

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP  
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2022

The Harrison Township Trustees met in regular session on November 7, 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	Jim Organ, Siekmann Co.
Guest	Steve Smith, Terracon
Guest	Joe Skaggs, 248 Middleground
Guest	C. J. Gilcher, SWLCW&SD
Guest	Deb Moore, 35 Gristmill Court
Guest	Tom Frederick
Guest	Pete Griggs, Township Legal Counsel

From the floor – C. J. Gilcher, SWLCW&SD

Mr. Gilcher reported on activities of the district. They are drilling wells in Harrison Township on the Timmons property, wells #7 and #8 and on the Jim Havens property, wells #9 and maybe #10. The 310 interconnect with Pataskala is in progress. Trustee Smith inquired about the 161 corridor project. The district is modifying the 2010 agreement to expand the district area. Both Trustee Van Buren and Trustee Smith expressed concern for the residents of the township having to pay for the 161 project. They believe there should be a business plan to review.

From the floor – Steve Smith, Terracon

Trustee Van Buren ask Mr. Smith to clarify Terracon’s work throughout the Refugee Road Sheet Pile Wall Project. Mr. Smith reviewed the process and explained the current invoice that had been billed. Mr. Smith explained how the Righter Company might bill the township and what to expect.

**-Mark Van Buren moved to approve paying the Righter Co. for pay application #1 in the amount of \$6,500.00. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

From the floor – Jim Organ

Jim reviewed the renewal costs for health insurance for the township.

The estimated monthly premiums were as follows:

Medical Mutual ACA	\$15,783.97
Anthem ACA	\$18,244.85
Anthem MEWA	\$18,778.97
United Healthcare ACA	\$17,771.04
United Healthcare MEWA	\$14,514.20

Jim Organ explained that the United Healthcare MEWA has an 80% deductible (RX card) where the other companies are a 100% deductible. Jim stated that he has one township on the United Healthcare policy and transition was unacceptable. He was not sure if he wanted to recommend a change to United Healthcare.

Jim Organ stated that the Delta Dental and VSP premiums will have no rate increase for 2023.

**-Eric Smith moved to approve renewing the township’s health insurance with Medical Mutual ACA. The estimated monthly premium will be \$15,783.97. Mark Van Buren seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

From the floor – Joe Skaggs, 248 Middleground

Mr. Skaggs stated that a deck permit was issued on October 20<sup>th</sup> and his building permit was denied. He was requesting a 24’ x 16’ building permit for a building that would be agriculture use. Trustee Van Buren inquired if 50% of the plants sold at his home were grown on the property. Mr. Skaggs responded yes. Discussion took place and Mr. Skaggs was given the options to obtain a permit for his building.

From the floor – Tom Frederick

Mr. Frederick stated that the Water and Sewer District increased the district by 125% from the 2010 service plan. Monroe and St. Albans Townships had no notice of the increase which was facilitated by the Licking County Commissioners.

From the floor – Pete Griggs

Mr. Griggs was in attendance to speak with representatives of the Kirkersville PUD property. Trustee Van Buren ask Deb Moore what the school usually gets from a JEDD and she responded 30%.

Mr. Griggs stated that no discussions with the school or county have taken place. A NCA was suggested to provide additional revenue to the township and that looking at the numbers, 15% is not enough for the township.

Road Report – Ben Patterson, Road Superintendent

Ben had estimates to install bollards around the above ground fuel tanks as follows:

Layton Inc.	\$3,025.00
Oscar W. Larson Company	\$11,956.00

**-Eric Smith moved to approve a purchase order to Layton Inc. for \$3,025.00 to install bollards around the above ground fuel tanks. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

**-Eric Smith moved to approve the following:**

- 1. The minutes of the October 3, 2022 regular meeting.**
- 2. Payment advice #298-2022 through 332-2022.**
- 3. Warrants 18482 through 18531.**
- 4. The October Bank Reconciliation.**

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

**-Ray Foor moved to give the Road Superintendent authority to sign the Hold Harmless forms that the township is now using. Eric Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

Ben talked about the need for trimming trees in the road right of way and helping to cut back the canopy.

