

**RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS  
CLARIDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING**

**February 21, 2022**

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the following members present: Trustees- Jonathan Tiber, Cooper Sherman, Roger Miller and Fiscal Officer- Paula H. Jolly.

Ms. Jolly took roll call for attendance. Mr. Tiber, Mr. Sherman and Mr. Miller responded here.

**FEBRUARY 7, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES- 22-17**

Motion by Mr. Sherman, second by Mr. Tiber to approve regular meeting minutes of 2/7/2022 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

**GUEST**

Robb Demko was in attendance to discuss a few minor changes of the wording of the acknowledgement plaque donation for Claridon Recreational Park. Mr. Demko (on behalf of his family) recently asked for a permission from the BOT to donate an acknowledgment plaque (including installation) for the Claridon Rec Park in honor of his mother Jean Demko, and other members of the Claridon Park Development Committee and members of the 1977 Board of Trustees. Mr. Demko explained that he recently discovered that cost of material and installation has significantly gone up (due to current economy) and asked if the BOT would be willing to cover some of the plaque/installation cost (total approximate cost \$5000).

Mr. Tiber responded that Claridon's limited budget unfortunately cannot accommodate any unappropriated expenditures at this time.

Mr. Sherman added that if donation/sponsorship from the Township is given towards acknowledgment/recognition of one member of the community, the Township would be obligated to donate/sponsor all other acknowledgment/recognition requests. Mr. Sherman further explained that the BOT would love to honor so many members of the community, but is unable to do so with very limited funds.

**ZONING**

The BOT was presented with a written zoning report (via email) from the zoning inspector, Mr. Harry Jacob.

Mr. Tiber stated that another letter has been received from Mr. Dan Serge, rescinding public records request regarding Mr. Smetana's alleged zoning violation.

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**MOTION TO ALLOW ONLY ELECTED OFFICIALS TO SIGN FOR CERTIFIED MAIL- 22-18**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to allow only Elected Officials of Claridon Township to sign for any type of certified mail.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

**MAINTENANCE**

Mr. Burzanko reported that he and Mr. Vacik have been working on repairing the international truck (inhouse repairs with new parts), performing several burials, snow/ice removal, getting the broken plow blade replaced (by CERNI Motos), and obtaining quotes for new door weather strips to make the maintenance building more energy efficient (possibly via funds from NOPEC Energized Community Grant).

Mr. Burzanko and the BOT discussed several Township roads desperately needing road repairs and crack sealing.

**PERSONNEL**

Mr. Tiber reported that Mr. Brad Zarin (previous Twp employee) was approved for another year of unemployment from Claridon Township. Mr. Zarin willingly left Claridon Township after a 6-week long employment to return to his old employment, where he worked before working at Claridon Township. The BOT tried to appeal Mr. Zarin's unemployment request (since he willingly left after only 6 weeks) and was unsuccessful due to lack of cooperation/efforts from the Ohio Job and Family services.

**ROADS**

The BOT re-discussed the possibility of not being able to have Taylor wells Road north paved until 2023. Mr. Miller reported that he spoke to Mr. Shane Hajjar, GC head engineer, and was told that Mr. Hajjar will not be able to attend one of the Trustee meetings to explain in detail why the road in question might not get paved until 2023.

Mr. Tiber expressed his frustrations and asked Mr. Miller (Trustee overseeing the road project) what else can be done to increase the chances of having it paved as originally scheduled in 2022.

Mr. Miller responded that due to the OPWC grant being received later than expected, the project design can't be submitted on time to complete the project this calendar year, therefore, not much can be done to increase chances of having the road paved in 2022. Mr. Miller said that 2023 places the Township in a favorable position

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including the possibility of completing the project at a slightly lower cost. He suggested having temporary grinding/patching done on some parts of the road, along with more ditching.

**EVENTS**

Mr. Tiber reported that 2022 Senior Trash Pick-up Day is scheduled for 5/12/2022, and trash drop off is scheduled for 5/14/2022 from 8am-11am. "Get Down with the Town" event will take place on 8/7/2022.

**GRANTS**

NOPEC 2022 Energized Community grant agreement was presented and signed during tonight's meeting.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS- 22-19**

Motion by Mr. Sherman, second by Mr. Miller to approve by signing prior to or at this meeting wage and bills from warrant #10870 through warrant #10875, and the electronic payment of #28 through #34, for a total expenditure of \$19,333.42. (Note, check #10870 was voided due to incorrect amount written-was included in minutes from February 7, 2022 BOT meeting total)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

**CREDIT CARD REVIEW**

The BOT was presented with the credit card transaction detail report, and the attestation of review was signed by the Chairperson/Compliance Officer, Mr. Tiber.

**CEMETERIES**

Ms. Jolly reported that an indigent cremation has been performed by Sly Family Funeral Home (\$900), for Leticia Lynn Greene.

**MOTION TO APPROVE INDIGENT BURIAL OF LETICIA LYNN GREENE BY SLY FAMILY FUNERAL HOME- 22-20**

Motion by Mr. Sherman, second by Mr. Miller to pay \$900 to cover the indigent burial/cremation of Leticia Lynn Greene by Sly Family Funeral Home carried out on February 4, 2022, and to issue a Then and Now Purchase Order to Sly Family Funeral Home in the amount of \$900 to pay for these fees.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye, Mr. Miller: Aye.

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The BOT along with Mr. Burzanko discussed the new section of the Center Cemetery and how to label the plots for future purchases.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Tiber shared the idea of creating a Claridon Township logo. Mr. Tiber will be asking residents (via township website) to submit ideas/suggestions of what the logo should look like.

A "Thank You" letter for the First Congregational Church of Claridon has been presented and signed during tonight's meeting. The letter was to thank the Church for their generous donation of \$1000 to the Township (for the usage of the Admin Building since the collapse of Church's interior).

**MEETINGS**

Next regular Trustee meeting will be held on 3/7/2022 at 6pm, and the next Zoning Commission meeting will be held on 2/28/2022. Geauga County Health Department Advisory Council board interviews will be held in Claridon Township on 5/9/2022 at 7pm, and their annual meeting will be held on 5/23/2022 at 7pm in Chardon. GCTA dinner/meeting will be on 4/13, 2022 at 6:30pm in Russell Township.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN- 22-21**

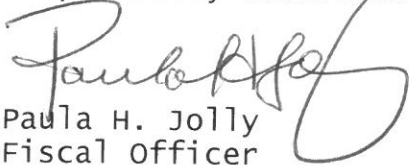
Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye, Mr. Miller:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Paula H. Jolly  
Fiscal Officer

