

MINUTES OF REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD AUGUST 8, 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 JULY 11, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY WILSON. ROLL CALL: MR. REED, YES, MR. REDDEN, YES, MR. WILSON, YES.

RES. REDDEN TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD JULY 19, 2023. SECONDED BY WILSON. ROLL CALL: MR. REED, YES, MR. REDDEN, YES, MR. WILSON, YES.

RES. REDDEN TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 3, 2023. SECONDED BY WILSON. ROLL CALL: MR. REED, YES, MR. REDDEN, YES, MR. WILSON, YES.

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

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

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

VISITORS: CHRIS COOPER JUDY COOPER PAM SANDKER RON BULOW
MARY DURBIN RUSTY DURBIN JOHN SPILLER DWAYNE TROXELL THOMAS BROWN
J D NOBLE RALENDA BROERMAN AMY CAMPBELL JODY WILSON J. WINKLER
KATE MARTIN LYNN BUEDE ROBERT BUEDE GREG SCHULER SHELBY BAIRD RON BAKER

ZONING-NOT IN ATTENDANCE

ROAD/CEMETERY-OLD BUSINESS

JULY CEMETERY REPORT WAS PRESENTED. THERE WERE 7 BURIALS IN JULY, 7 FOOTERS WERE ORDERED, 1 GRAVE WAS SOLD. SIXTEEN FOOTERS WERE POURED, LEAVING 14 TO POUR BEFORE LABOR DAY.

TRIMMING HAS BEEN COMPLETED AROUND GUARDRAILS AND SIGNS.

2 CULVERTS WERE INSTALLED ON SALT AIR MAPLE ROAD AND 1 ON MACEDONIA ROAD. HE IS WAITING FOR COUNTY TO REPLACE THE CULVERT AT 133 AND MACEDONIA ROAD.

BROWN COUNTY CONSTRUCTION GAVE THE TOWNSHIP 150 TONS OF GRINDINGS. CLOTHES AND SAFETY GEAR IS BEING ORDERED FOR THE NEW EMPLOYEE.

THE WEBINAR SAFETY TRAINING HAS BEEN COMPLETED. CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND SUBMITTED TO PERRP.

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REDDEN ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON MOORE ROAD. HE WAS TOLD THAT IT WOULD BE LATE FALL.

OFFICER PIKE-NO OLD BUSINESS

FIRE CHIEF-OLD BUSINESS

JULY FIRE REPORT WAS PRESENTED: 168 RUNS (46 FIRE/122 EMS)

4 MORE FIRE HYDRANTS WERE INSTALLED SINCE THE LAST MEETING. ALL WEED EATING, GREASING AND FLOWING HAS BEEN DONE AND NOW ONLY NEED TO SERVICE 3 DRY HYDRANTS IN OUR SERVICE AREA.

DAN HEAD INJURY UPDATE: DAN GOES BACK TO THE DOCTOR THIS THURSDAY AND IS GOING TO THERAPY WEEKLY. HIS WRIST IS LOOKING MUCH BETTER AND IS HOPING TO BE RELEASED SOON.

THE 2 AMBULANCES WITH RECALLS HAVE BEEN REPAIRED. NOW THE 2021 AMBULANCE IS AT KERRY FORD WITH TRANSMISSION ISSUE, IT HAS A HESITATION WHEN ACCELERATING. IT WILL MOST LIKELY BE UNDER WARRANTY.

NO NEWS REGARDING THE FEMA 2022 ASSISTANCE FOR THE FEMA GRANT THAT WOULD REPLACE THE 800 MHZ 2 WAY RADIOS THAT WILL BE OBSOLETE JULY 2025. 20 PORTABLES AND 12 MOBILE RADIOS WERE APPLIED FOR TOTALING \$193,401.60. IF AWARDED, WE WOULD PAY 5% TO FEMA AND 5% TO OHIO FIRST RESPONDERS GRANT WRITERS. (\$19,340.16).

WILL BE MEETING WITH CLERMONT COUNTY EMA AND ALL BETHEL-TATE AND GRANT CAREER CENTER ADMINISTRATION TO REVIEW AND UPDATE ANY TYPE OF EMERGENCY SITUATION THAT INCLUDES FIRE AND POLICE RESPONSE FOR ALL TYPES OF EMERGENCY CALLS. THIS HELPS EVERYONE INVOLVED INCLUDING SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION REVIEW ALL THE SET PREPLANNING WE HAVE IN PLACE.

BOB REDDEN STATED THAT HE MET WITH TATE-MONROE WATER REGARDING HYDRANTS. HE CONFIRMED THAT TATE-MONROE REPAIRS ALL HYDRANTS. THERE ARE 6 MORE IN STOCK TO BE INSTALLED.

