

MINUTES OF REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

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

AFTER THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OPENING PRAYER WAS GIVEN BY TOM ALBERS FROM FAITH CHAPEL CHURCH.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE STEIMLE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2024. 2ND BY TRUSTEE DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE STEIMLE TO APPROVE AUGUST BILLS. 2ND BY TRUSTEE DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE STEIMLE TO APPROVE AUGUST PAYROLL, EFT'S AND WITHHOLDING VOUCHERS. 2ND BY TRUSTEE DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

TRUSTEE WILSON INTRODUCED THE TRUSTEES AND FISCAL OFFICER TO THE ATTENDEES AND READ THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY WITH A LIMIT OF 5 MINUTES. ALL COMMENTS ARE TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD. TRUSTEE WILSON INDICATED THAT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGARDING NEW BUSINESS WOULD BE HEARD FIRST, PRIOR TO THE REPORTS TO ENSURE THAT GUESTS HAVE THE ABILITY TO BE HEARD. TRUSTEE STEIMLE EXPLAINED THAT DUE TO THE LENGTH OF RECENT MEETINGS SOME PEOPLE WERE NOT BE ABLE TO SPEAK AT PRIOR MEETINGS. THE TRUSTEES WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT NEW CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED. UPDATES ON PRIOR CONCERNS WILL BE ADDRESSED AFTER THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING. OTHER TOWNSHIPS ALLOW TRUSTEES FROM OTHER TOWNSHIPS AND COUNCILS TO SPEAK FIRST.

FIRE-

AUGUST FIRE REPORT WAS PRESENTED. THERE WERE 173 RUNS (46 FIRE/127 EMS). THE DEPARTMENT GAVE MUTUAL AID 2 TIMES AND RECEIVED AID 8 TIMES.

THE ESTIMATE OF REPAIRS FOR THE 2021 AMBULANCE IS \$5476.82 WITH A \$250.00 DEDUCTIBLE. A CHECK WILL BE MAILED TO BURGESS AMBULANCE SERVICE. THE AMBULANCE SERVICE WILL PICK UP THE AMBULANCE; NO PERSONNEL WILL BE USED. PARTS HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND HOPE TO BE IN THE WEEK OF 9/23/24. REPAIRS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE AROUND 2 WEEKS. THERE IS NO ISSUE WITH A BACKUP AMBULANCE SINCE AMBULANCES ARE ALTERNATED.

THE ESTIMATE OF REPAIRS FOR THE 2021 ENGINE/TENDER IS \$17,709.38 WITH A \$250.00 DEDUCTIBLE. A CHECK WAS BEING RELEASED TO HERITAGE FIRE EQUIPMENT TO ORDER PARTS AND CONDUCT REPAIRS. THERE IS NO TIMELINE ON WHEN IT WILL BE GOING IN FOR REPAIR.

ANNUAL HYDRANT MAINTENANCE HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

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CHIEF IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON RADIO QUOTES FOR THE PORTABLE RADIOS AND THE THREE MOBILE RADIOS DISCUSSED AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING. DUE TO POSSIBLE PRICE SAVINGS THE TOPIC WILL BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MONTH'S MEETING.

RECOMMENDED THAT DAKOTA POLLITT BE MOVED FROM CADET TO PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT WITH A 1 YEAR PROBATION. HE IS ALREADY A FF/EMT AND JUST GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN MAY. MOTION BY TRUSTEE WILSON TO APPROVE, 2ND BY TRUSTEE DURBIN. ROLL CALL: ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

RECOMMENDED THAT SAMANTHA TOLLIVER BE MOVED FROM CADET TO PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT WITH A 1 YEAR PROBATION. SHE IS ALREADY A FF AND JUST GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN MAY. SHE HAS COMPLETED HER EMT COURSE ALREADY AND WE ARE WORKING WITH HER TO GET HER THROUGH THE EMT CERTIFICATION TESTING. MOTION BY TRUSTEE WILSON TO APPROVE, 2ND BY TRUSTEE DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF FF/PARAMEDIC MAKENNA WEAVER DUE TO NOT HAVING THE TIME TO PUT INTO THE DEPARTMENT. MAKENNA HAS ONLY BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT SINCE AUGUST, 2023. MOTION BY TRUSTEE WILSON TO APPROVE, 2ND BY TRUSTEE DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

ALL THE OFFICES IN THE FIREHOUSE HAVE BEEN PAINTED OVER THE LAST MONTH.

