

## **RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **CLARIDON TOWNSHIP**

**February 7, 2022**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

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

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

#### **JANUARY 17, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES- 22-11**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Tiber to approve regular meeting minutes of 1/17/2022 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

#### **JANUARY 24, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES- 22-12**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Tiber to approve special meeting minutes of 1/24/2022 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Mr. Sherman joined the meeting at 6:03 pm.

#### **JANUARY 31, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES- 22-13**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Sherman to approve special meeting minutes of 1/31/2022 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

### **GUESTS**

Chief Larry Gaspar and Assistant Chief Justin Geiss, Chardon Fire Department, were in attendance to present the list of 2021 Claridon EMS calls, along with a list of 01/2022 calls; 250 calls in 2021, and 22 calls in 01/2022.

Chief Gaspar shared that on 1/15/2022, Chardon Fire Department took possession of their Grass Fire Jeep CJ6 vehicle, which has been custom modified by 4 hardworking members of Chardon Fire Department. He further explained that the purpose of a Grass Fire Jeep vehicle is to provide fire rescue services to all remote, off-road areas that are not accessible for large Fire trucks.

Chief Gaspar also shared that 2022 regional FEMA grant (along with Montville Fire Dept) has been approved (in December of 2021) for the purchase of new Motorola radios and other emergency communication equipment.

### **ZONING**

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

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Mr. Tiber reported that another complaint letter has been received from Mr. Dan Serge, regarding another alleged zoning violation on Mr. Smetana's property (across the street). Mr. Tiber spoke with the owner of the property in question, and also plans to discuss the alleged violation with the legal team (GC Prosecutor's Office).

### **MAINTENANCE**

Mr. Burzanko reported that the maintenance team continues to spend countless hours on snow and ice removal, and annual maintenance work on several equipment vehicles and trailers. He also reported that cylinder replacement (to extend the plow) is needed for the big plow truck (\$239 quote from O'Reilly), and a rubber bottom (connects the blade to the plow) replacement for the smaller plow truck. The BOT decided to complete both repairs sometime in April (more funds available) since temporary fixes have been applied.

Mr. Burzanko informed the BOT of an issue on Stoney Springs. He further explained that a plowing service continues to push snow from a driveway into the street/ditch, which has been creating major ditching issues and freezing puddles of water on the road. Mr. Burzanko will be contacting the home owner to discuss the issue.

### **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Tiber reported that Mr. Brad Zarin (previous seasonal employee) is still attempting to file for unemployment, even though he willingly resigned from Claridon Township with less than 6 weeks of employment. He resigned from Claridon to return to his old job where he worked before working for Claridon Township. After several failed attempts to appeal Mr. Zarin's unemployment claim via the Ohio Unemployment Office, Mr. Tiber is forced to turn the dispute over to GC Prosecutor's Office (Claridon's legal representation).

### **ROADS**

Ms. Jolly reported that payment for culvert pipe replacement for Heiden property has not been received (3 invoices sent). Mr. Miller will be contacting the home owner to discuss the overdue payment.

The BOT discussed the recently received news that paving of Taylor Wells Road north may not take place until spring of 2023; due to lack of project engineers at Geauga County Engineer's Office to design the project. Mr. Miller will invite Mr. Shane Hajjar (head engineer) to 2/21/2022 Trustee meeting to discuss details and other possible options.

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Mr. Tiber reported that he spoke to Mr. Conner, Taylor Wells Road (north) resident regarding plowing services provided by the County plow trucks, and constant damage caused to mailboxes on township roads.

Ms. Jolly reported that all necessary paperwork has been completed for the upcoming Road levy and has been submitted to the Board of Elections.

**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.

The BOT discussed and decided that Mr. Sherman will be attending mandatory Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management tire grant workshop on 2/10/2022, on behalf of Claridon Township.

**FISCAL ITEMS**

Then and Now Purchase order for Cleveland Plumbing (\$1500) was presented and signed during tonight's meeting.

Ms. Jolly informed the BOT and Mr. Burzanko that she will be out of town on 2/17/2022, which is a scheduled maintenance payroll day. A decision was made to process the maintenance payroll upon her return, on 2/19/2022 or 2/20/2022.

**MOTION TO HIRE MORGAN BENEFITS LTD- 22-14**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to hire Morgan Benefits LTD, as a new Medical Mutual agent for employee healthcare. A letter was signed by Mr. Tiber, Chairman of the BOT and will be forwarded to Mr. Scott Nosse, at Medical Mutual Insurance requesting this change.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Bot discussed the ARPA funds and best ways to utilize them.

**2022 NOPEC ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT RESOLUTION-2022-06**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to authorize all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Grant for 2022, in the amount of \$4968.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Mr. Miller is still in process of applying for the annual \$1000 NOPEC Community Event Sponsorship Grant, which will be used towards purchasing Memorial Day geraniums.

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Mr. Tiber shared how grateful he is to Mr. Chuck Walder for everything he has done to support Geauga County townships and to ensure that townships receive the appropriate amount of funds available to each.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS- 22-15**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Sherman to approve by signing prior to or at this meeting wage and bills from warrant #10857 through warrant #10870, and the electronic payment of #9 through #27, for a total expenditure of \$84,012.44.

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**

3 cemetery deeds for Linda Wilson, Blairetta Dillen, and Ronald/Esther Dudinsky were presented, approved and signed during tonight's meeting.

Mr. Tiber shared that new section of the Center Cemetery will have to be used soon due to lack of plots left (to be sold) in the old section of the cemetery.

**MEETINGS**

Next regular Trustee meeting will be held on 2/21/2022 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Robb Demko was in attendance to present the BOT with wording for the acknowledgement plaque donation at the Claridon Rec Park. Mr. Demko is still in the ordering process of the plaque/large boulder, and will continue to keep the BOT posted.

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN- 22-16**

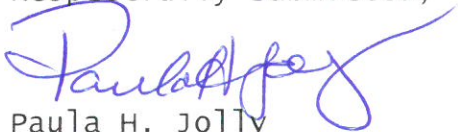
Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Sherman to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paula H. Jolly  
Fiscal Officer



