

MINUTES OF REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD MARCH 14, 2023

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

RES. REED TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 14, 2023 MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY WILSON.  
ROLL CALL: MR. REED, YES, MR. WILSON, YES.

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

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

RES. REED TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENT GRANT. SECONDED BY WILSON. ROLL CALL: WILSON, YES, REED, YES.

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

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

ZONING: OLD BUSINESS  
ZONING REPORT WAS PRESENTED. 8 PERMITS WERE ISSUED.  
VIOLATION UPDATES WERE PRESENTED.

OFFICE PIKE: OLD BUSINESS  
FEBRUARY REPORT WAS PRESENTED.

FIRE CHIEF: OLD BUSINESS  
FEBRUARY FIRE REPORT WAS PRESENTED: 148 RUNS (43 FIRE/105 EMS)  
SAFER GRANT HIRING PROCESS HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THE TOP THREE CANDIDATES ARE: LUCAS RUEB, VINCE WELCH, AND PATRICK SALVATORE. THEIR SWEARING IN CEREMONY WILL BE AT THE APRIL MEETING IF FEMA MAKES THE FUNDS AVAILABLE.  
TATE-MONROE'S SUBCONTRACTOR HAS HAD THE WATER MAIN TAPPING TOOL REPAIRED AND THE NEW HYDRANT INSTALLATION PROCESS HAS RESUMED. SEVEN HYDRANTS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN THE TOWNSHIP AND LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL HOMEOWNERS WITHIN 1000'. THESE LETTERS ARE TO BE SENT TO THE INSURANCE COMPANIES. THERE ARE SOME ROADS AND SECTIONS OF SOME ROADS THAT DON'T HAVE AT

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LEAST A 6" WATER MAIN, SO A HYDRANT CANNOT BE INSTALLED IN THESE AREAS. THE TOTAL OF HYDRANTS INSTALLED TO DATE SINCE WE GOT THE GRANT IS 16.

RECENTLY HIRED FULLTIME FIGHTFIGHTER/MEDIC ZACK DOWNING WILL BE SWORN IN AT THE APRIL MEETING.

THE LIEUTENANT PROMOTION PROCESS BEGAN ON MARCH 2 WITH 4 OF OUR FULLTIME STAFF APPLYING. THE APPLICANT WITH THE HIGHEST TOTAL SCORE OF THE ENTIRE PROCESS WILL BE PROMOTED TO THE 2<sup>ND</sup> LT POSITION AND WILL START THEIR LT DUTIES IN APRIL. THEY WILL ALSO BE SWORN IN AT THE APRIL MEETING.

### ROAD/CEMETERY-OLD BUSINESS

5 BURIALS, 4 INTERMENTS, 2 LOT SALES

THE NEW SHELTER HOUSE WAS USED LAST MONTH. GUTTERS, DOWNSPOUTS AND WIND CURTAINS ARE STILL NEED. ALSO, THE PARKING NEEDS TO BE FINISHED.

WILSON SUBMITTED AN ESTIMATE FOR GUTTERS. TRUSTEE REDDEN HAS ANOTHER ESTIMATE. DECISION WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

RUMPKE IS BOOKED FOR THE TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAYS TO BE HELD ON JULY 7-8.

THE ROAD BIDS WERE OPENED AND TURNED OVER TO ED STANLEY FOR HIS REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION. A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, 3/20 AT 12:30 TO AWARD THE BID. THE COMPANIES THAT SUBMITTED BIDS ARE BROWN COUNTY ASPHALT, ROBERTS PAVING AND BROWN COUNTY CONSTRUCTION.

24.63 TONS OF SALT WAS DELIVERED.

### OFFICER PIKE-NEW BUSINESS

NO NEW BUSINESS

### ZONING INSPECTOR- NEW BUSINESS

THE TRAILERS ON NORTH EAST STREET ARE BEING TORN DOWN AND WILL NOT BE REPLACED.