A NEW FIRE HYDRANT HAS BEEN INSTALLED AT 3126 S. BANTAM RD. ACROSS FROM THE NEW STORAGE FACILITY. THIS WAS REQUESTED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DURING THE PLANNING STAGE.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF OHIO DIVISION OF EMS FOR \$3,966.02 TO BE USED TO PURCHASE EMS EQUIPMENT FROM THE APPROVED LIST THAT THE STATE GIVES OUT.

THE 2021 AMBULANCE WENT BACK TO FORD FOR THE TRANSMISSION ISSUE AGAIN. IT IS COVERED BY WARRANTY.

POLICE-

AUGUST REPORT WAS PRESENTED. OFFICER PIKE RESPONDED TO SEVENTY-THREE CALLS, TOOK 22 REPORTS, ASSISTED OTHER DEPARTMENTS 20 TIMES, MADE 2 CRIMINAL ARRESTS, CONDUCTED 32 INVESTIGATIONS, AND CLOSED 12 REPORTS.

PARKING ON GRANT AVENUE WAS DISCUSSED. CURRENTLY THERE ARE NO NO-PARKING SIGNS. INEZ AVENUE HAS SIGNS THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE REPLACED. HE HAS CALLED THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE REGARDING THE MATTER. IN ORDER TO HAVE NO-PARKING SIGNS THE ROAD WIDTH MUST BE A LESS THAN THE MINIMUM WIDTH TO ALLOW ON STREET PARKING. HE HAS SPOKEN TO ED REGARDING SIGNS AND IS WAITING ON A RESPONSE FROM THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE. ODOT CONTROLS THE SPEED LIMIT. POPLAR RIDGE IS WIDE ENOUGH FOR ON STREET PARKING.

ROAD/CEMETERY-

AUGUST CEMETERY REPORT WAS PRESENTED. 13 BURIALS, 3 FOUNDATION ORDERS WERE TAKEN AND NO GRAVES WERE SOLD. 14 FOUNDATIONS WERE POURED.

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THE GATE POSTS FOR THE SHELTER HOUSE PARKING LOT HAVE BEEN SET. THE GATES WILL BE INSTALLED SOON. THE GATES (LABOR AND MATERIAL) WERE DONATED BY BANTAM TIRE. PORTIONS OF THE PARKING LOT WERE SOFTER AND THIS HAS CAUSED CRACKS IN THE BLACKTOP.

THE CEMETERY WAS MOWED 2 TIMES IN AUGUST.

MOORE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. WAITING FOR THE BLACKTOP COMPANY. 2 SIGNS WERE LOST/STOLEN FROM THE PROJECT.

MACEDONIA ROAD CULVERT IS BEING REPLACED TOMORROW.

POT HOLE REPAIRS HAVE BEEN DONE OVER THE LAST 3 WEEKS AND SHOULD BE FINISHED IN ANOTHER 2 WEEKS. TREE TRIMMING WILL RESUME AFTER THE POT HOLE REPAIRS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

THE CULVERT ON LEGION LANE IS COLLAPSING. IT REQUIRES BIGGER PLATES THAN THE TOWNSHIP HAS. ED HAS SPOKEN TO SEVERAL CONTRACTORS AND THE BEST BID WAS FROM CORNERSTONE DEVELOPMENT FOR \$5250.00. TRUSTEE WILSON SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A SEALED BID FOR THE JOB FROM CHRIS SHANNON OF SHANNON EXCAVATING. THE BID WAS FOR \$8000. MOTION BY TRUSTEE WILSON TO AWARD THE PROJECT TO CORNERSTONE DEVELOPMENT, 2ND BY TRUSTEE DURBIN. ROLL CALL: TRUSTEE WILSON, YES, TRUSTEE DURBIN, YES, TRUSTEE STEIMLE, YES. THE TOWNSHIP HAS THE MATERIAL WHICH GIVES THEM THE ABILITY TO CONTROL THE QUALITY.

