

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2024

The Harrison Township Trustees met in regular session on November 4, 2024 at the Township Hall. The Chairman, Mark Van Buren, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and lead 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	Rick Ritzer, Lexington Woods
Guest	Vickie Noble
Guest	Jim Organ, Siekmannco
Guest	Connie Klema
Guest	Nick Eippert, SWL W&S
Guest	Aaron Underhill, 8000 Walton Parkway

From the floor – Jim Organ, Siekmannco
Mr. Organ shared health insurance quotes from Aetna and Anthem. Aetna, the townships current provider, had a +6% increase and Anthem offered new coverage with a -7.2% change from our current premium. Also, with Anthem there is less HRA liability. Monthly premium with Aetna would be \$15,977.00 and \$13,992.00 with Anthem. Mr. Organ reported that the Benistar policy is a three year contract and will have no change.

-Eric Smith moved to change the township’s health insurance companies from Aetna to Anthem SOCA effective January 1, 2025. This motion grants the fiscal officer authority to complete any necessary paperwork. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

From the floor – Connie Klema
Ms. Klema is the attorney for Scenic View Estates. Plans have been submitted to Licking County to remove the gates. She wants a document to ensure gates cannot be added at a later time or years down the road by the developer or the HOA. She will work with the prosecutor on this matter.
Connie inquired if the township needs anything concerning the public easement. Snow will be pushed like it is an intersection.

From the floor – Vickie Noble

Vickie stated that Bonnie and Carel Ellinger will be the Grand Marshalls for the Outville Christmas Parade.

From the floor – Rick Ritzer

- Mr. Ritzer lives in Lexington Woods. He thanked the board for the speed control sign. The speed sign data for 10/11/24 through 10/30/24 showed 2201 cars, 65 traveling 30-35 mph while just 5 cars traveled above 35 mph. The data shows there is not a speeding issue in Lexington Woods. It will be moved to an area where it will have more impact.

He asks for opinions on how to inform their residents before the HOA votes on the idea of adding the ability to have carriage houses.

The trustees explained that they have no authority over an HOA. Mr. Ritzer inquired about their HOA posting children playing signs. The trustees ask that he obtain a right of way permit before posting.

Road Report – Pete Sigman, Road Superintendent

Resident at 6539 Outville Road contacted Pete concerning a dead tree in Ash Alley. An estimate from Tree King was \$1,800.00 for removal. This will be added to the tree clearing project.

The Harrison Township Road Maintenance Project with The Shelly Company is still being evaluated for the correct road measurements and the amount of grinding and asphalt used. Pete will meet with The Shelly Company.

Pete stated that truck #9 will see its tenth winter this year and wanted to know if he should start researching new trucks. The trustees would like for him to start the research.

Zoning Report – Valerie Hans, Zoning Inspector

- The Zoning Inspector reviewed the following items.
- The October zoning and permit fee total was \$2,130.80.
- Valerie presented an inventory list of items from when she inspected Ed Stiles parcels. The judge will decide the next steps.
- 4765 National Road – L & M Drywall – There has been some cleanup but the lot is not paved as promised.

From the floor – Aaron Underhill, Attorney for L & M Drywall

Mr. Underhill stated that L & M Drywall signed papers earlier today to sell the property to the Southwest Licking Water & Sewer District. The W&S Board has not approved the purchase yet.

He explained that they would like to work something out since they are selling the property.

Trustee Van Buren responded that their business has been non-compliant since they moved in.

The lot should have been paved. The manager has been telling the Zoning Inspector that it would be paved by now.

From the floor - Nick Eippert

Mr. Eippert with the SWLCW&SD explained that they would like to build a new administration building on this property. The preliminary design for a new administration building is one to two years out. In the meantime, they will use the two existing buildings on the property for storage.

Trustee Smith expressed no interest in a conversation to wait another year or so to pave the parking lot. The trustees want this lot paved according to the zoning regulations and will move forward with action through the Licking County Prosecutor.

- 28 Donau Road – Kretzmann – Mr. Kretzmann has retained an attorney. His attorney is preparing a variance application, asking to split the lot with less than 150 feet of road frontage. Mr. Kretzmann only has 60 feet of road frontage for his property and was told that it was not possible to split this lot prior to construction of the building in question.
- 150 Madison Street - Conn – The Zoning Inspector will keep the process moving and will obtain quotes for cleanup.
- 4390 Columbus Road – Johnson – The second dwelling unit is still present and occupied on this property. The prosecutor is working on this case.
- 101 Kelly Marie Drive – Busler – There is a shed on the property without a permit. The trustees want it sent to the Licking County Prosecutor for further action.
- Peniel Ethiopian Evangelicals Church at 5457 York Road – Landscaping does not meet the zoning regulations.
- The Dollar General Market is in the process of resubmitting their Architectural Review for the third time for their building on Ephriam Drive at Columbus Road.
- Valerie presented quotes for updates to the computer workstations for the township. Package price would be \$836.00 each, and the township needs three. Bill Ischy would set up the new equipment for \$250.00 per station.

-Eric Smith moved to approve a purchase order up to \$3,500.00 to Columbus Micro Systems for three updated new computers. 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 7, 2024 regular meeting.**
- 2. Payment Advice #364-2024 through 407-2024.**
- 3. Warrants 19203 through 19222.**
- 4. The October Bank Reconciliation.**

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

-Mark Van Buren moved to adopt Resolution 2024 11 04 01 which states: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HARRISON TOWNSHIP – CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. Trustee Eric Smith was

appointed to an initial two-year term. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2024 11 04 02 which states: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF SALT to SWL Schools. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

The trustees would like for the fiscal officer to advertise on the township website for residents interested in a position on the Harrison Township Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. All letters of interest along with a resume may be emailed to the fiscal officer at celder@harrisantownship.net no later than November 25, 2024. Interviews will be held on December 2, 2024 during the Board of Trustee's regular meeting.

-Ray Foor moved to renew the townships dental insurance with Delta Dental for 2025. Eric Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

-Eric Smith moved to allow the fiscal officer to advance \$9,405.00 from the Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund – Ohio EPA Grant 2904 to the Road and Bridge Fund 2031. The township has been reimbursed for the H2Ohio River Initiative Chloride Reduction – Equipment Grant. 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.

Being no further business, Chairman Mark Van Buren adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Minutes are unofficial until approved by the trustees.

Respectively Submitted,

Carolyn I. Elder
Harrison Township Fiscal Officer

Resolution 2024 11 04 01 and Resolution 2024 11 04 02 are a part of the November 4, 2024 regular meeting minutes.