

MINUTES OF REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD APRIL 22, 2025

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 KATE MARTIN.

MR. WILSON INTRODUCED THE BOARD.

MOTION BY MS. STEIMLE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 8, 2025. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MR. WILSON READ THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RULES AND ASKED ANYONE THAT WISHED TO SPEAK TO SIGN IN. THERE WILL BE A LIMIT OF 5 MINUTES PER PERSON WITH A LIMIT OF 1 HOUR. ALL COMMENTS ARE TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

NO NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MS. STEIMLE GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE PATTERSON ROAD GRANT. THE GRANT FOR PATTERSON WAS SUBMITTED ON THURSDAY. A GRANT APPLICATION WILL BE SUBMITTED NEXT YEAR FOR THE MAINTENANCE BUILDING.

THERE WILL BE A SECOND SURVEY RELEASED SOON FOR THE LAND USE PLAN. THE SURVEY MIRRORS THE WORKSHOP HELD ON APRIL 4. PEOPLE WERE ASKED TO TAKE THE SURVEY AND TO SHARE IT ON THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA.

MS. STEIMLE AND SHLEBY BAIRD HAVE RECEIVED AN UPDATED FORMAT FOR THE ZONING CODE. THEY WILL BE WORKING ON UPDATING PARTS OF IT.

MS. STEIMLE REPORTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE CONCLUDED WITH NESTLEWOOD. THEY HAVE AGREED TO THE REPAIRS THAT WERE REQUESTED. ROBERTS PAVING WILL BE DOING THE WORK. THEY ALREADY HAVE BEEN CONTACTED TO PAVE IN MAY. MS. STEIMLE HAS RECEIVED THE QUOTE FOR THE WORK. THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE TRUSTEES WILL NEED TO SIGN THE ADDENDUM. MS. STEIMLE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

MS. STEIMLE WILL CONTACT DALE ARNOLD TOMORROW TO DISCUSS SOLAR FEES.

MS. STEIMLE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THE GOAL TO HAVE THE UPDATED WEBSITE ONLINE IS MAY. MR. BAIRD STATED THAT THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THE WEBSITE TO MAKE CHANGES WITHOUT CRASHING THE SITE. MS. STEIMLE WILL SCHEDULE A TIME FOR THE STUDENTS TO ATTEND A TRUSTEE MEETING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION AND TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR WORK.

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MR. WILSON READ A LETTER FROM THE BETHEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN APPRECIATION OF THE DONATION THAT THE TOWNSHIP MADE.

IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE TOWNSHIP HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE FOR POSTING NOTICE AND SHARING NEWS, SUCH AS THE LAND USE PLANNING SURVEYS. PAM SANDKER NOTED THAT JOHN PRYOR PREVIOUSLY HAD A FACEBOOK PAGE THAT HAD A PRESENCE BUT IS NO LONGER ACTIVE. MR. WILSON WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH JON PRYOR REGARDING THE FACEBOOK PAGE. MS. STEIMLE STATED THAT IT COULD BE LINKED WITH THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE. MR. BAIRD COMMENTED THAT THERE MUST FIRST BE A PERSONAL FACEBOOK PAGE TO ADMINISTER ANOTHER FACEBOOK PAGE. THE TRUSTEES WILL LOOK INTO GETTING THIS ESTABLISHED TO ALLOW COMMUNICATION OF TOWNSHIP NEWS WITH THE RESIDENTS.

FIRE-OLD BUSINESS

CHIEF COOPER UPDATED THE TRUSTEES ABOUT THE 2 APPLICANTS FOR THE OPEN POSITION. 1 APPLICANT HAS WITHDRAWN SO IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO CONTINUE WITH THE INTERVIEW/HIRING PROCESS. THEREFORE, CHIEF COOPER RECOMMENDED THAT THE TRUSTEES APPROVE THE HIRING OF BETHANY DISHER EFFECTIVE MAY 16, 2025 WITH A 1 YEAR PROBATION. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING. MR. DURBIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

POLICE-OLD BUSINESS

THE POLICE REPORT FOR MARCH WAS PRESENTED. THERE WERE 285 CALLS. MR. DURBIN ASKED IF THE THEFT AND BREAKING AND ENTERING ON THE REPORT WERE RELATED. OFFICER PIKE EXPLAINED THAT THERE MUST BE A THEFT IN ORDER TO HAVE A BREAKING AND ENTERING.

