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Dearing called the May 1, 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 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 \$23,713.55.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 1) Vickie Owen-Merry thanked the Board and Village for the \$500.00 they each contributed to the Easter Egg Hunt.
- 2) Owen-Merry gave the board and estimate to have the closed pavilion doors rekeyed and the keys would say "Do Not Duplicate". The estimate is \$277.00. She will get the keys to the Township and Village when this is done.
- 3) The Park Board has initiated a \$500.00 grant for a graduate from R.G. Drage. The student would have to write a short essay on why they are going into that field and they would have to submit receipts on what the funds were used for such as new clothing etc.
- 4) The Park Board had 8 screens rescreened at the closed pavilion at no cost to the Township or Village. Yoder reinstalled the 8 screens.
- 5) Owen-Merry submitted what the Park Board would like to use the remainder of the funds (\$73,718.44) for of the Capital Grant is as follows: 3 park entrance signs, a metal sign with the park logo on it, metal roof, gutters and downspout for the closed pavilion, playground equipment, picnic tables, grills, and concrete at the north bridge at a total cost \$69,539.44 which leaves \$4,179.00. They are waiting for an estimate to clear the log jam in the creek. Urbach stated he received that quote at \$2,800.00. Possible projects with the remainder of the funds could be a new sign for the Todd Moriorty or a small covered picnic table that Veselenak brought up when she had the E-Cycle bin installed. Matics stated she had emailed a quote to pave the path through the park. There was a lot of discussion on that quote and it was decided not to go with that quote. Matics asked if they could go with larger grills than what is in their quote. Owen-Merry said she will check.
- 6) Owen-Merry stated that Debbie Lehman spoke with them concerning an O.E.A.C. grant down the road to revisit connecting the path from the YMCA to the towpath. O.E.A.C. would pay for 50% and the Township and Village would contribute 25% each. This year only \$44,000.00 was set aside for Stark County by the State. Urbach stated that we are looking forward working together on a master plan for the park with Lehman, the Township and Village Council. The Board thanked Owen-Merry.
- 7) Warner asked if there it was possible to feather out the ditch at the curve on Seeman to Maplehill. His wife gets stuck every time she mows.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- 1) Strubel stated he is getting calls on the electric aggregation due to Ohio Edison increasing their costs. Urbach and Matics stated they have received calls on this also. Matics stated that the aggregation is locked in until May of 2024 with Energy Harbor for both Ohio Edison and AEP.
- 2) The ditcher blades had to be replaced. They are getting down to having the ditches done and the mower will be installed soon.
- 3) The cemeteries have all been mowed once. There were a lot of limbs down that were cleaned up but there are some larger ones that need cut up yet.

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- 4) Strubel received a call from Barb Williams. She was unhappy concerning the condition of Biery Street. Strubel went over and was not happy with what he saw. The residents try to fix it themselves and they make it worse. Whoever used a skid loader really tore up the road. Strubel did patch it but it will not hold.
- 5) Urbach stated that he spoke with Dave concerning the south end of the bridge on Riverland. Strubel is aware of the situation. Dearing stated that he will speak with Bassinger at the Engineers due to that being their approach and see what they can do.
- 6) Dearing brought it to Strubel's attention there was a pretty good pothole on Crestline. He asked Strubel to address that when they are able to patch again.
- 7) Dearing also informed Strubel that a resident called him concerning the ditch cleaning and stated the road crew is doing a fantastic job.

VESELENAK REPORT

- 1) Veselenak reported she has been researching the solar signs and found a company called Econo signs. Veselenak knows that is not being considered at this time but the cost is approximately \$1,300.00 each which includes everything. It runs on 6 hours of sunlight. It does not include installation. Dearing stated that Brian Cole emailed him and their solar signs need an 18 amp 12 volt battery and an additional solar watt panel which Dearing was not sure on the wattage of the panel. Veselenak stated she will compare them. Dearing will forward Veselenak the email. Veselenak stated that she will contact the State to see when the Township may be eligible for the sign grant from the State due to them rotating township eligibility.
- 2) Veselenak brought up the Wedding Venue and that the Stark County Sanitation is aware of the cease and desist order that they are under and if they are in violation of this the Stark County Sanitation would prosecute them not the Township.
- 3) Veselenak has been advertising the Large E-Cycle day on social media.
- 4) Veselenak received a call from Lantzer who wants to petition to rescind Zoning in our Township and wondered what the process was. Veselenak called that BOE to see what the process would be. Lantzer would have to file for a petition with legal language from an attorney which would be at his cost. He would have to get 10% of the voters who voted in the last governors' election which was 1600 voters so he would need 160 plus signatures. Dearing asked if the signatures had to be from the residents who resided in the zoned area. Veselenak stated no. It would then come to the Township Board to vote on whether it would be on the ballot or not. Veselenak stated that legally she had to get this information for him and that she is nonbiased on this situation.
- 5) Veselenak asked what the release was concerning TC Energy from their bond. Matics explained the Township signed off on that on 2/08/2022. Matics emailed that to 2 of the TC Energy representatives who did not follow through in sending that to their bonding company. Matics emailed that to John Dillard with the original date that it was emailed to TC Energy. Hopefully he will follow through.
- 6) Veselenak asked Dearing if he was following through with the gas company on Beth. Dearing responded yes.

