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Urbach called the February 1, 2021 meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The pledge was recited by all present. Upon Role Call the Result was:

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DEARING HERE

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Dearing made the motion to accept the minutes as they have read them through email. Feucht seconded the motion. All in Favor: YES Dearing made the motion to accept the bills. Feucht seconded the motion. All in Favor: YES The bills are in the amount of \$20,633.63.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Fire Chief Annen handed in the annual report. He thanked the Board for the funds they received from the C.A.R.E.S. Act funds. Annen stated that he can tell the difference in the air quality at the stations. He is not having people coming down with colds. It made a huge difference. The PPE's are very helpful. Annen said he had no idea the amount of PPE's they would go through during this pandemic. Chief Annen said that they had over 100 EMS calls in the month of December and without the equipment that the township helped provide them with (PPE's / scrubbers) to help keep the ambulances disinfected and clean, ready for back to back calls, it would not have been possible .

b) They are up to 37 people now.

c) Annen informed the board that they received a training container that he would like to set up on the Township property here. Feucht said he will provide the generator for this.

Feucht made the motion to have the Erie Valley Joint Fire District set up their Training Container on Bethlehem Township property here under the direction of Fire Chief Annen who will also supervise during the training exercises. Seconded by Dearing. All in Favor: YES

Annen would like to get together with Strubel once the snow is gone to set it up out of the way. It will entail smoke training. They will set up the site differently each time and include climate differences due to summer heat etcetera. Urbach asked if other fire departments will be involved in the training exercises also. Annen responded yes.

d) Annen stated that the roads have been kept in very good condition in the Township this season and thanked Strubel for all his work.

e) The fire hydrants are up and running out on Beth so that's good news. When the weather breaks they will do a flow test on them. There should be a flow of 1500 to 2000 gallons. The residents that are in 1000 feet of the hydrants will get the same rates as the Village. The residents of the Beth Mobile Home Park and those Residents who are within 1000 feet of the hydrants should receive a good amount of savings from through their home property insurance provider after the flow test is completed.

f) Dearing informed Annen that there is going to be an emergency culvert replacement on Beth at the Lake Sherman Trailer Park and the road will be closed for possibly 2 days. You should be able to get into the Park at either entrance. Dearing asked if he should fill Annen in when the project is going to start. Annen responded yes.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

a) Strubel called to have salt delivered. About 330 ton has been delivered so one bin is pretty full. He still has more to order to fulfill the allotment for this year.

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- b) The last few days they have been busy plowing and salting the past few days.
- c) The cutting edge on Ferrell's truck was changed but the cutting on the new truck is still good for a couple more times and it has been used more. There are no wheels or shoes on it either, so that is a savings also.
- d) Strubel called Larry about coming to get those grindings but then we got snow. Since the weather has straighten out we will get some.
- e) The weight limit signs are in but Strubel has not had time to pick them up yet.

