

July 3, 2023 Minutes

Dearing called the July 3, 2023 meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The pledge was recited by everyone present. Upon Role Call the Result was:

DEARING HERE

VESELENAK HERE

URBACH HERE

Veselenak made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 5th meeting as they have read them through email. Seconded by Urbach. All in Favor: YES Veselenak made the motion to pay the bills. Urbach seconded the motion. All in Favor: YES The bills are in the amount of \$67,332.79.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- 1) Strubel reported he stopped and checked out a hole on Brinker. Strubel stated he thought it was due to someone looking for a property marker. He will patch it.
- 2) On the 13th of June Ferrell mowed the banks for the Village.
- 3) Strubel filled all the gas cans for at the park.
- 4) They patched on Riverland, Rockville, Kemary, Florence and Seeman.
- 5) Dearing asked if they had made the repairs on Beth? Strubel responded, as of last week no. Dearing asked Strubel to refresh the markings on Beth.

ZONING REPORT

- 1) Cochran reported that Colucy was gathering all the backup on the wedding venue and is to send it to the Prosecutors. He does not have verification from Colucy that is was sent in yet.
- 2) Cochran reported that he has received several complaints concerning the Lantzer property. Cochran did have the Stark County Building Department go there for an inspection and they issued a him an order to comply. Wednesday Cochran met with Annen our Fire Chief and he sent Shanower, the Fire Inspector, on Thursday and Friday. Cochran did send Lantzer three (3) applications for building. Cochran is waiting for them to come back. That is where Cochran is at now. Linda Mattison asked if Lantzer is allowed to run a business on that property? Dearing responded, no. Lantzer is non-compliant. There are steps we have to take to alleviate the situation out there. Mattison stated he starts his trucks up at 5:00 or 6:00 in the morning. Is there someone we can call when this happens? Steve Aukerman asked if there wasn't a 7:00 – 11:00 rule in Stark County. Bill Warner replied, yes there is. Aukerman said then we should be able to call the Sheriff's Department. Dearing said to give them a call. Lora Mathson asked if anything was going to be done about Lantzer paving over the ditches on both sides of the road. When it rains it runs down into Mattison's property and then down into Mr. Smith's property. Dearing informed Cochran to issue a letter stating that culverts need installed properly in thirty (30) days and to install them on both sides of the road. If he does not comply, the Township will do it and charge him for it. The burning was also brought up. Veselenak said that they should call her if they burn. She has a contact for that. Also, there is a front loader on the property that has batteries and tires stored in the bucket and they are washing their construction trucks there and chemicals are being dumped in the dumpster. Dearing asked Cochran to call the Health Department concerning that. There was a lot more conversation concerning this property. Dearing stated that everything he is using for a commercial business will have to go. We are following the proper protocol and we appreciate you coming in. Veselenak asked Cochran if everything has been filed. Cochran responded everything except from last week due to not having the paperwork yet. Jodi Aukerman turned two (2) complaints to Cochran.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 1) Charlie Ferrell stated he had heard the part-time employees at the park received a sizable raise and wondered if it was justifiable. Ferrell said he has been with the Township for thirty (30) years and have never gotten that sizable of a raise. Dearing stated that Ferrell received a four and a half (4.5) percent raise this year. You also receive benefits. Veselenak stated the park employees received a twelve and a half (12.5) percent raise. Dearing said the Village pays half of their wage. We will re-evaluate this for next year. We will possibly put an ad out for help at the park. Ferrell stated that he thought those decisions we made at the end of the year for the following year. Dearing said it is almost impossible to get part-time employees to work at the park. Urbach stated Baker is an experience mechanic which saves us money by doing repairs on equipment and Yoder does an excellent job. Urbach asked Ferrell if he would work at the park for \$15.50 an hour. Ferrell replied no. Dearing told Ferrell the Board does appreciate what the road department and the work they do. That is why you received a 4.5% raise.
- 2) Jennifer Smith, who inherited Smoketown Church has been trying to get financial help for up keep of the church with no success. Smith introduced Kevin Varn, who is a historian, and has family is buried at Smoketown. He has been working on the cemetery some and is interested in helping to get financial help for the church. They asked if the Township had any avenues for financial help. He feels that safety on the property is priority. Urbach asked if they have applied for a 501C, that is your first step. Smith stated she has the paperwork for that. Dearing asked if Stark County has a Historical Society that you can reach out to. Smith said that she thinks State funding has dwindled. Matics asked if they have spoke with NBTHS. They do go for grants and it is inclusive in of the NBTHS. Smith said that is an avenue. Veselenak suggested contacting other churches in the area to see if they could financially help. They do fund raisers. Veselenak will check around. Smith said it was suggested to her to see if it is in the towpath corridor and if so, that could be an avenue. Veselenak said she will contact Dan and keep Varn and Smith filled in. Smith stated it is on the historical registry, which means any repairs has to be to their specifications.