VANDAMENT/LEONARD ROAD WAS DISCUSSED. THE NINETY DEGREE CURVES NEED WORK. GRAVEL IS COMING OUT ONTO THE ROAD. ROAD SIGNS WILL BE MOVED FROM THE MOORE ROAD PROJECT TO VANDAMENT/LEONARD ROADS. TRUSTEE STEIMLE SPOKE ABOUT THE RYAN COMPANY AND TOWNSHIP'S REQUEST FOR REPAIRS. THE TRUSTEES WERE NOT PROVIDED A FULL POST CONSTRUCTION REPORT AS WAS REQUESTED. THEY WERE GIVEN VIDEOS OF PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONDITION. SHE STATED THAT THE TRUSTEES WERE AWARE OF WEAR AND TEAR BUT THEY (THE RYAN COMPANY) HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO RETURN THE ROADS TO THE CONDITION PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION. THE RYAN COMPANY HAS BEEN ASKED TO RECONSIDER. SHE HAS HEARD NOTHING FURTHER AND WILL REACH OUT TOMORROW. TRUSTEE DURBIN STATED THAT HE HAS RECEIVED COMPLAINTS REGARDING GRASS HEIGHT AND LANDSCAPING. ED STATED THAT THE TOWNSHIP WILL PURCHASE THE BLACKTOP FOR THE CURVES SINCE THE TOWNSHIP MADE THEM.

ZONING-

AUGUST REPORT WAS PRESENTED. 14 PERMITS WERE ISSUED, 2 NEW STREET ADDRESS WERE ISSUED. 66 CALLS WERE RECEIVED, MOSTLY VOICEMAILS. 53 OF THOSE CALLS WERE RESOLVED. 94.2 MILES WERE DRIVEN FOLLOWING UP ON COMPLAINTS.

VIOLATION UPDATES-

SHELBY TRIED TO REACH OUT TO THE OCCUPANT OF 2996 BETHEL CONCORD ROAD, NO ONE WAS HOME. IT IS BELIEVED THAT PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN THE GARAGE. HE WILL MAIL A LETTER.

SHELBY STATED THAT THERE IS A BUSINESS BEING OPERATED AT 2604 SWINGS CORNER PT. ISABEL ROAD. COUNSEL WAS CONTACTED. THE OWNER DENIED THE ZONING INSPECTOR TO INSPECT THE PROPERTY. A "CEACE OPERATIONS" LETTER WAS MAILED. NO RESPONSE HAS

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BEEN RECEIVED. THIS IS AN ISSUE FOR THE BZA. HE HAS RECEIVED MULTIPLE CALLS REGARDING IT.

3135 S. BANTAM ROAD IS STILL ON STOP WORK ORDER. HE IS WORKING WITH THE OWNER AND ODOT TO MAKE SURE THE FENCING DOES NOT OBSTRUCT THE VIEW OF THE INTERSECTION. CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER HAS NO JURISDICTION. TRUSTEE WILSON ASKED IF THE TRUSTEES NEED TO CALL FROM A SPECIAL MEETING. SHELBY REPLIED THAT HE WILL MEET WITH LUCAS BRANDT FROM ODOT DISTRICT 8 AND THE OWNER AND WILL SEE WHERE IT GOES.

SHELBY WAS INFORMED THAT THERE WAS AN INGROUND POOL BEING INSTALLED WITHOUT A PERMIT. HE CONTACTED THE OWNER WHO CAME IN AND TOOK OUT A PERMIT.

SHELBY PRESENTED A PROPOSAL FROM "CLOUD PERMIT. IT IS A \$1000 ONE TIME SET UP FEE FOR A 3 YEAR AGREEMENT (1ST YEAR,\$4500, 2ND \$4600, 3RD \$4700). FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP USES IT. HE WILL REACH OUT TO JIM LAWSON.

TAYLOR CORBETT RECOMMENDED 1 WORK. IT IS GEARED TOWARD SMALLER MUNICIPALITIES. HE IS WILLING TO DEMONSTRATE IT DURING A MEETING.

APPLICATION FEES NEED TO BE REVIEWED. TRUSTEE STEIMLE STATED THAT SHE HAS BEEN SPEAKING WITH COUNSEL REGARDING PERMITTING FEES PERTAINING TO THE SOLAR REGULATIONS AND WILL GET WITH SHELBY REGARDING THAT ASPECT.

