

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP  
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 7, 2017

The Harrison Township Trustees met in regular session on August 7, 2017 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Chairman, Eric Smith 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	Eric Smith
Trustee	Mark Van Buren
Trustee	Ray Foor
Fiscal Officer	Carolyn Elder
Zoning Inspector	Tom Frederick
Road Superintendent	Ben Patterson
Guest	Vickie Noble
Guest	Tony Sharp
Guest	Greg Allison, 5103 York Road
Guest	Susan Midei, 5103 York Road
Guest	Larry Kretzmann
Guest	Tim Maynard, 5616, Gale Road
Guest	Greg Livingston, 6732 Beecher Road
Guest	John & Mikki Stull, 317 Cherokee Trail
Guest	Mark Werner, 6548 Beecher Road
Guest	Kim Moore, 6750 Beecher Road
Guest	Shelby Williams, 255 Ashcraft Drive, Granville
Guest	Zane Wilson, 337 Cherokee Trail, Granville

From the floor – Susan Midei, The Barn on York  
Susan Midei, owner of The Barn on York, attended the meeting in response to a letter from area neighbors. She addressed several points. She passed out calendars listing the nights and a time for live music, stating that on Sunday’s music is played until 9:00 p.m., Wednesdays until 10:00 p.m. and Saturdays until midnight and never later. She presented a list a recently sold property (sold within days at or above asking price) in response to the complaint that property values are being affected. She stated that live bands only play in the summer and not during the school year. She passed out statements from several residents that support playing live music at the restaurant. The Board mentioned that the October 1, 2012 meeting minutes stated that The Barn on York would not use the outdoor patio because it was small. Concerns for noise issues were expressed at that meeting. The Noise Resolution 2009 11 02 01 states that it is unlawful for a person to generate or permit to be generated sound between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. Trustee Smith stated that the Licking County Sheriff has been telling people there is no Noise Resolution and to call the trustees when a resident calls the Sheriff.

- Trustee Van Buren stated that the trustees might have held a hearing for the liquor permit if they had known about plans for live music outside.
  - Resident, Kimberly Moore stated that she was concerned about the noise, using July 29<sup>th</sup> as an example of the music playing until 2:00 a.m.
  - Residents at 6732 Beecher Road, Greg Livingston and his wife, also heard a live band on July 29<sup>th</sup> playing outside. They would not mind the music if it was played inside the building.
  - Resident Zane Wilson stated that the bands do not play past midnight.
  - The Zoning Inspector stated that when residents call the Licking County Sheriff's office they need to request that a deputy come out and investigate.
  - Resident, Tim Maynard, stated that his son has played at the barn and that it was a nice opportunity for him. He would like for it to continue.
- In closing, the Board of Trustees directive was to ask The Barn on York for cooperation in following the Noise Resolution adopted on November 2, 2009 and to keep all live music inside the building.**

From the floor – John Stull

Mr. Stull is concerned with drainage in the Indian Hills Subdivision.

Resident, Zane Wilson (377 Cherokee Trail), stated that every time there is a big rain, water coming off of the golf course washes gravel from his driveway into John Stull's yard.

Ben Patterson, Road Superintendent, stated that culverts on the west side of the road need to be upgraded to handle the flow of water.

**-Ray Foor moved to request Engineering Assistance from the Licking County Engineer to run hydraulics for the Cherokee Tail Storm Water. Mark Van Burn seconded the motion. Roll call: Smith YES, Van Buren YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

From the floor – Shelby Williams

Ms. Williams lives at 255 Ashcraft Drive and is tired of her basement flooding when large rains occur.

**-Mark Van Buren moved to request Engineering Assistance from the Licking County Engineer to run hydraulics for Ashcraft Drive Storm water. Eric Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Smith YES, Van Buren YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

Zoning Report – Tom Frederick, Zoning Inspector

The July permit and fee total was \$4,183.98.

Tom reported that the Licking County Planning Commission approved two variances for Ellington Village.

Tom reported, from attendance at a MS4 meeting, that Harrison Township can join the county group.

The fiscal officer turned in a Latitude 15, 5000 Series, Laptop computer that was issued in September 2016 by the Auditor of State. This laptop computer is now the property of Harrison

Township. The Zoning Inspector or Road Superintendent will use the computer.

**-Mark Van Buren moved to approve the following:**

- 1. The minutes of the July 10, 2017 regular meeting**
- 2. Payment advice, 136, 139, 140 & 141**
- 3. Warrants, 15775 through 15830**

**Eric Smith seconded the motion.**

**Roll call: Smith YES, Van Buren YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

Road Department Report – Ben Patterson, Road Superintendent

-Ben inquired if the trustees would like to use mosquito control on major arteries or continue in subdivisions only. He received calls requesting mosquito control. The trustees will continue with subdivisions only.

