

## MINUTES OF REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

The Board of Trustees, Tate Township met in regular session with the following members present Trustee Reed, Trustee Redden and Trustee Wilson.

Resolution: Redden to approve from August 8, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Wilson. Roll call. Mr. Reed, Yes, Mr. Redden, Yes, Mr. Wilson, Yes.

Resolution: Redden to approve the August 2023 bills. Seconded by Wilson. Roll call. Mr. Reed. Yes. Mr. Redden, Yes. Mr. Wilson, yes.

Resolution by Redden to approve the payroll, withholdings, and EFTs from August 2023. Seconded by Wilson. Roll call Mr. Reed, Yes, Mr. Redden, Yes, Mr. Wilson, Yes.

Resolution by Redden to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission. Seconded by Wilson. Roll call Mr. Reed, Yes, Mr. Redden, Yes, Mr. Wilson, Yes.

Trustee Reed read the rules for public participation. He announced that anyone that wanted to speak will need to sign in.

ROAD/CEMETERY REPORT- Ed Stanley gave his report that there were 10 burials, 10 Foundation orders, 11 graves sold, Six were in Township and five were out of Township. There were two Saturday burials. They poured 14 footers and have six more to do. They finished grading section. 20 - 23. It turned out good with plenty of grade. The new Gator has arrived. They are using the old Gator for concrete work.

Stanley was able to get 100 tons of grindings delivered from Brown County Construction. He also received over 100 tons of very clean crushed limestone donated, that they will use for township road berming. The crew has been through Tate Township using the Dura patch to repair the roads. They took down three trees and the Bethel Tate Fire Department assisted them with one using the ladder truck.

Trustee Wilson commented about using overtime to prepare the cemetery grounds and asked if the equipment was rented because he was concerned about liability. Stanley explained that he got overtime approved by trustees for cemetery and road work and he checked with Brannock before renting equipment for liability.

OFFICER PIKE-OLD BUSINESS- His August report was given. Deputy Pike responded to 79 calls, wrote 19 new reports, made 4 criminal arrests, conducted 42 investigations, closed 22 reports, and assisted 21 other departments. He also attended an event in August in Burke Park for National Night Out.

FIRE CHIEF-OLD BUSINESS- Chief Stowell gave his August 2023 Fire and EMS report. He reported that there were 163 calls total, with 43 being fire calls. He reported three structure fires and

commented that the crews did an excellent job. They saved \$253,000 in property damage. No new hydrants have been installed since the last meeting, so the total is still at 53. The Levy mailers are about to be finished and the goal is to have them in all residents' mailboxes by October 1st. The levy signs will be out by October 1st, also.

NEW BUSINESS- Chief Stowell recommends accepting Zachary Van Lieu's resignation letter effective this date. Zack leaves the department in good standing and is eligible for rehire should he decide to reapply at a later date. Motion by Reed to accept. Seconded by Wilson. Roll call Wilson. Yes. Reddin. Yes. Reed Yes.

Recommend hiring Jordan Dugger on a one-year probationary period as a part-time fire fighter /EMT-B. Motioned by Redden to accept. Seconded by Wilson. Roll call Wilson, Yes, Redden, Yes, Reed, Yes.

Recommend hiring Madelyn Enderle-Montoya on a one-year probationary period as a part time firefighter /EMT-B presently but has finished paramedic school and will be testing soon. Motioned by Redden. Seconded by Wilson. Roll call Wilson, Yes, Redden. Yes, Reed Yes.

Recommend putting on as a fire cadet Lillian Earls. Lillian is a Senior at Grant Career Center and lives in the Township on Brown Street. Motioned by Redden. Seconded by Wilson. Roll call Wilson, Yes, Redden, Yes, Reed, Yes. This puts our cadet program up to 10 people; that's just where we want to be.

We had several structure fires lately in the township with very good fire knockdowns on all occasions, minimizing the fire loss on all three structures.

ZONING-OLD BUSINESS- August and September reports were presented. Trustees were updated on zoning violations. A total of 9 zoning permits were issued and one variance. There was a complaint about roosters that he researched to find that roosters are allowed. New news. Rob has designed a Tate Township zoning complaint form that he would like to put on the website so that residents can download it and drop it off at his mailbox or complete it online. This would allow him to get all the information that is needed for a complaint and keep better records of the complaints and follow-ups. The trustees agreed that this was a good idea. Rob said the form is still in its draft stages, and he will bring the final form to them for approval before publishing it.

Alex from Choice One was asked to be at the meeting to answer trustee questions about the current draft of the Solar amendment. Trustees Reed, Wilson, and Redden gave Alex direction to specific sections of the document that they would like to have changed before the draft is sent to Julia to look at it.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mary Durbin- Spoke on why Solar will not work in our community and complained that the trustees are dragging their feet.

Shelby Baird- Wants to clarify the steps to amend the zoning regulations. Are all the members clear on the order and the timeline for the solar resolutions.

The trustees said they first draft the resolution, which they are doing with Choice One, second, they submit the final draft to Julia (lawyer) for legal review, third, the resolution goes to the Township Zoning Commission for review and forth, the Final Resolution is submitted to the County Planning Commission.

Amy Campbell- Expressed concerns that the townships in northern Ohio have had problems with these same issues for solar and wind. She wants more accountability to the residents by the trustees.

Tonya Robinson- Asked "What is the benefit of having solar?"

Trustee Wilson answered that lawyers have told them that banning solar completely will not work because the solar companies will fight it in court. But if we restrict solar, as we have done in this 20+ page document, with regulations that are designed to protect township residents, then the solar companies will walk away because they do not want to have restrictions placed on them.

Trustee Reed commented that the Tate Township trustees have already filed with the County for a complete ban along State Routes 125 & 133.

Trustee Wilson discussed his dissatisfaction with communication among the trustees.

9:12 pm Trustee Redden motioned to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson.