

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 2, 2023

The Harrison Township Trustees met in regular session on October 2, 2023 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	Pete Sigman
Guest	Jim Dorenbusch, 8039 York Road SW
Guest	Jake Heffron, Rumpke
Guest	Steve Bodie, 4309 Wesleyan Church Road
Guest	Patrick Bukalski, 4874 National Road SW
Guest	Larry Kretzmann, SWLCW&SD

From the floor – Jim Dorenbusch

Mr. Dorenbusch lives between Beaver Run Road and Refugee Road. He is concerned with the speed in which vehicles travel on York Road. A speed study has been done and the Engineer’s report did not warrant a reduction in the speed limit.

The trustees responded that they would request another speed study.

-Eric Smith moved to request a speed study from the Licking County Engineer. The speed study is from Refugee Road to Broad Street on York Road. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

From the floor – Steve Bodie

Mr. Bodie inquired about the change in the refuse contract from Waste Management to Rumpke. He also inquired about the electric and gas aggregation. Trustee Van Buren explained the process and rates. Mr. Bodie is also concerned with speeding on Wesleyan Church Road.

The trustees responded that they would request a speed study.

From the floor – Patrick Bukalski

Mr. Bukalski attended the meeting to address a noxious weed violation for his property at 4874 National Road. He read a letter that his wife had written stating that all noxious weeds have been removed or sprayed. She listed the spray chemicals that were used. Mrs. Bukalski is in the process of turning this field into a natural wildlife habitat. Trustee Van Buren ask the Zoning Inspector to arrange for Dean Kreager, OSU Agriculture Extension Agent, to meet with

Mr. Bukalski and check if all noxious plants have been removed.

Mr. Bukalski is also concerned with the Drywall Company that is across the street from his home. He is concerned with the early hours of operation, materials stored outside and a spray painted directional sign. The Zoning Inspector is watching this property.

From the floor – Jake Heffron, Rumpke

Mr. Heffron attended the meeting to answer any questions from the Board of Trustees or residents. Trustee Van Buren inquired about the service center stating that residents would get a toter in ten days. Mr. Heffron stated that the cart delivery would be complete in the next five days.

From the floor – Larry Kretzmann, SWLCW&SD

Mr. Kretzmann stated that the district is trying to get water to every house in the Village of Kirkersville with no tap fee. It will cost \$5.6 million dollars to complete the entire Village. He reviewed the Wagram plant and it will treat five million gallons per day. He reviewed other activities of the district.

-Eric Smith moved to request a speed study for Wesleyan Church Road. The speed study is on Wesleyan Church Road from Columbus Road to Outville Road. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

-Eric Smith moved to request an Engineer Estimate from the Licking County Engineer for the Smoke Road Culvert Replacement. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

-Eric Smith moved to request a pavement resurfacing estimate with Harrison Township boundaries and road right of way for Keller Road. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

Road Report – Pete Sigman was unable to attend the meeting.

Valerie Hans reviewed his report.

Radar speed signs were discussed. Trustee Van Buren stated that he would talk to ODOT. They have radar speed signs that can be used on a trial basis, to see if the township wants to invest in the signs.

Pete had estimates for pickup trucks from Coughlin as follows:

1. 2023 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado Crew WT \$51,180.00
2. 2024 Chevrolet 3500 Silverado Reg Gas \$68,305.00

The trustees would like to see estimates from Ford to compare.

Discussion was held concerning employee Ben Patterson retiring. He would like to retire at the end of the year or the end of March 2024. The Board is fine with him retiring in December and will wait for his letter stating his retirement date.

Zoning Report – Valerie Hans, Zoning Inspector
The September permit and fee totals were \$5,450.02.