MR. WILSON STATED THAT THE TRUSTEES HAVE SPOKEN TO SHERIFF STRATTON ABOUT PUTTING A LEVY ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER. MS. STEIMLE SAID THAT SHE BELIEVES IT IS WORTH PUTTING ON THE BALLOT TO GIVE THE PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE. THE SHERIFF WILL BE AT THE BURKE FEST TO PROMOTE THE LEVY. THE PROCESS WILL BEGIN AT THE MAY 13TH MEETING. MR. WILSON ASKED THE MEETING ATTENDEES IF THEY AGREED ABOUT RUNNING THE LEVY. THEY WERE ALL IN AGREEMENT. MS. STEIMLE SAID THAT VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED TO PROMOTE THE LEVY. JODI WILSON ASKED IF THEY NEED TO BE A RESIDENT OF TATE TOWNSHIP TO PARTICIPATE. LYNN BUEDE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP PROMOTE THE LEVY. JODI ALSO VOLUNTEERED UNLESS IT IS NOT PERMITTED. MR. WILSON WILL FIND THE SIGNS THAT WERE USED IN THE PAST. CHIEF COOPER ASKED IF THE LEVY WOULD BE FOR 1 DEPUTY. MR. WILSON RESPONDED YES. CHIEF COOPER COMMENTED THAT THE HOURS UNDER THE LAST CONTRACT WERE NOT GOOD FOR TOWNSHIP BUSINESS. OFFICER PIKE RESPONDED THAT THE HOURS COULD BE CHANGED. THEY CAN WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE REGARDING THAT. THE OLD HOURS WERE SET BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BECAUSE EVENING HOURS ARE THE BUSIEST FOR CRIME. YEARS AGO, THE NIGHT SHIFT WAS DURING THE MONTHS OF APRIL TO NOVEMBER AND THE DAY SHIFT WAS FROM NOVEMBER TO APRIL. MS. STEIMLE ASKED OFFICER PIKE IF THERE IS A REPORT REGARDING THE NUMBER OF CALLS DURING THE DAYS VS NIGHTS. OFFICER PIKE RESPONDED THAT DISPATCH COULD RUN THE REPORTS.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

LYNN BUEDE ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE DAM AT MACEDONIA. MR. DURBIN RESPONDED THAT THE GRANT CAME THROUGH BUT HE IS NOT SURE WHAT THE START DATE IS.

ZONING-NEW BUSINESS

JIM ALBRECHT WAS INTRODUCED AS AN APPLICANT TO BE AN ALTERNATE FOR THE ZONING COMMISSION BOARD. HE RESIDES AT 3170 CEDARSTONE FARM LANE. HE WANTS TO DONATE HIS TIME TO THE COMMUNITY. MR. WILSON ASKED WHY HE APPLIED. MR. ALBRIGHT RESPONDED THAT HE STEPS UP WHEN HE SEES A NEED. MS. STEIMLE ASKED IF HE WAS SET ON BEING AN ALTERNATE FOR THE ZONING COMMISSION OR THE BZA. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD HELP WHERE HE WAS NEEDED. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT JIM ALBRIGHT AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE ZONING COMMISSION. MR. DURBIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

HB315 WAS DISCUSSED. MR. BAIRD REPORTED THAT THERE IS ONLY 2 MILLION DOLLARS BUDGETED STATEWIDE FOR GRANT MONEY. THE APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TODAY. THERE ARE 8 DIFFERENT TIERS. THIS IS A REIMBURSEMENT GRANT. THE MONEY MUST BE SPENT AND THEN IT WILL BE REIMBURSED. \$10,000 COULD BE USED FOR SOMEONE TO WORK ON ZONING. COUNTIES CAN APPLY AS A GROUP TO HELP TOWNSHIPS. CLERMONT COUNTY HANDLES ISSUES FOR WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SINCE THEY DO NOT HAVE A ZONING DEPARTMENT. THE WORK DATE RANGE IS FROM JUNE 1, 2025 TO MAY 30, 2026. THE WORK MUST BE DEFINED. MS. STEIMLE ASKED MR. BAIRD TO SEND HER THE APPLICATION. MR. BAIRD REMARKED THAT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE GRANT DOESN'T COVER EXPENSES. THE GRANT IS SPECIFIC IN THE USES. MS. STEIMLE COMMENTED THAT IT LOOKS LIKE THAT IS FOR ACCOUNTABILITY. MR. BAIRD STATED THAT THE MAXIMUM ALLOCATION IS \$100,000. HE QUESTIONED IF IS WORTHWHILE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT.

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