

October 4, 2021 Minutes

Urbach called the Monday, October 4, 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 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 \$21,272.39.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 1) Carol Capritta stated that her ditch still was not cleaned out. When the water comes in from the west it goes into the cemetery. Strubel stated that Ferrell took the backhoe out after the last meeting and cleared the leaves out of the ditch. Dearing said that he and Strubel will meet out there sometime tomorrow afternoon and see if there is a problem out there.
- 2) Henry Smith asked that Dearing to look at the culvert on the east side of Florence while he was out there. Dearing said he will take a look at that as. Smith stated he has a culvert that needs addressed. Dearing asked if that was on Seeman. Smith replied no, Florence. Dearing said he will look at that also.
- 3) Fire Chief Annen turned in their report. They are almost 25% above last year. We have added another employee which really helps out.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- 1) Strubel picked up the risers for the monument boxes that are on the roads that will be paved this season.
- 2) There was a tree across the road on Riverdale that they cleaned up.
- 3) There was some trash on Beth that they picked up.
- 4) There was a couch dropped at the side of Riverland that we disposed of.
- 5) Dearing asked Strubel if they had any problems going through Rockville with the beds up. Strubel replied no.

ZONING REPORT

- 1) Cochran stated he has received several emails for application via the website. They fill them out as far as they can and then they email them to me. Cochran then goes out to the property and assesses it, gets the appoints, collect the funds, etc. He has received 4 new houses and some land splits. Cochran said the website is very convenient.
- 2) Feucht asked if Cochran was on the Williams situation. Cochran responded he is catching up but is working on it. Feucht said he will inform Williams.
- 3) Urbach asked Cochran if Matt Ridderbeck reached to Cochran. Dearing stated he thought it was for a property they want to use as a wedding venue. Cochran responded it may be zoned as entertainment. Feucht asked what type of permit that would be. Cochran stated it would be conditional permit. Cochran informed them they would have to contact the Health Department and Regional Planning.

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FEUCHT REPORT

- 1) Feucht stated all three trustees received a letter. Urbach responded he did not receive a letter. Dearing asked Feucht to hold on. Dearing communicated with the prosecutor concerning this. Dearing said that if Richard (no last name or return address) has an issue, he is welcome to come to a meeting and discuss it. Feucht stated that he had nothing to do with the writing of this letter.
- 2) Urbach asked Feucht when the railing was going to be addressed. Feucht stated it will be this fall. Urbach asked if Feucht needed help lining things up. Feucht responded, no he is waiting for Tommy to slow down for the use of his semi.
- 3) Urbach asked Feucht to reach out to Tommy and let him know that condolences go out to him and the family. His Dad has done a lot for the Township. We will be putting his sign up at the golf outing at no cost.

DEARING REPORT

- 1) Dearing asked the Trustees to look at the estimates for the culvert crossings from Pileggi at \$15,900.00 and Higgins at \$6,025.00. We need to remove \$2000.00 from Pileggi's estimate for the dip on Riverland at the Dutton driveway. We need to get another outside source for that. Dearing is going to see if Superior will do that when they come in to pave. Urbach made the motion that the estimate from Higgins, in the amount of \$6,025.00 be accepted for the culvert crossings on Mose, Brinker, Beth and Seeman. Seconded by Dearing All in Favor: YES Matics will email the signed estimate to Higgins.
- 2) Dearing stated he received the estimate from T. Rowley to trim trees on Beth, from Seeman to Haut at a cost of \$4,800.00. Dearing made the motion to accept T. Rowley Tree Division's estimate for tree trimming on Beth, from Seeman to Haut. Seconded by Feucht. All in Favor: YES Matics will also email that signed estimate.
- 3) Dearing stated that he got together with Mrs. Hughes who has the problem with the neighbor's rat infestation. Dearing took the letter from the health department for her to sign. He then scanned and emailed it to the health department.
- 4) Dearing went out on Beth and took some pictures for the ODOT Township Grant. He spoke with Dan Houck, he will contact Matics via email verifying the paving project is within the limits of the road right of way. Jason Manson is to call Dearing concerning rating that road. Dearing is working with Matics to get the grant submitted and hopefully accepted.
- 5) Scott Bassinger informed Dearing that the bridge, just north of Soehnlén's is a slab and will be replaced, hopefully mid to late summer or fall.

