

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held

June 15, 2022

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6:30 p.m.

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session with Powell, Smith and Euler present. Chairman Powell presided. The guests in attendance were Maryann and Nigel Tussing, Aaron Speegle, Dan Myerholtz, Chad Johnson and Bill Gase.

Minutes of the previous meetings were approved.

24071	Treas of State	\$150.00	24083	WC Landfill	\$15.75	Voucher#100	Chad Johnson	\$219.93
24072	WCTA	\$670.00	24084	AIM Media	\$269.07	Voucher#101	Steve Powell	\$953.79
24073	Paul's Refuse	\$52.65	24085	Time Warner	\$99.99	Voucher#102	Dan Sheperd	\$367.92
24074	Eric Palmer Exc	\$175.00	24086	Mid-Wood	\$29.99	Voucher#103	David Smith	\$952.70
24075	Custar Stone	\$161.84	24087	Cardmember	\$259.83	Voucher#106	Suburban	\$108.97
24076	Cindy Hofner	\$236.25	24088	Kirk Shank	\$445.18	Voucher#108	OPERS	\$2,745.71
24077	Daniel Sheperd	\$199.34	Voucher#95	Paramount	\$2,094.64	Voucher#109	Fed Tax	\$902.12
24078	Kirk Shank	\$398.68	Voucher#96	Village Togany	\$337.19	Voucher#110	School Tax	\$106.95
24079	Northcoast	\$489.70	Voucher#97	Scott Alexander	\$1,541.40	Voucher#111	State Tax	\$210.10
24080	Daniel Sheperd	\$78.65	Voucher#98	Kristel Beyer	\$1,440.67	Voucher#116	Verizon	\$51.13
24081	Treas of State	\$2,484.00	Voucher#99	Abel Euler	\$877.50	Voucher#117	Huntington	\$37.25
24082	Mack Industries	\$708.00						

Roll Call: Smith – yes, Euler – yes, Powell - yes. Motion approved. The Audit Committee approved the bank statements and financial reports for May, 2022.