ZONING-NOT IN ATTENDANCE

ROAD/CEMETERY-NO NEW BUSINESS

OFFICER PIKE-NO NEW BUSINESS

FIRE CHIEF-NEW BUSINESS

RECOMMENDED HIRING MAKENNA WEAVER AS A PART TIME FF/PARAMEDIC ON A 1 YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

APPLYING FOR THE OHIO BWC SAFETY GRANT FOR FF TURNOUT GEAR (BUNKER PANT, SUSPENDERS, BOOTS AND COAT) MAX \$15,000, OUR PORTION IS \$3,000. \$15,000 WILL

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PROVIDE US WITH 6 SETS OF TURNOUT GEAR. TURNOUT GEAR HAS A 10 YEAR EXPIRATION DATE, SO IF WE USE TURNOUT GEAR OLDER THAN 10 YEARS AND A FIREFIGHTER GETS INJURED WHILE WEARING THE OUTDATED GEAR, THE DEPARTMENT IS LIABLE DUE TO NOT BEING NFPA COMPLIANT.

ZOOM MEETING WITH DUKE UPDATING US ON THE PROGRESS OF THE BETHEL-BATAVIA PIPELINE PROJECT IS AUGUST 29 @ 10AM.

WORKING ON LANGUAGE FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION/PREVENTION AS IT PERTAINS TO SOLAR FIELDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NFPA 850 CHAPTER 14 (RECOMMENDED PRACTICE FOR FIRE PROTECTION FOR SOLAR GENERATION) TO ADD TO ZONING REGULATIONS.

WILSON ASKED IF RECORDING SYSTEM COULD BE UPDATED. CHIEF RESPONDED THAT IT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT BY AN OUTSIDE SOURCE.

LYNN BUEDE WAS CURIOUS ABOUT THE FIRE/EMS LEVY. SHE ASKED WHAT IT WAS FOR. FIRE CHIEF RESPONDED THAT IS WAS DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS DUE TO RISING COSTS FOR PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, TIRES. HE STATED THAT BETHEL-TATE IS AMONG 9% OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE STATE WITH AN ISO RATING OF 3. THIS AFFECTS THE INSURANCE PREMIUM THAT TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS PAY. MAILERS WILL BE GOING OUT IN SEPTEMBER.

J. D. NOBLE STATED HE HAD BEEN TRYING TO CONTACT THE ZONING INSPECTOR IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE BOARD'S DECISION. TRUSTEE REDDEN SAID HE WOULD CHECK INTO IT. MR. NOBLE ALSO ASKED WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO WIDEN SUGARTREE ROAD. TRUSTEE REDDEN STATED THAT THE TOWNSHIP HAD APPLIED FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE COUNTY TO DO THE PROJECT IN SECTIONS. IT WOULD TAKE ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO DO THE ENTIRE PROJECT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE DITCHES, CULVERTS, TREE REMOVAL, ETC. MACEDONIA ROAD IS THIS YEAR'S PROJECT.

AMY CAMPBELL ASKED ABOUT THE COST OF FIRE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING FOR SOLAR FIRE PREPARATION. TRUSTEE WILSON STATED THAT THE RESOLUTION FOR SOLAR/WIND FARMS WOULD REQUIRE THE COMPANIES TO PAY.

KATE MARTIN IS CONCERNED. SHE SUPPLIED TRUSTEE WILSON WITH A REGULATION FROM HER SISTER THAT WILL BE USED WITH THE OTHER DRAFTS FROM CHOICE ONE AND MONROE TOWNSHIP TO DRAW UP A REGULATION TO SUBMIT TO OUR COUNSEL, JULIA CARNEY. HE WANTS TO SEND IT TO DALE ARNOLD BEFORE MEETING WITH THE TRUSTEES TO REVIEW/REVISE IT. ONCE THAT IS DONE THEN JULIA CARNEY WILL FINALIZE IT. HE ESTIMATES THAT IT WILL TAKE TWO WEEKS.

JODY WILSON STATED THAT BETHEL HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SET AN EXAMPLE. SHE BELIEVES IT A POSITIVE TO SHARE TO STOP THE MADNESS.

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RUSTY DURBIN STATED THAT HE HAS SPOKEN TO OTHER TOWNSHIPS AND THEY ARE ALL STRUGGLING WITH THIS ISSUE. WE ARE ALLS TEN YEARS BEHIND.

MARY DURBIN BELIEVES THAT THE SOLAR FARM IS THE TOWNSHIP'S "DIRTY LITTLE SECRET". PEOPLE WEREN'T AWARE UNTIL THEY SAW THE SURVEY STAKES. THE SOLAR FARM IS ONE ROAD OVER FROM THEM. IT'S TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. SHE SAID IT IS 1 OF 4 PLANNED FOR THE TOWNSHIP. SHE AND RUSTY DID AN INTERVIEW ON A RADIO STATION WITH A SOLAR EXPERT. ANOTHER PERSON INTERVIEWED BELIEVED THAT DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS WANT SOLAR IN THE COUNTRY. MARY TOLD THEM OTHERWISE. SHE SAID THAT SHE SEES PROGRESS. SHE STATED THAT A FORMER TRUSTEE HAS A LEASE WITH THE SOLAR FARM. SHE SAID IN HER OPINION THAT HE WAS "DOING IT UNDERHANDED." NEBRASKA HAIL STORM HIT A SOLAR FARM. THE PANELS DID NOT HOLD UP. THE SOLAR FARM IS DOWN. TAXPAYERS WILL BE PAYING FOR IT. THE COMPANY THAT PUT IT IN IS GONE. THE COMPANY IS NOT BRINGING JOBS TO THE AREA. IN NEW YORK THE FIRE CHIEF INSTRUCTED PEOPLE TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES 5-7 DAYS BECAUSE OF A SOLAR FARM FIRE. THE BATTERIES HAVE TO BURN OUT, THEY CAN'T BE PUT OUT. THERE IS A CONCERN ABOUT PUTTING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN DANGER DUE TO TOXINS THAT SOLAR FIRES PRODUCE.