DEARING REPORT

- 1) Dearing state he received a call from the resident at 5766 Brinker who lives beside Lanter and stated that he is making a wide turn with his equipment onto the neighbors' property and is collapsing their culvert. Dearing told her that we are aware that Lantzer is in violation of several issues with zoning and we are dealing with this but it will take some time.
- 2) Dearing spoke with Cochran concerning the land split on Blough and that Colucy did turn that in and it should be completed. Dearing spoke with Kirby and he confirmed that was done.

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- 3) Dearing received a forwarded email from Matics from Kristen Kiger on Woodland Hill asking if the road crew would only plow due to the grit that is left on the road then. Dearing did email her back.
- 4) Dearing called Don Bendetta concerning the work done on Beth since he is the utility coordinator. It is a county project. The company did pull a permit from the County but did not pull permits from the Township. The road is tore up and signs are damaged. Dearing stated we put a lot of money into paving that road last year and he will keep on this.
- 5) Dearing met with 2 companies to explain the 2 culvert replacements so they could submit estimates.
- 6) Dearing stated he would like to close Crestline for 2 days while the culvert replacement is in progress.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- 1) Matics stated the paperwork for the paving contract with Northstar is all signed and completed. The prosecutors did review it and signed off on it. Dearing asked if they were ok with the ¼ inch increase for the allotment. Matics asked if she needed to do an addendum? Dearing suggested calling Northstar. Matics will email Connie at Northstar.
- 2) MCTV changed contractors for their permit. Matics asked them to fill out a new contract with the proper contractors' information. Matics gave Strubel a hard copy of the new permit.
- 3) When Matics was doing the submission to the State for our cemeteries, they asked if they could have a copy of the rules for the cemeteries. Matics found a resolution stating that our road department installs the footer for headstones. Matics stated that she doesn't think our road department does that anymore. Strubel confirmed that. He stated that the company the headstone is purchased from installs the footer. Matics asked if a resolution should be done to rescind the Resolution #1999-52.

RESOLUTION # 2023-15

Dearing made the motion for the resolution to rescind Resolution 1999-52 and that it is up to the company where the headstone is purchased is liable for the installation of the footer. Veselenak seconded the motion. Upon Role Call the Result was:

DEARING YES

VESELENAK YES

URBACH YES

- 4) Emails received: Star Ohio monthly report, SCRIP meeting notice for May 9th, Key Bank Ohio Public Finance Report, Ohio Edison's grant for electric charging Infrastructure, zoning release for Cochran (Matics gave him a hard copy on 4/20/2023), road closure from Stark County Engineers (forwarded to Trustees, Strubel and Erie Valley) and OTA alert.
- 5)

Monthly Financial Report - April 2023			
Huntington Bank			
Beginning Balance	\$558,887.98		
Total Receipts	\$188,821.96		
Sub Total		\$747,709.94	
Total Debits	\$38,211.08		
Huntington Bank Total			\$709,498.86

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Star Ohio				
Shepler Cemetery				
Beginning Balance	\$3,732.00			
Interest	\$15.47			
Total		\$3,747.47		
Sherman Cemetery				
Beginning Balance	\$6,477.37			
Interest	\$26.85			
Total		\$6,504.22		
Cash Fund				
Beginning Balance	\$230,741.38			
Interest	\$956.64			
Total		\$231,698.02		
Star Ohio Total			\$241,949.71	
UAN Subtotal			\$951,448.57	
outstanding Payment	\$3,106.57			
UAN TOTAL				\$948,342.00

- 6) Veselenak asked if we could transfer funds from Huntington Bank and put it in the Star Ohio Cash Fund since it is bringing in a much better return rate than Huntington Bank. Urbach asked if there are fees for doing this process. Matics will check that out for the next meeting.

Dearing said the next meeting will be Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Urbach made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Veselenak. All in Favor: YES

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Mark Dearing - President

T. Renee' Veselenak - Vice President

James J. Urbach – Trustee

Jody Matics – Fiscal Officer