Chad talked with Matt Motley and Aaron Speegle and they have their eyes on motor cars/speedways. Chad talked to Aaron about all the cars at his house and they are registered to him because he owns them all. Chad introduced Aaron Speegle to the trustees. Aaron doesn't know what the actual issue is with his house and what he does. He mostly does drift and cross-country rallies for fundraising. He has multiple businesses around the area with employees and he does not do business out of his home. His goal is to build a racing team for his kids. Powell asked how many cars he was talking about at his home. Aaron Speegle said 20 or less. Powell asked if they are all licensed and road worthy. Aaron said everything but 1 car that is just meant for racing. Powell asked Aaron if Chad told him about all the issues. Aaron stated yes, he has, that is why he is here. Dan Myerholtz said the township zoning says you are allowed to have two vehicles parked outside and anything else has to be contained inside an enclosed structure. Also, you cannot allow more than 30 days for junk, disabled vehicles; unused or discarded vehicles; rags and other used textile items, and used or discarded tires; discarded building and construction materials; scrap metal, glass, plastic, and lumber; discarded home furnishings and appliances; and other junk items and anything defined as "junk" in the Ohio Revised Code. Chad stated none of that applies, Aaron just explained these are \$70,000 cars that are licensed. Dan Myerholtz said tires are supposed to be stored inside. Aaron said they get moved in and out upon use. Bill stated the Health Department might have a regulation on the tires being outside because of mosquitos. Dan said also because of varmints. Smith said the one issue that he hears about is the noise at around 11:30, 12, 1, 2, 3 in the morning. Aaron said all his cars are loud there is nothing he can do about that. Smith said the racing up and down the street, Aaron stated that is not him but people that come to his house. He has said something to people that leave his house but he cannot control them. Chad stated the issue was they were running a business, this is his hobby not a business. Nigel Tussing stated the issue is not the business it is the noise at all hours of the night. Aaron stated he understands loud vehicles go by all the time, he has had the cops stop for loud vehicles before and they never even left the home, so it is other people as well. Chad said noise is not zoning, the police handle it since it is in ORC. Dan said there is mention of 65 decibels at the street entrance which is in zoning. Aaron asked what other issue is there. Smith said there was a water issue brought up at a meeting. Maryann Tussing stated this is an ongoing issue and will be resolved on her property shortly. She contacted the Health Department to see if his septic was draining properly and they stated it was draining properly. The said the issue is surface water. She also contacted the engineer's office on this. Chad stated we have gone over this several times, surface water is the property owners' issue not the township. Maryann was here to let the trustees know that before this new construction she never had an issue, it was just a wet farm field. Nigel Tussing stated they didn't notice the problem until new construction and more water runoff from the roofs. The trustees got involved with the drainage issue on Tontogany Creek Road. Maryann explained her several steps she has went through to resolve this issue throughout the few years. Powell stated just because there is a problem doesn't mean it is a township problem. Powell stated if it is in the blue zoning book the township can address it. If it is not then it is not a township problem. Powell said we cannot fix problems to properties that don't apply to a zoning perspective. Maryann stated at this point she will take care of her property. Maryann said there is no water exiting her pond per a camera scope in 2019. She brought this up because this was mentioned by Chad in the April meeting. Dan stated in zoning it mentions when you plan a house to go in you submit a plan for approval, an appendix of that plan is supposed to include drainage of the land. Maryann said they will be installing a catch basin per the engineer to tie in the pond and downspouts to this. She just wants to stay on this to make sure everything she has is running adequately. The area is booming from the popular school district. Maryann asked for everyone to figure out where their water goes. Aaron explained the way his water flows to his basins into the county basin. Discussion continued between Aaron Speegle and Maryann & Nigel Tussing. Powell stated the trustees have told Chad if it is in the zoning book then we need to take care of it. We live in the great black swamp and it rains in the great black swamp. We are close to the Maumee River and all the water is trying to get to the river. Powell said Tontogany Cemetery has water problems and so do many of our places. What the township has to do with any these is a case by case basis. Nigel stated the only reason he brought up Tontogany Creek home issue was because he thought it was resolved by the township help they thought they could come to the township as well. Chad stated that was not a zoning issue the people just agreed to install the retaining wall because it was so much higher, Powell said it was common sense to do it. Powell said that a pond without a drain is a violation in our zoning. Nigel stated that is getting fixed. Maryann stated to just keep in mind this may occur more and more with new build happening on irregular lots. Maryann hopes she doesn't read in the township meeting minutes that "did you hear" or "did you know" she doesn't think this has any place with issuing permits this seems more like gossip and she doesn't think it is necessary. Dan stated there is a section in the county that deals with runoff water, ditches and culverts. Dan recommends to everyone involved to take a look at that.

Chad did a new house permit for the corner of Tontogany Road and Cross Creek. He did two real estate signs for Williamsburg; a pool permit for Kristel and an accessory building and deck on Green Road. Smith asked Chad if

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he checked out the Lime's property. Chad said he stopped and talked to them and they store their seed for farm in there and breed dogs so this is considered agricultural. Chad said the building did get a permit.

Bill stated the Class A uniforms we talked about last meeting, the fireman do not want to split the cost, so we will not be doing this. Powell stated doesn't Milton Township have blazers and everyone wears their own shirt, tie and pants. Bill stated yes but he does not think our fireman want that, they want the Class A look. Bill stated the fireman have no interest in maintaining the cemetery mound. Bill talked with Janice Sheperd about the Harley Gill stone and she didn't even know it existed. She talked with Jackie and they stated we can move it wherever. Smith thinks the stone should be moved by the fire department. Bill got a new application from Trevor Buehrer he is already an EMT and a CPR instructor. Euler asked what this makes the roster, Bill stated 19. The hose testing is scheduled for August 4th. We have an issue with the AC unit above the white board. Trustees told him to contact Kellmermeier or Downey. Bill stated the other night we had Scott come out to help with barricades for a down tree. Powell asked him to contact either him or Kirk first next time since we both have keys. Bill stated the end of April we got a mutual aid call for Grand Rapids for a potential drug overdose. He received an email from the hospital emergency room they stated the action of our crew was very inappropriate. Bill stated after he read the email and he talked with Jim at NW190, he discovered it was not our fireman but one of the NW190 paramedics. Bill asked about open burning, do we want to start policing the open burning without an emergency call. Euler asked the definition of an open burn. Bill said it cannot be more than 10 ft x 10 ft x 10 ft pile and it has to be debris or trees that were on the property, has to be 1000 ft from a neighboring structure, there is also a mileage stipulation from a big city like BG would be 5 miles. Bill stated if Matt needs help in the Village he will help with that. Powell asked about grants. Bill stated the first FEMA grant is to be announced in September and the second one is at the end of the year. One grant we applied for air packs and cascade compressor system, the other we applied for will cover everything for new recruits covering physicals, background checks, etc.