COCHRAN REPORT

- a) Cochran stated he received a couple calls on neighbors of the Beth Mobile Home Park concerning the building that was built at the corner of Gooding and Beth. Cochran went out and measured from that intersection and it sets back about 166 feet but from Beth it sets back about 16 feet. Our zoning requires that there be 15 feet between buildings so technically it is legal. For houses there needs to be 25 feet. Dearing asked what the speed limit was out there. It is believed to be 45 mph. Cochran said that when you come down Gooding, you have to pull up close to Beth to get a good line of sight. Feucht asked Cochran if they had the plumbing to the building already. Cochran responded that due to the snow he cannot tell. They did get a permit. Feucht asked if they did or did not build the building over the controllers. The controllers were already there and they built the building over the controllers. That is the water department's building. Cochran responded they informed him they wanted a utility building. Cochran said this is a dead issue. Dearing stated that ODOT's requirement for stopping sight distance for a 25 mph road is 360 feet. Feucht stated that as long as they are in legal limits they probably would not move that. It would be very expensive to move everything. Feucht asked if the stop sign out there is a flashing stop sign. Strubel responded no. Feucht suggested having a more visible stop sign there. Cochran responded that it is a reflective sign. Dearing asked if there was an "intersection ahead" sign out there. Urbach stated that there are many roads that when you stop at the stop bar, you have to inch up to the stop sign, stop again and then look.
- b) Cochran stated he has had requests for land splits and he refers them to surveyors.
- c) Feucht informed Cochran, the Trustees need to work with you concerning the meeting you had but yet then you did not have enough people to have a meeting. You accomplished somethings and were informed that you do not get paid for that. Who told you that? Cochran said Matics talked with Colucy concerning that. Feucht said the Trustees have to make that decision. Feucht stated he feels that since they did have a meeting they should be paid. He also stated that Cochran is over this and if Cochran declares it a meeting then they get paid. Matics stated that the ORC states that a quorum needs to be met to have a meeting. Urbach asked if they knew before the meeting that there was not going to be a quorum. Cochran stated no. Colucy received a call at the last minute that one of the members could not make it and so that removed the quorum. Dearing suggested talking to legal about this. Feucht said he would speak with Babiks tomorrow and email his response to everyone. The Trustees thanked Cochran for all he does.

FEUCHT REPORT

- a) Feucht reported he asked Ferrell to be at the meeting tonight. Feucht stated that the Trustees have to address the fifteen (15) day payout of sick leave upon retirement for Ferrell. Feucht said that if Ferrell has a concern that he needs to go to the Trustees not the Fiscal Officer. Feucht stated that Ferrell knew Feucht was in charge of that and that the Trustees would do what the Prosecutors recommended them to do. If Ferrell has any other documents stating otherwise what we decided to bring them to him. Feucht asked the other Trustees for their

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opinion. Dearing stated that they are going by what the Prosecutor is saying and what is in the handbook. I thought that when the Prosecutor was here you were clear. When did this change. Ferrell said he thought Matics was to get information and give it to him. Feucht said that information was in the following meeting minutes. Ferrell said the only thing he asked Matics was if she had heard anything. That is all I was asking her. I was never given anything. I had nothing to read. I cannot download anything. Dearing asked if he wanted a copy of the minutes from that meeting. Urbach stated that they are on the website also. Ferrell responded that he does not have a smart phone and no way to get on the website. Urbach asked if he had a computer at home. Ferrell responded no, it is old. I do not have the access. Ferrell said he thought Matics was to give him paperwork from the Prosecutor on this. Urbach said Matics will get the minutes for Ferrell.

b) Feucht stated he wanted to address deer pickup. The Township does not do deer pickups on Township roads. We can drag them off the roads and put them in the ditches. Urbach asked if there was an email on that. Urbach would like to have that to forward onto residents if the subject comes up again. Feucht stated he will call the wildlife association and they can email that link to him and he will disperse that to everyone.

DEARING REPORT

a) Dearing reported he and Urbach did some culvert inspections and found a dilapidated 36 inch culvert on Beth to the point where there is no more pipe left. It is an emergency repair. The bad thing is, it is a 36 inch pipe that outlets into a 12 inch pipe at Lake Sherman Trailer Park. Dearing has been in touch with Mr. Patterson and he seems open to whoever we have do the replacement. Dearing presented a quote for Wenger Excavating to preform that work and materials for \$9,846.00. Dearing also received a quote from Higgins Excavating for the 48 inch culvert replacement on Brinker. The quote is for labor and backfill, not the pipe, for \$4,920.05 and the Township's cost for the forty feet of 48 inch pipe and two end walls is \$3,190.05 for a total replacement cost of \$8,110.55. Dearing did not get an estimate from Higgins for Beth due to it being a rush job and it being in the winter. Higgins does not have access to an asphalt plant now but Wenger does. Dearing did reach out to another business but did not receive a quote back for the meeting tonight. Feucht asked Dearing if he was going to have Wenger bid on the Brinker project. Dearing responded yes he is.