TRUSTEE STEIMLE IS LOOKING AT OTHER AVENUES TO ADDRESS NUISANCE PROPERTIES. HE WAS ASKED IF HE WANTS TO IDENTIFY A NUISANCE PER THE ORC 505.87. TRUSTEE WILSON SUGGESTED HAVING A PROCEDURE BEFORE DECLARING A PROPERTY A NUISANCE. SHELBY SAID ORC ADDRESSED HOW THE TAX IS USED TO CLEAN UP PROPERTY. A LIEN IS PLACED ON THE PROPERTY FOR THE COST TO REMEDY. TRUSTEE DURBIN STATED THAT HE DIDN'T THINK THE COUNTY REIMBUSES THE TOWNSHIP. TRUSTEE STEIMLE SAID THEY NEED TO BE THOUGHTFUL ABOUT THE LIKELIHOOD OF BEING REIMBURSED. PROBLEM PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR A LONG TIME; THERE IS NO TEETH IN THE CURRENT PROCEDURES. THERE HAVE BEEN MULTIPLE CALLS ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON SALT AIR MAPLE ROAD REGARDING THE ROAD BEING BLOCKED. THE PROPERTY OWNERS WILL NOT PAY THE FINE. THERE IS NOT ENOUGH DETERENTS OUT THERE.

SHELBY SUGGESTED STREAMLINING THE APPLICATION TO 1 PAGE WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT CAN BE DOWNLOADED AFTER A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON THE FEE STRUCTURE.

SHELBY WAS TOLD BY ED THAT KONRAD FROM THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT WILL DO THE OIL CHANGES ON THE EXPLORER.

SHELBY STATED THAT HE NEEDS A COLORED PRINTER AND ASKED IF THERE IS A LIMIT. CHIEF COOPER SUGGESTED THAT HE USE THE PRINTER AT THE FIREHOUSE. CHIEF COOPER WILL CALL THE COMPANY ABOUT THE PRICE.

PROJECT UPDATE-

MOTION BY TRUSTEE WILSON TO EXTEND THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA SALES MORATORIUM BY AN ADDITIONAL 6 MONTHS TO ALLOW TIME TO ADOPT POLICIES THAT WILL ENSURE THE WELFARE OF ITS CITIZENS. 2ND BY TRUSTEE DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

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THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE MARIJUANA SALES AND CONSIDERATION OF A LOUD NOISE ORDINANCE. THE TRUSTEES WANT THE PUBLIC TO HAVE INPUT. TRUSTEE STEIMLE HAS SPOKEN WITH OFFICER PIKE AND COUNSEL REGARDING THE LOUD NOISE ORDINANCE, AND IT SEEMS THE NEXT STEP IS TO HEAR WHETHER THERE IS A NEED FROM THE PUBLIC. A SPECIAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 7:00PM ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2024.

GRANT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL WILL BE CONTACTED REGARDING UPDATING THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE.

TRUSTEE DURBIN MET WITH THE BETHEL VILLAGE COUNCIL AND CLERMONT COUNTY. THE VILLAGE IS PROPOSING A 1.6 MILLION DOLLAR 3 YEAR PROJECT. THEY WILL REMOVE THE DAM AT THE OLD WATERWORKS, PUT IN A PARK AND A WALKING PATH. A REPRESENTATIVE, BECKY, WILL BE AT OUR NEXT MEETING.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

LYNN BUEDE ASKED ABOUT THE DAMAGED PANELS AT THE NESTLEWOOD SOLAR FIELDS. TRUSTEE STEIMLE RESPONDED THAT THE FENCE HAD BEEN REPAIRED. THE PANELS ARE STILL DOWN ACCORDSING TO TRUSTEE DURBIN. TRUSTEE STEIMLE WILL ASK ABOUT THEM TOMORROW.

TRACEY MCCULLOUGH, CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 63, SPOKE. SHE IS RETIRED FROM THE LIBRARY AND HAS EXPERIENCE WITH MENTAL HEALTH, ANIMAL SHELTERS, JOBS, AND LITERACY.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE STEIMLE TO ADJOURN, 2ND BY TRUSTEE DURBIN.