**-Mark Van Buren moved to approve a purchase order to Tree King Tree Services, Inc. for \$40,000.00 to trim/cut trees in the road right of way on various roads within the township. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

Ben reported that Don's Dust Control has sold to a new owner. They are the vendor that the township purchases brine from.

**-Eric Smith moved to approve a new purchase order to Don's Dust Control in the amount of \$5,000.00 to purchase brine for use on township roads. Purchase order 40-2022 will be closed and the new PO will be opened with a new W-9 form, new address and ID number. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

NiSource requested that the township release a \$10,000 bond held for the Lawrin Court Project. The bond was held to install gas mains, regulators and service lines. The project started on May 13, 2014. The Road Superintendent and the Trustees agreed to release the bond.

Zoning Report – Valerie Hans, Zoning Inspector

- The Zoning Inspector, Valerie Hans reported on the following items.
- The October zoning permit and fee total was \$2,592.19.
- Mr. Stiles court date is set for January 30, 2023.

- 7720 York Road - Clean up and removal still in process. Trustee Van Buren stated that this needs to be completed.
- 7186 Columbus Road – They have until December 2, 2022 to clean up.

**-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2022 11 07 01 which states: RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY NUISANCE ABATEMENT COSTS TO THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.C. 505.87, 0 Columbus Road, Granville, Ohio 43023, Ellington Condominiums. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.**

The Harrison Township Board of Trustees was presented with a packet from the Zoning Commission stating that they had moved to send the Application for Zoning Amendment to the Trustees recommending approval of returning the PUD zoning back to Agriculture. The application was initiated by the Board of Trustees for property at 0 York Road, Pataskala, Ohio 43062, Parcel #025-067920-00.003, with owner Kevin G. Bennington Et Al Trustees.

**-Eric Smith moved to set a public hearing for December 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. The public hearing will be held for the purpose of considering a Zoning Amendment Application initiated by the Harrison Township Trustees to rezone 0 York Road, Pataskala, Ohio 43062, Parcel #025-067920-00.003, owned by Kevin G. Bennington Et Al Trustees. The property is located on the east side of York Road, south of Beaver Run Road and north of York Gate Drive. The property was rezoned from Agricultural to PUD on September 10, 2003. The property was never developed. The application is to rezone the property back to its previous Agricultural zoning. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

- 138 Ford Ave. – The Zoning Inspector recommended taking further action but did not have any estimates for mowing the property. No action was taken.
- 96 Cadillac Ave. – Swimming pool without a permit.
- 249 Hillgail Road – Shed placed without a zoning permit. Resident stated the intention to apply for a variance or move the shed.
- Scotland Ridge – The developer has agreed to put up speed limit signs in the neighborhood to deter speeding.

The Zoning Inspector stated that Gerald Saffo would be interested in switching from the BZA Board to the ZC.

Brad Sager, ZC and Jeremy Nestor and Stephen Clegg, BZA member terms all expire on December 31, 2022.

The trustees would like for an advertisement to be posted at the township hall and on the township's website seeking interested residents for these positions.

The trustees discussed that the Outville Christmas Parade will be the second Saturday in December.

**-Ray Foor moved to increase Terry Perkins, road worker, hourly pay from \$21.14 to \$24.00 per hour effective November 13, 2022 (beginning of next pay period). Mark Van Buren seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

***-Ray Foor moved to approve Supplemental Appropriations as follows:***

***Fund: 2901***

***Special Revenue - Outville Lighting***

***Increase appropriations by \$150.00***

***Fund: 2902***

***Special Revenue – Indian Hills Lighting***

***Increase appropriations by \$250.00***

***The motion further approves regular blanket certificates as follows:***

***2901-310-351-0001 Outville Street Lights Electricity in the amount of \$300.00 and***

***2902-310-351-0002 Indian Hills Street Lights Electricity in the amount of \$250.00.***

***Eric Smith 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 October Bank Reconciliation was signed.

Being no further business, Chairman Mark Van Buren adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Minutes are unofficial until approved by the trustees.

Respectively Submitted,

Carolyn I. Elder  
Harrison Township Fiscal Officer

Resolution 2022 11 07 01 is a part of the November 7, 2022 minutes.