

MINUTES OF REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD APRIL 11, 2023

OFFICE PIKE: OLD BUSINESS

MARCH REPORT WAS PRESENTED.

PROBATION OFFICE WILL BE SUPPLYING WORKERS FOR FRIDAY AND POSSIBLY SATURDAY DURING THE TOWNSHIP CLEANUP DAYS.

FIRE CHIEF: OLD BUSINESS

MARCH FIRE REPORT WAS PRESENTED: 199 RUNS (71 FIRE/128 EMS)

THIRTEEN HYDRANTS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED.

THERE WAS ONE MINOR INJURY DURING THE STORM CLEANUP. DISCUSSED INJURY AND INFORMED TRUSTEES THAT PPE GEAR HAS BEEN ORDERED.

PER FEMA, THE CASE REGARDING THE SAFER GRANT HAS BEEN ACCELERATED AND SHOULD BE FINALIZED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. RECOMMENDED STARTING THE NEW EMPLOYEES THIS MONTH.

STEVE TROUTMAN, THE NEWEST LIEUTENANT, WILL BE SWORN IN ALONG WITH ZACH DOWNING AT THE NEXT MEETING. THE 3 SAFER GRANT EMPLOYEES WILL ALSO BE SWORN IN AT THAT DATE.

ROOF REPAIRS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE INSURANCE COMPANY. THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING WILL HAVE A NEW ROOF AND NEW CEILING TILES.

ROAD/CEMETERY-OLD BUSINESS

9 BURIALS, 5 FOUNDATION ORDERS, 2 LOT SALES.

RES. REDDEN TO PURCHASE A 2023 GATOR TO BE USED BY THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT AT A COST OF \$11925.23 TO BE PAID OUT OF THE CEMETERY FUND. 2ND BY WILSON. ROLL CALL: MR. WILSON, YES, MR. REDDEN, YES, MR. REED, YES.

ODOT WILL BE REPLACING THE CULVERT ON MACEDONIA ROAD.

CLERMONT COUNTY HAS COMPLETED DITCHING UP TO PATTERSON ROAD. THEY HAVE DITCHED AS DEEP AS THEY CAN GO. THERE ARE EIGHT CULVERTS TO BE REPLACED. ROAD SUPERVISOR WILL CONTACT THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND EXPLAIN THAT THE WATER WILL FLOW WHEN THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED. THE ESTIMATED COST PER CULVERT IS \$456.

OFFICER PIKE-NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSED NEW CELLPHONE LAW. THERE WILL BE A SIX-MONTH GRACE PERIOD. TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED BEGINNING IN OCTOBER.

ZONING INSPECTOR- NEW BUSINESS

NO NEW BUSINESS

FIRE CHIEF-NEW BUSINESS

RECOMMENDED REMOVING CHRISTIAN MANNING FROM HIS 1 YEAR PROBATION AS A PART TIME FF/EMT.RES. BY REDDEN, 2ND BY WILSON. ROLL CALL: MR. WILSON, YES, MR. REDDEN, YES, MR. REED, YES.

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RECOMMENDED ACCEPTING TREYVON NEDD AS A FIRE CADET. RES. REED, 2ND BY WILSON. ROLL CALL: WILSON, YES, REDDEN, YES, REED, YES.

RECOMMENDED ACCEPTING JUSTIN PENDERGRASS'S RESIGNATION LETTER AS A PART TIME FF/EMT. RES. REED, 2ND BY WILSON. ROLL CALL: WILSON, YES, REDDEN, YES, REED, YES.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILLARY QUARTER AUTION IS APRIL 20TH AT THE BETHEL-TATE MIDDLE SCHOOL. DOORS OPEN AT 6.

ROAD/CEMETERY-NEW BUSINESS

NO NEW BUSINESS

RES. BY REED RECOMMENDING HIRING A COMPANY TO UPDATE THE TOWNSHIP ZONING REGULATIONS. 2ND BY REDDEN. ROLL CALL: MR. WILSON, YES, MR. REDDEN, YES, MR. REED, YES. FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP IS IN THE PROCESS AT THIS TIME. MR. REED WILL CONTACT THE 3 COMPANIES THAT HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED TO HIM.

GREG SCHULER STATED THAT THE BETHEL-TATE SCHOOL BOARD WILL BE VOTING AT THEIR NEXT MEETING ON WHETHER OR NOT TO ANNEX THE HIGH SCHOOL INTO THE VILLAGE.

ED WAGNER SUGGESTED THAT THE TRUSTEES CONSIDER LANDFILLS WHEN REWRITING THE ZONING REGULATIONS.

MR. CARLOTTA SPOKE TO THE TRUSTEES ABOUT THE NOISE ORDINANCE. HE IS HAVING ISSUES WITH HIS NEIGHBORS OPERATING ATVS. OFFICER PIKE HAS SPOKEN TO HIM NUMEROUS TIMES AND GIVEN HIM INSTRUCTIONS AND WHAT TO DO.

SHELBY BAIRD ASKED THE TRUSTEES TO CONSIDER RECORDING THE MEETINGS. THE EQUIPMENT THAT WE HAVE IS OUTDATED. THE TRUSTEES WILL LOOK INTO IT. HE ALSO ASKED WHAT CONSTITUTES "LARGE" SOLAR FARMS. TRUSTEE REED EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENCE TO HIM AND HOW THE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES HAVE NO CONTROL OVER THEM. (LARGE SCALE SOLAR PROJECTS ARE OVER 50 MEGAWATTS AND SMALL SCALE SOLAR PROJECTS ARE UNDER 50 MEGAWATTS.)

TRUSTEE WILSON REPORTED THAT HE HAD ATTENDED A MEETING AT THE FARM BUREAU REGARDING THE SOLAR FARM ISSUE AND HOW HOUSE BILL 501 AND SENATE BILL 52 WILL HELP REGULATE IT. HOUSE BILL 501 MAKES VARIOUS TOWNSHIP LAW CHANGES AND SUBJECTS SMALL SOLAR FACILITIES TO LOCAL REGULATION. SENATE BILL 52 ADDS TWO VOTING "AD HOC" MEMBERS TO THE OPSB FOR CONSIDERING WIND AND SOLAR APPLICATIONS AND MATERIAL AMENDMENTS TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA IN WHICH THE UTILITY FACILITY IS TO BE LOCATED.

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LYNN BUEDE ASKED THE TRUSTEES IF ANY OF THEM HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY THE SOLAR REPRESENTATIVES TO RENT THEIR LAND. TRUSTEE REED SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BUT DID NOT ACCEPT THEIR OFFER.

TRUSTEE REDDEN STATED THAT THE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REPRESENT ALL THE RESIDENTS IN THE TOWNSHIP AND WILL CONSIDER THEIR INPUT WHEN MAKING DECISIONS REGARDING ZONING CHANGES.

THERE WAS A DISCUSSION REGARDING THE WATER SHED AND THE CONCERN ABOUT CONTAMINATION. EASTFORK CREEK WATER IS TESTED EVERY WEEK. TRUSTEE REED SAID THAT THE SOLAR FIELD HAS A WATER SHED. HE HAS SEEN IT WHEN HE HAS FLOWN OVER THE FIELD.

TRUSTEE WILSON SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO A SOLAR FIELD WORKER. THERE ARE 3 GRADES OF SOLAR PANELS. 99% OF THE TIME THE LOWEST QUALITY IS USED BECAUSE IT IS THE CHEAPEST. IT IS ALSO THE MOST TOXIC.

MOTION BY REDDEN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. 2ND BY WILSON.