-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2023 10 02 01 which states: WHEREAS, R.C. 505.87(A) provides that a board of township may provide for the abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse, or debris from land in the township if the board determines that the owner's maintenance of that vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris constitutes a nuisance. 0 Columbus Road, Granville, Ellington Condominiums, LLC. This motion further approves a purchase order to Tizeri, Inc. for \$750.00 to mow the nuisance property if the property owner does not comply. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

-Eric Smith moved to accept Zoning Commission Member Brenda Oliver's resignation as of October 2, 2023. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

The Fiscal Officer will advertise for positions on both the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The Harrison Township Board of Trustees will accept letters of interest for a position on the following Boards:

1. Harrison Township Zoning Commission. This Board meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month.
2. Harrison Township Board of Zoning Appeals. This Board meets as needed.

All letters of interest along with a resume may be mailed to Carolyn Elder, Fiscal Officer at 3886 Outville Road SW, Granville, Ohio 43023 or emailed to celder@harrisontownship.net no later than November 27, 2023. Interviews will be held on December 4, 2023 during the Board of Trustee's regular meeting. Questions may be directed to any Harrison Township Trustee or Valerie Hans, Zoning Inspector at 740-927-8277.

-Mark Van Buren moved to direct the Licking County Prosecutor's Office to initiate legal action for a Lighting Complaint at 7600 Smoke Road SW, Pataskala, Ohio 43062, Parcel #025-069054-00.017. The property owner of record is Cedarstrohme, LLC with a mailing address of 2658 Outville Road, Alexandria, Ohio 43001. Eric Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

Trustee Mark Van Buren completed the Quarterly Credit Card Compliance Report.

-Eric Smith moved to approve the following:

1. The minutes of the September 5, 2023 regular meeting.
2. Payment advice # 296-2023 through 325-2023.
3. Warrants 18841 through 18866.
4. The September Bank Reconciliation Report.

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

The fiscal officer reported that the Benistar policy renewal effective January 1, 2024 has been received. The Medicare Part D Plan is increasing 4.75% while the Retiree Medical Plan is increasing 5.30%. This rate is good for three years.

-Mark Van Buren moved to allow the fiscal officer to move line item funds within a fund. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

-Ray Foor moved to approve supplemental appropriations for the following:

Fund: 2901

**Special Revenue - Outville Lighting
Increase appropriations by \$430.95**

Fund: 2901

**Special Revenue – Indian Hills Lighting
Increase appropriations by \$453.68**

This motion further approves purchase orders as follows:

- 1. Outville Lighting \$745.49**
- 2. Indian Hills Lighting \$805.35**

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

-Ray Foor moved to approve requesting an Amended Certificate from the Licking County Auditor. The township has additional revenue to report.

General Fund

1000-101	General Property Tax	+\$15,277.41	increase
1000-199	Other Local Taxes	+\$2,500.00	increase
1000-532	Local Government Distribution	+\$7,000.00	increase
1000-599	Other – Other Intergovernmental	+\$293.46	increase
1000-701	Interest	+\$110,000.00	increase
1000-891	Other-Misc. Operating	+\$451.26	increase
1000-892	Other-Misc. Non-Operating	+\$1,347.89	increase
Total Increase for the General Fund		\$136,870.02	

Cemetery Fund

2041-302	Fees	+\$4,000.00	increase
2041-804	Sale of Cemetery Lots	+\$2,000.00	increase
Total Increase for the Cemetery Fund		\$6,000.00	

Special Revenue – Outville Lighting Fund

2901-891	Other – Misc. Operating	+\$14.49	increase
Total Increase for the Outville Lighting Fund \$14.49			

Special Revenue – Indian Hills Lighting

2902-891	Other – Misc. Operating	+\$116.74	increase
Total Increase for the Indian Hills Lighting Fund \$116.74			

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

The fiscal officer reported that she has applied for the MORE grant with OTARMA to receive \$500.00 towards the township’s fire extinguisher annual inspection.

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

Being no further business, Chairman Mark Van Buren adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Minutes are unofficial until approved by the trustees.

Respectively Submitted,

Carolyn I. Elder
Harrison Township Fiscal Officer

Resolution 2023 10 02 01 is a part of the October 2, 2023 minutes.