

Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio

Regular Trustee Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Opening

- Bill Bogantz called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He stated that the meeting is being recorded and will be a public record.
- Bill led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance
- Melodie took the roll call with the following answering present: Bill Bogantz and Ed Wasem.
- Bill stated that the minutes from the May 13, 2024 regular meeting are available for inspection at the back of the room.
- **Bill made a motion to approval of minutes for the May 13, 2024 meeting. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Resident/Public Input

- Jerry Fellin, 4175 Nichols Lane, presented signature and the request for engineering assistance form for a speed study on Nichols Lane between Concord and Windy Hollow. He also listed three concerns with the roads where brush needs to be trimmed along the road and a pothole needs filled. Jeff Irvin, the road supervisor, will address the issues.
- Tyler McNutt, 8878 Harmony Church Road, expressed concerns about noise with the airport across the street from his house. Tyler said that he would like a hearing with the BZA about the noise nuisance. He also doesn't like that airplanes are taxiing in Monroe Township to get to Liberty Township where they take-off and land. Woody Fox, Zoning Inspector, addressed the issues. Woody said that legal counsel has confirmed with him that there is not a violation. Woody also stated that the hanger, with living quarters in it, has been parceled off so that is no longer a violation in Monroe Township. Woody also stated that a conditional use cannot be changed other than by the court of common pleas. Woody also stated that there may be a civil case being pursued by Todd McKee against the airport.

Open Road Bids

- The only bid package received was from Smalls Asphalt Paving.
 - Their bid was for \$182,090.25 and uses RS-2
 - Smalls also provided an alternate bid for \$184,981.95 which uses MC-3000
- The trustee discussed the difference between the two sealers and decided they would like to go with the sealer that would last longer.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve the alternate bid from Smalls Asphalt Paving for \$184,090.25. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

\$184,981.95

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Bill Bogantz

William Bogantz

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Zoning

- Woody presented the May zoning report which totaled \$2142.00
 - 2024-LS-002 Robert & Beverly Eddy \$300.00
8305 Denunes Rd.
Lot Split
 - 2024-P-008 Tammy Baron \$1,212.00
8885 Crouse-Willison Rd.
Accessory Building
 - 2024-P-009 Ron & Kathy Grassman \$150.00
158 Timber Creek Ct. W.
Accessory Building
 - 2024-P-010 Jerod Boggess \$180.00
8102 Sportsman Club Rd.
Accessory Building
 - 2024-P-011 Brad Yfahl \$150.00
9601 Cooper Road
Deck
 - 2024-P-012 Dave Griffin \$150.00
4780 Sportsman Club Rd.
Addition
- Woody gave an up ^{date} on Zoning issues
 - Marcus Vance (Contractor)
Emailed Conditional Use Application on 12/18/23. Lot is being developed with no NOI sent to LC Soil and Water, nor Ohio EPA.
4863 Sportsman Club Rd.
 - Kenneth Belczak
No communication since last month
6912 Nichols Lane Road.
 - 2023-V-002 Laurie A. Thompson 11/14/23
House is now under roof. Waiting on plumbing, electric, Well and Septic hookup.
4328 Hardscrabble Rd.
 - 2024-V-001 Houcks AutoParts 2/12/2024
No corrective actions since last general meeting. Had conversation with Jim on the phone...I explained this will be going to the township attorneys and will be handled through a court process.
3634 Sportsman Club Rd.
 - Harphub
Approved by zoning permit...variance given by prior zoning inspector. Soil and Water violation has been corrected.
7931 Concord Rd.
 - Heavenbound Aviation

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2 complaints issued from Todd McKee. Both complaints originate from in Monroe Township and No violations have been issued.

8878 Harmony Church

- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to initiate the process with the Licking County Prosecutor's Office to get Houcks AutoParts to remove the junk cars. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- Woody also mentioned a couple other applications that are possible in the near future:
 - Ron Potts is considering rezoning the back portion of his lot on SR 62 to GB.
 - Another rezoning might be coming for the 2 acres south of Ron Potts. They are considering doing a retail development which would require a rezoning to GB.
 - Woody mentioned that John Sadinsky's builder mentioned that Sadinsky is wanting to apply for a zoning permit to add to both of his current mini-storage facility buildings on SR 62 towards SR 62. Bill Bogantz mentioned that Sadinsky still owes the township \$800 from his last appeal and that no permit should be granted or technical review scheduled until that bill is paid.