Euler talked to Shane Johnson and Gerken will be doing our road work soon. He asked the trustees if we should do the drainage on Tontogany Creek Road before the road work. Powell stated it makes sense. Smith said it would be nice but doesn't know if we can get someone that soon. Euler received a complaint about thistles on Green Road. Trustees decided to mail out letters before the thistles go to seed. Powell prepared certified letters for the noxious weeds for Weihl, Euler and Brown.

Kristel submitted the 2022 Estimate of Revenues for budget year 2023 to the trustees. After discussion, Smith made a motion to approve the 2022 Estimate of Revenues for budget year 2023 seconded by Euler. Roll Call: Smith - yes, Euler - yes, Powell - yes. Motion Approved.

Smith seen there was a check to Mack Industries for cemetery footers 2 x 5 x 8 inches for \$177 apiece. Do we want to continue to do this? Smith thought at a previous meeting we talked about having them poured. Powell said we were pretty clear with Scott that they would be 12 inches and poured. He violated that by doing what he is doing. Powell stated he also has seen the ones Scott has put in and they look okay. Powell stated Ron and Todd did this on their own time. Powell said he has talked to Scott Domer about Weston Cemetery and they dig them out by hand and then has a cement truck come in that has a cart. Powell thinks we need to ask Scott who digs the hole and how many are we doing at a time. Smith just wants to know what we want, so we can let Scott know so we can be consistent. Powell stated he thinks the cost from Mack is passed on to the grave owner. Smith questioned is this cost passed on. Powell said we should ask Scott to make sure he is charging the grave owner. Euler asked what the cost for a grave opening and closing, \$300 for resident and \$600 for non-resident. Smith stated so the grave owner for a resident should be charged \$477. Powell stated if the township is paying for those and the grave owner is not than that is wrong. Trustees agreed. Smith stated he has not seen anything from a funeral home director for \$177. Powell stated it should be more than that since there is labor involved. Smith stated he hasn't seen anything. Powell stated we should ask Scott and Kristel. Smith asked if the trees at the park have been started, he didn't think so. Powell stated Travis Hartman was going to start with the tree's on Tontogany Creek first and that hasn't been done yet.

Powell emailed North Branch since our trees have not been planted. Karen form North Branch got back and stated the manager hasn't said when they are going to be planted. Powell emailed back and asked them to wait until the fall to plant the trees, summer is not a great time to plant. He also emailed Rusty Orben from CSX Railroad since he hasn't heard back from him. Rusty got back to Powell and said that the folks are reviewing and he doesn't have a final answer yet but will very soon. Powell asked if the trustees know about Scott's road mowing. Powell looked at Tuller, Reams, Cross Creek and Green Roads and all the grass is going to seed. Euler said Tontogany Creek was done and Cross Creek. Powell stated Hannah Road looked really good. Smith stated he hasn't drove the township yet but noticed his routes he drives hasn't been mowed, Rangeline is one. Smith has noticed he needs to get a route down where he can mow efficiently. Powell noticed Scott driving the tractor when Kirk has the truck and trailer for mowing cemeteries. Powell stated the vegetation is really encroaching again in the cemeteries. Powell stated we really need to do something about the headstones in the cemeteries. We have lots of broken and leaning headstones. He thinks we should find a contractor. Euler stated possibly talking to Scott Domer, Powell stated he could do that. Powell asked if anyone noticed if the ditch got filled in out on Robinson Road, Smith stated it has not. Powell stated the extra stop sign has not been installed yet on RT 582 and Togany Road as of June 11th. Powell gave the trustees a report from Cindy Hofner on the cemeteries. Powell distributed the May 2022 Financial Report.

Because of no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



Approved by: 