URBACH REPORT

- 1) Urbach stated that Tiffany is doing a great job down at the Park. Dearing said he drove through and it looks really nice. Urbach said he did not ask the prosecutor concerning the "slow moving vehicle" sign on the park mower when they have to go on Hudson. Matics stated she emailed ODOT and they said that yes it does need it. Dearing said that ODOT may interrupt this as a road mower and not a zero-turn mower. Urbach said he will forward that onto the prosecutors and include that it is a zero-turn for their input.
- 2) Urbach stated that this Sunday is the golf scramble.

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FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

- 1) Matics asked if the Trustees reviewed the “Dishonesty and Faithful Performance and of Duties” through the Ohio Plan at no cost, verses bonds for the road superintendent and zoning inspector at a cost of \$50.00 each annually. If we want to keep the road superintendent covered at \$10,000.00 it will cost us and extra \$270.00 on our Ohio Plan coverage. If we decide to lower that to \$5,000.00 it would be no extra cost. Feucht stated he would like to stay with them being bonded at the current amounts. The Trustees all agreed to go with them being bonded.
- 2) Matics stated she would like to go with an attorney out of North Canton, Baker, Dublikar, Beck, Wiley & Mathews for legal advice on the ARPA funds. They were suggested at the seminar Matics attended in Carrollton. Their cost is \$140.00 per hour and paralegals at \$90.00 per hour. If you want to go with them we need to accept the “Engagement Letter” and do a resolution.

RESOLUTION # 2021-19

Authorizing Creation of Funds to Receive American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Stark County, Ohio

Be It Resolved by the Township Trustees of Bethlehem Township

WHEREAS, this date, October 4, 2021, Trustee Urbach moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Township has received a distribution of monies (the “ARPA Funds”) from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA” or the “Act”); and,

WHEREAS, Congress passed the Act effective March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 603 created the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund which, among other things, appropriated money to cities, non-entitlement units of local government, and counties to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19); and,

WHEREAS, the Township has accepted ARPA funds in the amount of \$184,518.99; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 5705.09(F) requires each political subdivision to establish a special fund for each class of revenues derived from a source other than the general property tax, which the law requires to be used for a particular purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Board that:

1. The Township establishes the following funds consistent with R.C. 5705.09(F) to accept and account for all ARPA funds received:

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Trustee Dearing seconded the Motion, and thereupon, the votes in favor of this Resolution were recorded and reflected by the signatures hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Township Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Adopted the 4th day of October, 2021. Upon Role Call the Result was:

URBACH YES

DEARING YES

FEUCHT YES

Feucht requested that this signed resolution be emailed to him.

- 3) Matics filed the final report for the NatureWorks Grant. We received \$8,610.31 in our account from ODNR on September 27th.
- 4) Matics submitted the 3rd quarter CARES Act Report. We still have \$241.50 still in that fund.
- 5) AOS did accept the agreement with Charles E. Harris for our next two (2) audits.
- 6) Matics received notice from GoDaddy concerning attaching malware protection on our website at a cost of 498.18 for three (3) years. There was no decision on this. Matics was informed to contact Jim Celuch, who created the website to get his thoughts.
- 7) Matics stated that we will have to pay the bank fees of \$10.00 per month. Matics did dispute this last year. Matics stated that the bank is supplying us with a multitude of cancelled check copies that are needed for all the grants we have received as proof of purchase.
- 8) Mail Received: Hazardous Waste and Recycling magazine, SCRIP meeting notice, minutes and agenda.
- 9) Emails forwarded to the Trustees: various OTA legislative alerts, Stark Health COVID news, SCRIP newsletter, ODOT Safety Program and Funding webinar on Speed Zone Changes and SCTA meeting notice.

Urbach said the next meeting would be Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Urbach made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dearing. All in Favor: YES

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

James J. Urbach - President

Mark Dearing- Vice President

Ronald Feucht – Trustee

Jody Matics – Fiscal Officer