RALEND A BROERMAN ASKED HOW TRAINING WOULD BE PAID. IT WILL BE PART OF THE NEW REGULATION THAT IS BEING WRITTEN. TRUSTEE REDDEN STATED THAT ANY ADDITIONAL COST/PAYROLL WOULD BE AT THE COMPANIES' COST.

JODY WILSON STATED THAT THE MICHIGAN COUNTY SOLAR REGULATION IS ON THEIR WEBSITE. SHE HAS THE EMERGENCY ACTION SUPPRESSION PLAN.

LYNN BUEDE FOUND A BLOG ABOUT ELECTRONIC MAGNETIC PULSES. ELECTRIC TOWERS PUT OFF EMP'S THAT ARE LIMITED. THERE SHOULD BE A LIMIT TO THE SOLAR FARMS ALSO. SHE WAS TOLD THAT THE MICHIGAN REGULATION ADDRESSES THAT.

TRUSTEE WILSON STATED THAT THERE WILL BE A 24 HOUR COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT REQUIRED THAT WILL BE MONITORED AT ALL TIMES, NOT A RECORDING. CAMERAS WILL BE RUN THROUGH CULVERTS. AERIAL PHOTOS, TREE BUFFERS, FENCE AND GLARE MONITORING WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE REGULATION.

KATE MARTIN ASKED WHAT HAPPENS IF THE COMPANY GOES BROKE. TRUSTEE REDDEN REPLIED THAT THERE WILL UPFRONT BONDING REQUIRED TO PUT MONEY ASIDE IN ESCROW. THIS WOULD BE REEVALAUATED PERIODICALLY. THEREFORE, EVEN IF THE COMPANY DOES GO BANKRUPT, THE MONEY WOULD STILL BE THERE.

SHELBY BAIRD ASKED IF THE ADDED COST WOULD APPLY TO THE CURRENT SOLAR FIELD. THE ANSWER WAS NO IT WOULD NOT. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE OHIO SITING BOARD MAY HAVE

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GUIDELINES FOR DECOMMISSIONING COSTS. THERE ARE FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL GUIDELINES. JACKSON TOWNSHIP'S PROPOSED FIELD IS ALREADY RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM THE EPA.

TRUSTEE WILSON STATED THAT THE REGULATION CAN BE AMENDED AT ANYTIME.

SHELBY BAIRD QUESTIONED HOW THE POWER IN H.B.501 AFFECTS THE TRUSTEES AND TOWNSHIPS. H.B. 501 CLARIFIED THAT THE AUTHORITY BELONGS TO THE TOWNSHIP. 49.99 MEGAWATTS AND DOWN HAS NEVER BEEN UNDER THE POWER SITING BOARD. TRUSTEE REDDEN RESPONDED THAT THE BILL FORCED THE SOLAR FARMS TO GO SMALLER. THE BILL MADE THE TOWNSHIPS RESPONSIBLE TO REGULATE THE SMALL SOLAR FARMS UNDER 50 MEGAWATTS.

GREG SCHULER COMMENTED THAT FORTY ACRES WOULD ONLY PRODUCE 5 MEGAWATTS. THIS IS OF NO INTEREST TO SOLAR COMPAINIES. 1-5 MEGAWATTS IS NOT A "SMALL SOLAR FARM". IT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE REGULATION BUT NOT AS REGULATED AS A SMALL SOLAR FARM.

SHELBY BAIRD STATED THAT IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THERE COULD BE LEASES SIGNED WITH SOLAR COMPANIES. THE RESPONSE WAS THAT THE COMPANIES WOULD HAVE TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT.

LYNN BUEDE ASKED ABOUT RETENTION PONDS. PONDS WERE FILLED IN PER COUNTY REQUEST. TRUSTEE REDDEN SUGGESTED COMPLAINING TO THE POWER SITING BOARD. THE DOCKET NUMBER IS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.

SHELBY BAIRD QUESTIONED ABOUT ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS. BOTH TRUSTEE REDDEN AND WILSON SAID THAT IT IS NOT IN ANY CLASSIFICATION. ZONING WILL NOT CHANGE THE CLASSIFICATION.

RON BAKER QUESTIONED HOW STRONG THE NESTLEWOOD FARM IS. DIFFERENT PANELS PRODUCE MORE POWER. THE POWER SITING BOARD REGULATES THAT BEFORE THEY CAN CONNECT TO THE GRID.

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