### FIRE CHIEF-NEW BUSINESS

ON MARCH 3 AN F-0 TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN NEAR THE SR 232 AND WILSON ROAD AREA, TRAVELING ACROSS BETHEL-NEW RICHMOND ROAD OVER TO CRANE-SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD. WE RECEIVED 28 CALLS FOR SERVICE DURING THE EVENT. THERE WAS 1 MINOR INJURY TO A FIREFIGHTER.

THE FIREHOUSE AND THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING SUSTAINED DAMAGE TO THE ROOFS.

RECOMMEND CHANGING VOLUNTEER STATUS OF KYLE MOORE AND MALLORY SMITH TO PART-TIME AS BOTH OF THEM HAVE COMPLETED THEIR FIRE AND EMT-B TRAININGS AND ARE NOW CERTIFIED WITH THE STATE OF OHIO. RES. REED, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY WILSON. ROLL CALL: WILSON, YES, REED, YES.

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RECOMMEND HIRING ROBIN TAYLOR AS A PART-TIME EMT-B WITH A 1 YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD. SHE IS CURRENTLY IN A FF1 CLASS AND WILL BE CERTIFIED AS A FF1 BY JUNE. RES. REED, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY WILSON. ROLL CALL: WILSON, YES, REED, YES.

RECOMMEND HIRING PT MOLLI DOYLE AS A FF1/EMT-B WITH A 1 YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD. SHE IS CURRENTLY IN MEDIC SCHOOL. RES. REED, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY WILSON. ROLL CALL: WILSON, YES, REED, YES.

RECOMMEND ACCEPTING SAMANTHA TOLLIVER AS A FIRE CADET WITH A 1 YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD. SHE IS A JUNIOR AT GRANT CAREER CENTER. RES. REED, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY WILSON. ROLL CALL: WILSON, YES, REED, YES.

THE BTFD FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION IS TEAMING UP WITH THE BETHEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO APPLY FOR A \$50,000 GRANT FOR A SHOWCASE TYPE STRUCTURE TO DISPLAY OUR OLD 1925 DODGE FIRE TRUCK. THE BETHEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS APPLYING FOR THE GRANT. THIS TRUCK WAS BOUGHT NEW IN DECEMBER 1925 BY THE VILLAGE AND WAS THE FIRST MOTORIZED PIECE OF EQUIPMENT IN CLERMONT COUNTY.

### ROAD/CEMETERY-NEW BUSINESS

CLEARING HAS BEGUN ON THE NEW PROPERTY.

THE COST OF A NEW GATOR (\$11,925.23) WAS SUBMITTED TO THE TRUSTEES. THE DECISION WAS TABLE UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

BETTY ANN CRUM COMPLIMENTED THE CEMETERY SEXTON ON THE JOB THAT THE MOWING CONTRACTOR IS DOING.

THE MARCH 3 STORM REPORT WAS GIVEN: 76 MAN HOURS, 27 LOADS OF DEBRIS TAKEN TO THE MARSHALLING YARD.

SEVEN DRIVEWAYS ON PATTERSON ROAD NEAR BETHEL MAPLE ARE BLOCKING THE WATER FLOW CAUSING WATER ON THE ROAD. THE COUNTY ENGINEER WILL HAVE THEIR PART COMPLETED BEFORE THE TOWNSHIP CAN WORK ON IT.

### SOLAR FARM DISCUSSION

RUSSELL DURBIN STATED THAT HE HAS A PETITION WITH APPROXIMATELY 300 SIGNATURES OPPOSING SOLAR FARMS. HE ASKED THE TRUSTEES IF THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED AREAS THAT WOULD BE RESTRICTED. TRUSTEE REED STATED THAT AS A STARTING POINT THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED ALL OF STATE ROUTE 125 AND 133 ONE QUARTER OF A MILE NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST. RUSSELL DURBIN SUGGESTED 2 MILES FROM EAST FORK DUE TO THE WATER SHED. TRUSTEE REED STATED THAT THEY HAVE ONLY BEGUN TO LOOK AT THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

CLERMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONER DAVID PAINTER STOPPED IN TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS BY THE ATTENDANTS.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

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