-Ben presented an estimate from SpenCo Excavating Inc. to provide a demolition, utility cap off of the sanitary sewer line for the amount of \$19,250.00.

Ben reported that Jock Clayton had located lines in two places. He used a camera to view the backup sludge 337 feet from the culvert to Outville Road. The camera went 270 feet and found a bulge which is slowing the flow. The sewer department wants the township to cap off the line next to the road and there are concerns of possible side effects to the road and the high cost. Trustee Van Buren stated that they should be able to cap the line anywhere and not next to the road. Ben will meet with SWLCW&SD representatives, contractors and come up with a plan to proceed. The trustees instructed Ben to order a portable restroom for the employees of the Road Department.

-Ben reported that a home on the corner of Ohio Avenue basement flooded during the recent rains. He contacted the Railroad and they responded that they might upgrade the culvert under the railroad tracks.

-Homes on Aspen Court in River Forest were flooded during the recent rains. The water is coming from State Route 310 and the development.

Ben would like the trustees to contact the City of Pataskala or the Licking County Commissioners to resolve the water runoff. Trustee Van Buren will check with the City of Pataskala.

-Shelly Company will start grinding pavement in Lexington Woods on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

-Ben explained that a large tree fell in the river along Creek Road about fifteen yards from where the guardrail starts and across from the Ritchey Farm. The tree fell, pulling away 40 feet of sod against the guardrail post. The Licking County Engineer recommended stabilizing the bank with rip rap immediately. The root ball is 30 feet from the guardrail and 10 feet down from road level. It is possible that a crane might be needed. Ben spoke of emergency funds that could be applied for but did not have enough details. The District 17 Ohio Public Works Commission application deadline is 10/06/2017 but this must be taken care of immediately.

-Ben relayed to the trustees that the Licking County Commissioners would like to dedicate the roads of phase one in Scotland Ridge to the township. He stated the roads are cracked and need a topcoat and there is a concern that while constructing the second phase damage to the roads might occur.

- The 2006 Chevy Snow Plow truck sold for \$35,525.00 on Govdeals to Carroll Village.
- The guardrail on Refugee Road damaged in an accident by an uninsured driver was discussed.

**-Mark Van Buren moved to have the Licking County Prosecutor send a demand letter to the uninsured driver, Catraya Renee Conley of Newark, Ohio, requesting payment. If the letter should go unanswered, the Prosecutor will file a case with the small claims division of the Municipal Court. The motion further approves paying the \$125.00 court filing fee if needed. The damage amount to the guardrail was \$1,680.00. The accident took place on May 23, 2017 near 6876 Refugee Road. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Smith YES, Van Buren YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

It was reported that the indigent burial headstone has been set in the cemetery. Up to six (6) cremated remains may be interred on one grave with one cremated remain interred in each section of the grave for indigent burials.

Tom reported that the Licking County Engineer has located the pins for the cemetery on Blacks Road. Ben will get estimates to clear the area.

Trustee Van Buren reported on the West Licking Fire District. He stated that Rob Justice received the bid for the ARC building. The District would like to be involved with negotiations when tax abatements are granted to new business. The District could charge a permit fee for buildings.

Trustee Smith shared a letter from the Ohio Department of Commerce concerning rules for registering cemeteries. Trustee Smith will register the cemetery on Blacks Road.

From the floor – Larry Kretzmann, SWLCW&SD

There is no plan to raise rates. The 2018 budget will have a 3% expenses increase and the next board meeting is Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

**-Eric Smith moved to renew the bond for Zoning Inspector, Tom Frederick. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Smith YES, Van Buren YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

A letter from the U.S. Census was reviewed.

The fiscal officer passed out reports and information concerning the annual lighting assessments for the Village of Outville and the Indian Hills Subdivision.

**-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2017 08 07 01 which states: the Board of Harrison Township Trustees hereby levies an assessment against each lot in the Village of Outville Lighting District in the amount of \$2.00, to be paid in semiannual installments, which includes the fees authorized to be collected by the Licking County Auditor. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Smith YES, Van Buren YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.**

**-Mark Van Buren moved to adopt Resolution 2017 08 07 02 which states: the Board of Harrison Township Trustees hereby levies an assessment against each lot in the Subdivision of Indian Hills Lighting District in the amount of \$40.00, to be paid in semiannual installments, which includes the fees authorized to be collected by the Licking County Auditor. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Smith YES, Van Buren YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.**

The Fiscal Officer read various pieces of correspondence and passed out Financial Reports for the trustees to review. The July 2017 bank statements were reviewed and signed.

Being no further business, Chairman Eric Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Minutes are unofficial until approved by the trustees.

Respectively Submitted,

Carolyn I. Elder  
Harrison Township Fiscal Officer

Resolution 2017 08 07 01 and Resolution 2017 08 07 02 are a part of the August 7, 2017 minutes.