting to establish a PUD zoning for Parcel #025-080076-00.000. A copy of the application with all pertinent information will be posted at the Township Hall and on the website www.harrisontownship.net. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

- Valerie presented a MS4 agreement for the Board to sign. It was lacking Section A; therefore, the agreement was not signed. MS4 invoices will come in the next few weeks.
- 117 Chevrolet Ave. – Property went to Sheriffs sale and is cleaned up.
- 110 Ford Ave. – Clean up in progress
- 139 Ford Ave. – High grass complaint. Recommended to adopt nuisance resolution.

-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2022 06 06 01 which states: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AND ABATE NUISANCE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 505.87. 139 Ford Ave., Jason M. and Christy L. Drennan. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

-Eric Smith moved to ask the Licking County Prosecutor to pursue legal action against Kimberly and James Reichgott, 4180 Outville Road, for a zoning violation of an additional dwelling unit that has been established on this property. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

-Ray Foor moved to ask the Licking County Prosecutor to pursue legal action against Patrick Haskell, 120 Ford Ave., for zoning setback violations according to Article 13 of the Harrison Township Zoning Resolution. Eric Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

- Edward Stiles property on Blacks and Watkins Road - The pre-trial took place on May 26. Judge Marcelain gave Mr. Stiles sixty days to obtain legal council and return to court in August 2022.
- Valerie reported that someone left a bundle of poison hemlock at the front door of the Township Hall. The Sheriff was called and a report filed.
- 7720 York Road – Continuous progress with one junk motor vehicle leaving each day.
- 40 Cherokee Trail – Nuisance violation resolved.
- 8338 Gale Road – Nuisance debris violation resolved.
- 7341 Columbus Road – High grass nuisance resolved.
- 199 Cadillac Road – High grass nuisance resolved.
- The township received assistance from the Licking County Health Department on tire removal from several properties.
- The ZC and BZA completed a training session lead by Pete Griggs, Attorney.
- The remainder of items on the township’s RC-3 form will be disposed by Royal Document Destruction.
- The Zoning Commission held their final public hearing on May 18th concerning the 281.28 acres that recently detached from the Village of Kirkersville.
- The Comprehensive Plan Committee will meet within the next two weeks and the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing.

- The BZA received and heard an application for a setback variance for a shed that was constructed seven feet from the side yard setback located at 26 Bluegrass. The variance request was denied.
- Approved a lot split/reconfiguration for the estate of Jerry Rhodeback.
- Received an application for architectural review.
- Curb, sidewalk, roadway, and pavement inspections have been completed for sections 3-8 of Ellington Village. The Licking County Planning Commission has sent a punch list to DR Horton of items to be corrected and repaving that would need to be completed at the developer's expense. Section 9 and 10 plats were signed for home construction to resume. There are approximately 60 to 80 more new homes to come.
- The Trebel contracts for aggregation have been reviewed by the Licking County Prosecutor's office and Valerie will incorporate their requests into the contracts.

-Eric Smith moved to adopt the new Harrison Township Harassment Policy for all employees effective June 6, 2022. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

The fiscal officer read the legal opinion from the Licking County Prosecutor's Office concerning employee reimbursement of Medicare Part B insurance premiums. Those employees affected are on the Benistar Policy, a Medicare Supplement. This policy saves the township a great deal in insurance premiums. The legal opinion. *Since Harrison Township has procured and is offering insurance coverage to its officers and employees, reimbursement of personal out-of-pocket premiums for alternative coverage is not permissible under R.C. 505.601. Further, since each of the officers or employees whose situation gives rise to your inquiry has accepted and is receiving coverage through the policy provided by the township, he or she is not entitled to reimbursement under R.C. 505.60(D) because he or she has not declined township coverage or been denied the same.*

Discussion was held and the trustees would like to be fair to the employees affected. Bonuses and pay raises were discussed since the premiums are so much more affordable with this policy. The trustees felt that a pay raise of \$2.90 per hour for Ben Patterson (spouse on policy) and \$1.45 for Mike Stickle would cover their Medicare Part B premium for the remainder of 2022. A bonus of \$2,040.00 for Ben Patterson and \$1,020.00 for Mike Stickle would cover the first half of the year. All agreed.

-Eric Smith moved to approve a pay raise of \$2.90 per hour for Ben Patterson, Road Superintendent and \$1.45 for Mike Stickle, Road Worker effective June 12, 2022. The motion further approved a bonus of \$2,040.00 for Ben Patterson and a bonus of \$1,020.00 for Mike Stickle. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

The fiscal officer presented the annual OTARMA Insurance renewal. The 2022-2023 anniversary contribution is \$13,884.00 with an effective date of June 16, 2022.

-Eric Smith moved to approve a purchase order for \$13,884.00 to OTARMA for the township's annual insurance renewal. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

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

Being no further business, Chairman Mark Van Buren adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Minutes are unofficial until approved by the trustees.

Respectively Submitted,

Carolyn I. Elder
Harrison Township Fiscal Officer

Resolution 2022 06 06 01 is a part of the June 6, 2022 minutes.