VESELENAK REPORT

- 1) Veselenak spoke to Jason Manson from Stark County Engineers and he is to speak with Brian Cole concerning the traffic on Fohl Rd due to the TSC warehouse. She is going to see if they can do another road study on Fohl Rd. Veselenak is also going to attend the Village's council meeting to show support for our residents. She will keep the Board informed incase anyone else wants to go.
- 2) Veselenak said she drove Beth Ave north of Brinker all the way down to the bridge and back. There are still holes there. Dearing said he will call them.

DEARING REPORT

- 1) Dearing spoke with Tim at Tuscoat. He will be crack sealing Shetler Ave. He said he has a couple schools to do and he will be a few weeks yet. He will give us a call.
- 2) Dearing received a call from Dempsey from NorthStar. They are wanting to move in and pave. We have to hold them off until we get that culvert in. Dearing asked Strubel if he cut that tree down. Strubel responded that Veselenak was handling talking with the property owner. Veselenak spoke with him and he was not angry but not excited about it but is fine due to it being in the Township right-of-way.

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- 3) Bill Glick has been out at the allotment removing the guardrail and discovered that the culvert pipe is separated. He sent a quote of \$5,580.00. If we use our trucks, it would be about a \$1,000.00 less. Veselenak asked which culvert it is. Dearing said it is the 12” pipe. Dearing asked Strubel if he would do that. Strubel asked what they would be doing, hauling scrap away? Dearing responded yes. Strubel would like to know a head of time to schedule and to make sure both he and Ferrell are working that day. Dearing made the motion to accept Bill Glick’s estimate approximately \$4,580.00 to replace the 12” culvert at the Sherman Lake Allotment. Veselenak seconded the motion. All in Favor: YES Dearing gave Glick Strubels’ contact number to coordinated the project.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- 1) Matics transferred the \$100,000.00 from Huntington Bank to the Star Ohio Cash Account on June 13th. It should show up in the Star Ohio account around June 15th.
- 2) Matics mailed the grant into ODNR on June 13th.
- 3) Matics asked that a few resolutions for the Trustees to consider. One is to pay for the headwalls on Crestline from Migchelbrink in the amount of \$1,51.00 with our ARP funds and one is to pay for the chip and seal of Gooding from 20/20 in the amount of \$24,447.47. The amount remaining in the ARP fund would be \$1,011.90.

RESOLUTION 2023-24

Dearing made the motion for the resolution to pay for the two (2) headwalls from Migchelbrink, Inc. for the Crestline culvert at a cost of \$1,410.00 from the ARP Fund (2273). Urbach seconded the motion. Upon Role Call the Result was:

DEARING _____ VESELENAK _____ URBACH _____

RESOLUTION 2023-25

Dearing made the motion for the resolution to pay 20/20 Enterprise Inc. for chip and seal of Gooding St in the amount of \$24,447.47 to from the ARP Fund (2273). Urbach seconded the motion. Upon Role Call the Result was:

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- 4) Matics asked that resolutions be done to increase our 2023 Estimated Resources and our 2023 Appropriations in the amount of \$150,000.00 due to the Township receiving a note for the Capital Projects Grant for the Park. Estimated Resources will increase to \$1,997,868.36 and the Appropriations will increase to \$1,986,351.26.

RESOLUTION 2023-26

Dearing made the motion for the resolution to have Matics, Fiscal Officer, submit to the Stark County Auditor an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for 2023 in the increased amount of \$150,000.00 due to a note cover expenses incurred during progression of the Capitol Projects Grant (Fund 4902). This will increase our Estimated Resources for 2023 to 1,997,868.36. Veselenak seconded the motion. Upon Role Call the Result was:

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VESELENAK _____

URBACH _____

RESOLUTION 2023-27

Dearing made the motion for the resolution to have Matics, Fiscal Officer, submit to the Stark County Auditor to Amend our Permanent Appropriations for 2023 in the increased amount of \$150,000.00 due to a note to cover expenses incurred during progression of the Capitol Projects Grant (Fund 4902) and to repay the note. This will increase our Permanent Appropriations for 2023 to 1,986,351.26. Veselenak seconded the motion. Upon Role Call the Result was:

DEARING _____

VESELENAK _____

URBACH _____

- 5) Matics did contact the Bank of Magnolia and Consumers National. Bank of Magnolia replied the fee would \$250.00 for a one year note at a 7% interest. Consumers National has not gotten back to Matics with the interest amount or the fee. Matics asked if the Trustees wanted to wait to hear from Consumers National or to just proceed with the Bank of Magnolia.

