

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MAY 21, 2024

The Harrison Township Trustees met in regular session on May 21, 2024 at the Township Hall. The Chairman, Mark Van Buren, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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 Ray Foor was absent at roll call but arrived to the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Trustee	Mark Van Buren
Trustee	Eric Smith
Fiscal Officer	Carolyn Elder
Zoning Inspector	Valerie Hans
Road Superintendent	Pete Sigman
Guest	Joe Skaggs, 248 Middle Ground Rd SW
Guest	Andy Leitch, OTARMA
Guest	Dimitry Filonenho, New Albany
Guest	David Miuer, Columbus
Guest	Steve Fox, Columbus

From the floor – Andy Leitch, OTARMA

Mr. Leitch is the township’s insurance agent. He reviewed the township’s renewal policy. The buildings were increased by 10% for inflation. The board reviewed the policy. The annual premium is \$17,049.00 minus an OTARMA loyalty credit of \$833.19 for a total of \$16,215.81.

-Mark Van Buren moved to approve a purchase order to OTARMA for the 6/16/2024 through 6/16/2025 renewal insurance policy for the township in the amount of \$16,215.81. Eric Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor ABSENT. The motion passed.

From the floor – Joe Skaggs, 248 Middle Ground Road

Mr. Skaggs has a greenhouse and customers are parking on the road.

Mr. Skaggs stated that the traffic issue is from people stopping and looking at his neighbors’ high grass. Trustee Smith stated that traffic parking on the road is a problem and a safety concern.

Trustee Ray Foor arrived at 9:25 a.m.

From the floor – Dimitry Filonenho, Developer for Scenic View Estates

He stated that there will be 43 homes in Phase 2 and that Phase 2 is close to completion.

He would like the trustees to approve 60’ T-turns. The Road Superintendent, Pete Sigman stated that the Licking County Engineer would only use county specifications and that he would

follow their direction. Mr. Fox states that the gated area is a platted public easement. Trustee Smith stated that the board would follow the Licking County Engineer's advice since the trustees are not engineers. Trustee Van Buren stated that the board is not ready to support 60' T-turns. Trustee Smith commented that safety is paramount.

Road Report – Pete Sigman, Road Superintendent

The Shelly Company will start the Harrison Township Road Maintenance Project next week. Pete reported that the front gate is not working and needs repair.

-Eric Smith moved to approve a purchase order to Gate Operator Technologies of Ohio for \$2,000.00 for gate repairs. 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.

- 245 Middleground – High grass, received no bid to mow.
- 544 Hillgail Circle – High grass, needs nuisance resolution.

-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2024 05 21 01 which states: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AND ABATE NUISANCE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 505.87, 544 Hillgail Circle, Pataskala, Ohio 43062. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

The trustees discussed placing the 1 Mill Road & Bridge renewal levy on the ballot in November.

-Ray Foor moved to adopt Resolution 2024 05 21 02 which states: RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE COUNTY AUDITOR CERTIFY VALUATION AND REVENUE INFORMATION PURSUANT TO R.C. 5705.03(B). A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX OUTSIDE THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS AND BRIDGES IN THE HARRISON TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT AND REQUESTING THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE AMOUNTS DESCRIBED IN OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03(B)(2). Eric Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

-Eric Smith moved to approve the following:

1. The minutes of the May 6, 2024 regular meeting.
2. The May 6, 2024 JEDD Public Hearing was cancelled, therefore there are no minutes.
3. Payment advice 167-2024 through 172-2024.
4. Warrants 19082 through 19089.

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

The board reviewed the 2022/2023 audit results.

The fiscal officer read various pieces of correspondence and passed out Financial Reports for the trustees to review.

Being no further business, Chairman Mark Van Buren adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Minutes are unofficial until approved by the trustees.

Respectively Submitted,

Carolyn I. Elder
Harrison Township Fiscal Officer

The following resolutions are a part of the May 21, 2024 minutes.

Resolution 2024 05 21 01

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