

MINUTES OF REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2023

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TATE TOWNSHIP MET IN REGULAR SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: TRUSTEE REED, TRUSTEE REDDEN, TRUSTEE WILSON AND FISCAL OFFICER KATHY BRANNOCK.

RES. REDDEN TO APPROVE JANUARY 10, 2023 MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY WILSON. ROLL CALL: MR. REED, YES, MR. REDDEN, YES, MR. WILSON, YES.

RES. REDDEN TO APPROVE JANUARY 2023 BILLS. SECONDED BY WILSON. ROLL CALL: MR. REDDEN, YES, MR. REED, YES, MR. WILSON, YES.

RES. REDDEN TO APPROVE JANUARY 2023 PAYROLL, EFT'S, AND WITHHOLDINGS. SECONDED BY WILSON. ROLL CALL; MR. REDDEN, YES, MR. REED, YES., MR. WILSON, YES.

RES. REDDEN TO APPROVE 2023 REORGANIZATIONAL MINUTES. 2ND WILSON. ROLL CALL: REDDEN, YES, WILSON, YES, REED, YES.

FISCAL OFFICER PRESENTED TO THE TRUSTEES THE FOLLOWING JANUARY 2023 REPORTS: 2023 APPROPRIATION SUMMARY, FUND SUMMARY, REVENUE SUMMARY, PAYMENT LISTING AND PAYROLL REPORT.

VISITORS: RUSSELL AND MARY DURBIN PAM SANDKER
MULTIPLE RESIDENTS REGARDING THE SOLAR FIELDS

ZONING: OLD BUSINESS
ZONING REPORT WAS PRESENTED. 2 PERMITS WERE ISSUED.
VIOLATION UPDATES WERE PRESENTED.

OFFICE PIKE: OLD BUSINESS
JANUARY REPORT WAS PRESENTED.

FIRE CHIEF: OLD BUSINESS
JANUARY FIRE REPORT WAS PRESENTED: 166 RUNS (50 FIRE/116 EMS)
SAFER GRANT HIRING PROCESS HAS STARTED. RECOMMENDATION FOR HIRING WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MARCH TRUSTEE MEETING.
RECOMMENDED REMOVING STEVE TROUTMAN FROM HIS 1 YEAR PROBATION. RES. REDDEN TO REMOVE STEVE TROUTMAN FROM PROBATION, 2ND BY WILSON. ROLL CALL: REDDEN, YES, WILSON, YES, REED, YES.
RECOMMENDED HIRING ZACH DOWNING EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1 TO FILL THE VACANT POSITION SINCE DAVE LONG RETIRED. HE WILL HAVE A 1 YEAR PROBATION. RES. REDDEN TO APPROVE ZACH DOWNING AS A FULLTIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT-A WITH A ONE YEAR PROBATION. 2ND BY WILSON. ROLL CALL: REDDEN, YES, WILSON, YES, REED, YES.

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ROAD/CEMETERY-OLD BUSINESS

8 BURIALS; 7 FOUNDATION ORDERS, 1 LOT SALE

TRUSTEE REDDEN PROPOSED CLEAN-UP DAYS BE HELD ON JULY 7TH AND 8TH . 2ND WILSON. ROLL CALL: REDDEN, YES, WILSON, YES, REED, YES.

OFFICER PIKE-NEW BUSINESS

NO NEW BUSINESS

ZONING INSPECTOR- NEW BUSINESS

NO NEW BUSINESS

FIRE CHIEF-NEW BUSINESS

WITH 1ST ASST CHIEF DAVE LONG'S RETIREMENT, CHRIS COOPER WILL MOVE UP TO THAT POSITION. JERRY WELCH WILL MOVE UP FROM CAPTAIN TO 2ND ASST CHIEF AND WILL GO FROM HIS 24/48 SHIFT TO MON-FRI 8A-4P BEGINNING MARCH 1. SEAN O'NEIL WILL MOVE UP FROM LT TO CAPTAIN AND DAVE TAYLOR WILL MOVE FROM 2ND LT TO 1ST LT. THE 2ND LT POSITION PROCESS WILL START THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH AND THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BEGIN THE 2ND LT POSITION DUTIES FOR THE APRIL SCHEDULE.

ROAD/CEMETERY-NEW BUSINESS

TRUSTEES APPROVED THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR ROAD BIDS FOR THE MOORE ROAD PROJECT. BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT THE NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING.

THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING WAS DEDICATED THE SOLAR FARM TOPIC.

There was a packed house at the last Tate Township Trustee meeting on 2/14/2023. Over 100 residents of Tate Township and surrounding townships attended to voice their concerns about solar farms and to learn more about SB52 (Senate Bill 52) as it relates to solar planning and zoning in Clermont County. The trustees invited parties from the Clermont County Planning Department to speak at the meeting.

Taylor Corbett, Clermont County Planning & Zoning Department and Scott Gafvert, Economic Development Specialist gave information to the residents starting with a brief overview on the 4 types of solar projects:

1. Major scale- 50 megawatts and above.
2. Minor scale- Under 50 megawatts.
3. Commercial – For business facilities.
4. Residential – For local single family homes.

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All types of solar use must be considered when the Township Planning Commission designs a plan for the community. Careful attention to the current and future needs of Tate Township should be reviewed in order to find spots to put/allow solar use and not allow solar use. Clermont County is encouraging the Tate Township Planning Commission to design a functional plan that stands alone on each of the 4 types of solar projects. Once finalized, the trustees will pass a resolution to adopt the solar zoning plan and present it to be used by Clermont County Planning Department when accepting or rejecting any future solar projects within Tate Township. Corbett stressed to the residents that Clermont County wants all the townships within the county to create good, well thought out, evidence-based plans. He suggested having at least 3 public meetings to get resident input.

Gafvert explained the new rules as a result of Senate Bill 52:

1. Creates county restricted areas to all or part of unincorporated areas for wind and solar projects.
2. Requires all solar or wind projects to hold a public meeting at least 90 days but not more than 300 days PRIOR to filing to the OPSB for a certificate.
3. Local officials serve as ad hoc OPSB voting members; S.B. 52 creates two new voting ad hoc members of the OPSB: the chairperson of the township board of trustees and the president of the county board of commissioners, or their designees.
4. Any project must present a decommissioning plan and bond.

Applicability to pending projects: SB 52, includes grandfathering provisions to address certain projects currently under development. This includes the Nestlewood project (solar), which has 110 acres in Tate Township along the Brown County line.

Representatives from Nestlewood were invited to attend the February 14, 2023 meeting.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.