RESOLUTION 2023-28

Dearing made the motion for the resolution to have Matics, Fiscal Officer and Veselenak, Trustee pursue the note with the Bank of Magnolia in the amount of \$150,000.00 to cover expenses for the Fohl Creek Restoration and Navarre-Bethlehem Park Improvements Project which was granted to Bethlehem Township through the 134th Ohio General Assembly, H.B. 687 & H.B.597 Sections 223.15. Administered by the O.D.N.R. Veselenak seconded the motion. Upon Role Call the Result was:

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VESELENAK _____

URBACH _____

- 6) Art Deininger from Buckeye Energy, which is who we have our electric aggregation, would like to come to our July 17th meeting. Matics asked for the Trustees approval. All agreed.
- 7) Matics asked the Trustees if the amounts of property values were good and Matics asked Strubel if the equipment was listed correctly for OTARMA to get their quote together for our upcoming renewal. All agreed with the listings. Matics will email the paperwork to OTARMA. Urbach stated he called OTARMA and Andy Leitch was on vacation but talked with Urbach concerning the road mowing incident. Matics said that OTARMA has sent us a lot of information they would like to have implemented by the Township. Matics has emailed these to the trustees and stated we really need to go over these.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly Financial Report - May 2023			
Huntington Bank			
Beginning Balance	\$709,498.86		
Total Receipts	\$53,276.72		
Sub Total		\$762,775.58	
Total Debits	\$41,604.58		
Huntington Bank Total			\$721,171.00

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Star Ohio			
Shepler Cemetery			
Beginning Balance	\$3,747.47		
Interest	\$16.54		
Total		\$3,764.01	
Sherman Cemetery			
Beginning Balance	\$6,504.22		
Interest	\$28.71		
Total		\$6,532.93	
Cash Account			
Beginning Balance	\$231,698.02		
Interest	\$1,022.81		
Total		\$232,720.83	
Star Ohio Total			\$243,017.77
Outstanding Debits	\$10,432.13		
UAN TOTAL			\$953,756.64

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Monthly Financial Report - June 2023			
Huntington Bank			
Beginning Balance	\$721,171.00		
Total Receipts	\$22,378.68		
Sub Total		\$743,549.68	
Total Debits	\$187,632.04		
Huntington Bank Total			\$555,917.64
Star Ohio			
Shepler Cemetery			
Beginning Balance	\$3,764.01		
Interest	\$16.28		
Total		\$3,780.29	
Sherman Cemetery			
Beginning Balance	\$6,532.93		
Interest	\$28.25		
Total		\$6,561.18	
Cash Fund			
Beginning Balance	\$232,720.83		
Purchase/Deposit	\$100,000.00		
Interest	\$1,251.73		
Total		\$333,972.56	
Star Ohio Total			\$344,314.03
UAN TOTAL			\$900,231.67

Strubel stated he had a question. They had a Superintendent meeting in April with the Stark County Engineers. They gave Strubel the same report that Matics has given him three times. Hand written off to the side is +23.30 6/12. Strubel said he doesn't understand that. Matics said the Stark County Engineers had emailed that report to her. Matics gave Strubel a copy of her copy which Matics was keeping track of what we have been charged for since she received the report from Stark County Engineers. Strubel asked what Matics has now. As of today, we have been charged for 346.76 ton. Strubel said we are to purchase 360 ton. Matics said she called Cargill to see exactly how much we have been charged for and Cargill said 306 ton. Strubel said he has 354 ton ordered. We have no place to put any more salt. Dearing asked Matics to get a hold of Cargill and see where we are at with them.

Veselenak asked Matics why our interest wasn't a lot higher for the cash account in Star Ohio for June. Matics said it was due to the \$100,000.00 not being deposited until the middle of the month and the dividends were not as good this month.

Dearing asked Strubel to stop by the Stark County Engineers office and pick up two (2) monument boxes. Strubel said he will.

Dearing said the next meeting will be Monday, July 17, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Veselenak made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Urbach. All in Favor: YES

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The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Mark Dearing - President

T. Renee´ Veselenak - Vice President

James J. Urbach – Trustee

Jody Matics – Fiscal Officer