Old Business

- Bill Bogantz provided background on the Miles Estate case and distributed a copy of the appeal mediation which is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 11:00 am.
- Rental (7111 Northridge Road): no issues
- New Administration Building Update: Bill stated that there has been little movement inside the building this past month. The septic drawing for a mound system has been sent to Licking County. We are hoping the HVAC system will be installed this week. After the concrete is done, the gutters will be installed.
- Melodie mentioned that there was a mistake in the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue from the County Auditor. They sent a new certificate and we need to pass a new resolution based on that new certificate to place the renewal 1.0 mill Road & Bridge Levy on the November ballot.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-08, Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation to put a 1.0 Mill Renewal Levy for Roads & Bridges on the November 2024 ballot, replacing Resolution 2024-07. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- Melodie presented Resolution 2024-09 which addresses the incorrect salaries paid in 2020 and 2021 for the trustees and fiscal officer. This resolution will allow the township to pay the backpack to those it is due.
 - Bill Siegel - \$2,577.96
 - Bill Bogantz - \$2,271.84
 - Dave Cole - \$2,271.84
 - Beth Warner - \$779.73
 - Melodie Bogantz - \$5,650.68
 - TOTAL \$13,552.05

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- Bill Bogantz said that the time frame for the salary correction (only 2020 & 2021) was selected so as to be fiscally responsible and yet make compensation to those whose salaries were calculated incorrectly.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-09, Resolution Approving and Authorizing Payment of Salary Owed for Years 2020 and 2021. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- Roads:
 - Jeff said that the first round of mowing was done and that he has repaired road washouts from the recent heavy rains on Nichols, Concord and Liberty Church.
 - Melodie requested an update on documenting road agreements with neighboring townships – Jeff and Ed have not completed it yet.
 - New Truck Resolution: Since Doug is sick, there is no update
 - Discussion on a resolution to sell township property – no update
 - **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve the Request for Engineering Assistance for a speed study on Nichols Lane between Concord and Windy Hollow. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- Cemeteries: Ed Wasem received an estimate from Jim Pound for the removal of 3 dead trees for \$400 at the Channel Cemetery.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve the estimate of \$400 for the removal of 3 dead trees at the Channel Cemetery on the condition that Jim Pound produce the required BWC documentation needed by the township. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- Ed said that Christopher Brian Gary cut down the tree and removed the brush from the tree that fell into the Liberty Church cemetery.
- Jim Pound is also going to give Ed an estimate to remove the pile of dirt from the Liberty Church Cemetery after Ed kills the weeds on the pile so Jim can determine the actual size of the dirt pile.
- Ed also said that he would like to get a fence for the back of the cemetery after all the dead trees are removed.
- Comprehensive Plan Update: Bill reviewed the progress on the Comprehensive Plan. The next steering committee meeting is June 20th.
- Zoning
 - BZA Appointment: **Bill Bogantz made a motion to appoint Aaron Jennings to the open position on the BZA. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
 - Tyler McNutt questioned the trustees as to why Aaron was appointed instead of himself since Tyler has been an alternate longer. Bill Bogantz said that one reason was that Aaron would not need to recuse himself when it comes to airport issues.
 - Melodie mentioned that the trustees have not added a fee for a technical review. She stated that the breakeven point for one meeting is about \$364. This

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will be moved to next month's agenda since Doug is sick and Bill Bogantz cannot vote on the topic.

- Bill Bogantz stated that we are still waiting for Kristy Hawthorn to get grants for cleaning up debris fields on Lobdell. The one debris field is close to Concord Road, so it is easier to get to and would probably be cleaned up first since they won't have to wait for the ground to dry up.

New Business

- Review Driving Records (done annually): Melodie gave the trustees a copy of the four driving records that were pulled. The trustees agreed that all are good to drive township vehicles.
- Review/Approve Statement of Fund Activity: Melodie reviewed the spreadsheets she filled out for the budget commission and explained how she came up with the numbers for 2023, 2024 and 2025 for each of the funds. This is a required yearly exercise for all our funds that receive tax levy money (General, Fire, and Roads & Bridges).
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to approve the Statement of Fund Activity as presented. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**
- Ohio Senate Bill 243 Letter: Bill spoke about a meeting he had with Senate Representative Hearcel Craig about the bill that could be used to undermine township zoning. Bill also presented a letter to our state representatives that expresses our concerns with the bill.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to have the trustees sign and send the letter as written addressed to Representative Thaddeus Claggett and Representative Tim Schaffer. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

Correspondence & Financials

- Melodie read the Credit Card Charges totaling \$151.71
- Melodie read Correspondence
- Melodie read the payments totaling \$34,866.42
- Melodie read the receipts totaling \$29,666.07
- The recording was paused at 7:45 pm while the trustees signed the credit card summary, bank reconciliation, minutes, warrants, letter and resolutions.
- The recording was resumed at 7:54 pm.

Closing

- Bill Bogantz announced that the next monthly meeting is July 8, 2024 @ 6:30 pm.
- **Bill Bogantz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Wasem seconded the motion. The motion passed with all YES votes.**

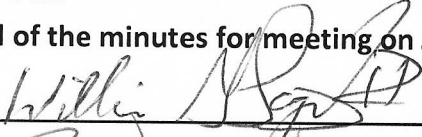
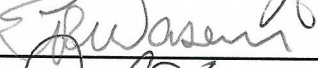
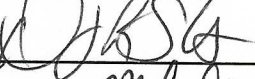

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Approval

Approval of the minutes for meeting on June 10, 2024:

Trustee:		Date:	7/8/2024
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Fiscal Officer:		Date:	7/8/24