

MINUTES OF SPECIAL TRUSTEE MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2024

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

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO DISCUSS THE USE OF ARPA FUNDS FOR 2025.

TRUSTEE STEIMLE EXPLAINED THAT THE FUNDS THAT WERE RECEIVED ARE RELATED TO THE COVID EPIDEMIC. ALL FUNDS MUST BE SPENT BY THE END OF 2025 BUT MUST BE OBLIGATED BY 2024. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT USED FUNDS TO INSTALL FIRE HYDRANTS. THESE FUNDS WERE ALSO DESIGNATED TO BE USED FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. WE MUST CHOOSE THE PROJECTS BY THE END OF 2024 AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BY THE END OF 2024. TONIGHT'S MEETING IS TO IDENTIFY THE ROADS THAT NEED TO BE IMPROVED AND TO PUBLICIZE FOR ROAD BIDS. THE ROAD BID MUST BE ADVERTISED TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF OPENING OF BIDS. TRUSTEE STEIMLE HAS SPOKEN TO LEGAL COUNSEL ABOUT ANY RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF THE ARPA FUNDS AND TO LEARN ABOUT OTHER POTENTIAL USES OF THE FUNDS. "WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE USING THE FUNDS IN THE BEST WAY."

ED STANLEY WAS ASKED FOR HIS EVALUATION. CASE ROAD IS THE WORSE ROAD. MOORE ROAD IS SECOND THEN LEONARD ROAD AND VANDAMENT ROADS. THE LATER TWO DEPEND ON COMPENSATION/REPAIR BY NESTLEWOOD. THERE ARE 38.6 MILES OF TOWNSHIP ROADS. 26 MILES HAVE BEEN RESURFACED SINCE 2013. ROADS THAT WERE DONE IN 2016 ARE SHOWING DETERIORATION. WE NEED TO INCREASE RESURFACING. ED PRODUCED HIS ANTICIPATED COST ESTIMATES FOR THOSE ROADS. THE ESTIMATES ARE NOT FIRM DUE TO BERMING AND DITCHING.

TRUSTEE STEIMLE STATED THAT MIKE WILLIAMS AND OCTOPUS ENERGY ARE HAVING CONVERSATIONS. SHE BELIEVES THERE WILL BE NEWS IN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS. SHE ASKED WHAT OTHER ROADS NEED WORK. SHE WAS TOLD SALT AIR CANTER. TRUSTEE STEIMLE STATED THAT SUGARTREE BETWEEN 125 AND CRANE SCHOOLHOUSE IS ROUGH. SHE WAS TOLD THAT IN 2021 CHOICEONE DID AN ESTIMATE FOR THAT PROJECT. THE COST AT THAT TIME WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$882,000. IT IS A LARGE JOB REQUIRING TREE CLEARING, HILLSIDES TAKEN OUT, CULVERT REPLACEMENT. THIS COULD BE DONE IN PHASES, SOME COULD BE DONE IN-HOUSE. THE QUOTE NEEDS TO BE UPDATED. ED STATED THAT HE COULD STUDY THE PROJECT. TRUSTEE WILSON ASKED FOR A COPY OF THE 2021 QUOTE.

TRUSTEE STEIMLE ASKED ABOUT DUROPATCHING. ED RESPONDED THAT IT IS DONE ON POTHOES AND SPIDER CRACKS.

SUGARTREE BETWEEN BETHEL-NEW RICHMOND RD. AND CRANE SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD WAS QUOTED IN 2021 AT A COST OF \$438,350. BOTH SUGARTREE PROJECTS COMBINED WOULD BE

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\$1.2 MILLION. TRUSTEE WILSON STATED THAT CLERMONT COUNTY MAY POTENTIALLY HELP WITH THE PROJECTS. HE WILL FIND OUT IN 2025.

TRUSTEE DURBIN HAD GRADED THE ROADS. HIS TOP 3 ROADS WERE SUGARTREE, PITZER AND MOORE. THERE ARE 25 PATCHES ON PITZER ROAD.

TRUSTEE WILSON STATED THAT SOME CITIZENS QUESTIONED WHY THE TOWNSHIP WAS GIVING MORE ATTENTION TO THE EAST AND NOT WEST SIDE OF THE TOWNSHIP.

TRUSTEE STEIMLE ASKED HOW LONG PITZER ROAD IS. IT IS .8 MILES. TRUSTEE WILSON STATED THAT SUGARTREE FROM 125 IS 1.4 MILES. FROM STATE ROUTE 222 AND 125 THERE ARE 2600 CARS PER DAY BUT ONLY 2000 CARS PASS BURKE ROAD. DRIVERS ARE TAKING SIDE ROADS.

MACEDONIA ROADS ON STATE ROUTE 125 AND STATE ROUTE 133 DO NOT CONNECT DUE TO EASTFORK. TRUSTEE STEIMLE ASKED HOW MACEDONIA IS. SHE WAS TOLD THAT IT IS NOT THE WORSE.

PITZER ROAD WILL COST MORE THAN CASE ROAD DUE TO THE NUMBER OF CULVERTS THAT WOULD NEED TO BE REPLACED. THERE IS ALSO BERMING THAT WILL NEED TO BE DONE DUE TO THE CREEK. ED STATED THAT IT WOULD EASIER TO DO THE WORK IF THE ROAD COULD BE SHUT DOWN WHILE THEY WORK. THERE ARE 6 CULVERTS ON PITZER ROAD. THERE IS ALSO AN UNDERSIZED CULVERT IN THE CREEK.

TRUSTEE STEIMLE PROPOSED ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON MULTIPLE ROADS AND THEN CHOOSING THE PROJECTS TO OBLIGATE FROM THE ARPA FUNDS. THE ROADS SELECTED TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS WERE PITZER, MOORE, CASE, AND N. CAMPBELL. THE ROAD BID WILL BE ADVERTISED ON NOVEMBER 21ST. BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT THE REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 10. BIDS WILL THEN BE GIVEN TO THE ROAD SUPERVISOR FOR HIM TO REVIEW AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY STEIMLE, 2ND BY WILSON

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