Dearing made the motion to accept the Wenger proposal of \$9,846.00 for the replacement of the 36 inch culvert on Beth Ave. Seconded by Feucht. All in Favor: YES

Urbach asked Dearing if he was going to handle this project. Dearing responded yes.

Matics asked if that 48 inch culvert is the one on Brinker that we are asking the County to help us with? Urbach responded no it is at a different area on Brinker. Dearing stated that the County cannot help us with the Brinker culvert due to the Township needing to submit in the previous year. So if we need help in 2022 we need to do that resolution in 2021 and submit it to them to get on the 2022 schedule. Dearing said that one good thing on the Beth culvert replacement, the County is willing to let us use their barricades and three "Road Closed Ahead" signs. Brian Cole the Traffic Engineer for Stark County Engineers is going to work with us and have everything delivered to the site. Matics asked if she should not submit the resolution to the Engineers for the Brinker culvert. Urbach responded no.

RESOLUTION #2021-04

Urbach made the motion for the resolution to rescind resolution # 2021-03 to ask the Stark County Engineers to assist Bethlehem Township with a culvert replacement on Brinker Ave SW just east of Kemary Ave SW in the year 2021. Dearing seconded the motion. Upon Role Call the Result Was:

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Urbach YES

Dearing YES

Feucht YES

b) Dearing gave Strubel an hourly rate sheet that Higgins did up. Strubel asked Dearing if this was to rent equipment off Higgins. Dearing responded it is for equipment and operator costs. Dearing said we may want to revisit the wage for snow plowing of \$14.00 an hour.

URBACH REPORT

Urbach reported there will be a drive thru Easter Egg Hunt at the Navarre Bethlehem Community Park. Urbach does not have the specifics on it yet but will fill everyone when he gets it. Urbach will contact the Navarre Police Chief to see if there can be some traffic control for this event.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- a) Matics asked the Trustees to accept the revised billing for the Village for the 2020 park expenses. Matics did not include the interest and fee from the Bank of Magnolia on the original billing. It increases the amount the Village owes the Township by \$961.04 for a total amount of \$2,286.40. Matics spoke with Anne and she did not cut the check yet. Matics would like the Trustees to ok this and she will email it to Anne. The Trustees agreed.
- b) Matics asked the Trustees if she could communicate with Becky at Bricker & Eckler concerning using the CRF for employees lost time due to quarantine for 2021. The Trustees said to do it.
- c) Matics asked the Trustees if they wanted to opt in or opt out of the UAN Reconciliation Notice. Matics emailed this to the Trustees. It has been brought to the Auditor's attention that a lot of entities reconciliations are over 60 days before being reconciled. If you opt in the Board would get an email about it if the bank rec is not completed in 60 days. Urbach asked Matics what her thoughts were. Matics stated she cannot fathom not doing a bank rec every month but there may be a time when she is not here so Matics' opinion was to opt in. Feucht asked what the cost would be. Matics replied no cost. Feucht so all that this does is send out emails that it hasn't been completed. Matics replied correct. The Trustees agreed to opt in.
- d) Matics received a phone call pertaining to purchasing a cemetery plot. Matics stated she is a little confused on the cost of this. The resolution states an amount if a resident and a cost for non-resident. Is a resident the person purchasing the lot or the deceased person lived in the Township or both? Strubel said she lives on Brinker and is getting things in order for herself. She is interested in Sherman Cemetery. Strubel said he will have to find markers. Feucht said there is your answer. Matics did tell her she would call her after our meeting tonight.

Urbach said the next meeting would be Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Urbach made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dearing. All in Favor: YES

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

James J. Urbach - President

Mark Dearing- Vice President

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Ronald Feucht – Trustee

Jody Matics – Fiscal Officer