

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
Minutes of Troy Township Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 7, 2023

***Trustee Simms reconvened the meeting due to they were still in session due to the three Trustees attending the OTA Winter conference. Although none of the Trustees attended the meeting due to various personal reasons.***

*The Troy Township Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Leonard Barcikoski. Trustees Leonard Barcikoski, Donn Breckenridge, Sharon Simms and Fiscal Officer Jane Grudowski were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Barcikoski.*

**The minutes of the January 17, 2023 Regular Trustee Meeting were read and approved with the addition of a Comment from Resident Ken Zwolinski that was omitted and a comment from Resident Tony Hilton that was omitted. Ken Zwolinski stated when he was trustee he tried to form a Council of Government to pull money together to form a Fire Dept based on population but couldn't get it done. Tony Hilton stated his comment was regarding mutual aide to Parkman. Tony said Troy passed a levy so Troy would have coverage on fire dept calls not to cover Parkman's calls and Parkman is not going to compensate Troy in anyway?**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief Eric Mathews was present. Chief Mathews stated he sent letters to Dept members that were not meeting staffing and volunteer minimum of 2%, asking them their intent with the Dept. He did get resignations from Louis Danku and Andrew Curtis.

Durham door had to come out in the middle of the night to the station. One of the sensors on the front garage door was malfunctioning. Durham will have to come back out. It is just temporarily fixed.

Chief Mathews said he met with Trustee Simms to discuss a new squad. He gave each trustee a packet with the details of getting a new squad. It shows the difference between a remount versus a brand-new squad. Warranties are not much different between a new squad verses a remount. It is approximately \$73,000 more to get brand new. On a refurbished one Basically the box on the back of the ambulance would be completely refurbished including oxygen hoses, electronics etc. and this would be put on a brand-new cab and chassis. Right now, most ambulances are remounted on average five times. The one Troy would get this would be the first remount. The Fire Dept formed a squad committee regarding the purchase of a new squad and Mark Lewis who is in charge of the committee would like to meet one on one with each Trustee to see if they have any further questions on the details.

The State of Ohio activated a response plan regarding the train derailment and chemical spill in East Palestine Ohio. Geauga County was on the list. Troy sent a tanker to the scene in place of Parkman. They stayed about 14 hours on the scene. It was a great experience and great learning experience for the Troy team.

Chief Mathews requested to hire Krysta Forrest. Trustee Simms stated you already submitted the request and she was denied due to she had no cards and did not live in Troy. Trustee Simms stated the policy in the past has always been we only hired them on if they had a card unless they lived in the Township than we would pay for their class with the discretion if they lived on a neighboring Township. Krysta lives in Garrettsville. Trustee Barcikoski motioned to hire Krysta Forrest. Trustee Simms seconded the motion. Vote followed: Trustee Breckenridge-yes, Trustee Simms-yes, Trustee Barcikoski-yes. All approved.

Trustee Breckenridge asked Chief Mathews if we are the only Township in the area that takes probationary members? Chief Mathews said Parkman, Montville, Thompson, Newbury right off the top of his head. Trustee Breckenridge is curious why other departments struggle to keep staff when we seem to not have a problem getting staffing. Chief Mathews said he cannot answer that other than they have a high friendship morale and members bring in their friends.

Trustee Barcikoski said Troy does have a reputation for being able to keep a lot of staff due to our education system. Trustee Barcikoski said as long as the member lives up their part of the hire agreement he is for it.

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Trustee Simms motioned to pay for half of Krysta Forrests EMT class in the amount of \$750.00. Trustee Breckenridge seconded. Vote followed: Trustee Breckenridge-yes, Trustee Simms-yes, Trustee Barcikoski-yes. All approved.

Chief Mathews stated they are leaving the subject of auto aide with Parkman alone for now. Parkman is looking at some different routes to go.

**COMMUNITY HOUSE AND GROUND**

Custodian Mary DeYoung was present. Mary said that someone wants to rent the Community House by the hour for a fitness class. Trustee Simms said you charge them the same as anyone else pays. She said even trustees have to pay to rent the Community House. Residents have to pay full amount to rent the Community House. Trustee Barcikoski said get more information. Maybe if just a couple hours here and there they would consider a reduced rate. Mary said she would get more information and get back to Trustees. Trustee Simms said you know if they're just using it for a couple hours than nobody else is able to rent it that day.

Mary asked what to do about the closet in the kitchen that belonged to the lady's club? There is no lady's club anymore. It is full of items. Mary said she will send a formal letter to them and see what they want to do with the stuff. Also, Contra Dance needs to be contacted to come get their stuff. Mary will contact them also. Pat Johnson said a lot of history in that lady's club closet.

Trustee Breckenridge said Mk Roofing will be starting to work on the roof tomorrow.

**CEMETERY**

Sexton Patty Humr was present. Patty said there are two foundations that need poured once the weather warms up.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Barcikoski made a motion to recess the regular meeting at 7:45 pm and go into executive session for Pending Litigation per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3). Trustee Simms seconded the motion. Vote followed: Trustee Breckenridge-yes, Trustee Simms-yes, Trustee Barcikoski-yes. All in favor.

Mrs. Linda Applebaum entered executive session by telephone at 7:47 pm and left at 8:00pm.

The Trustees and Fiscal Officer returned from their executive session and stated Assistant Prosecutor Linda Applebaum updated them on the current pending litigation, and reconvened their regular meeting at 8:01pm.

**ZONING**

Zoning Inspector Joe Orłowski was present. Joe reworked the zoning fee schedule and gave copies to the trustees to review. The Trustees said they would review it and get back to him at next meeting of their thoughts.

Joe talked with County Building Inspector about the homes that need condemned and removed in the Township.

Joe spoke with Jeannine Hostetler Director from Community and Economic Development to see if any grants are available to help with the removal of the condemned homes. She said there is nothing at this time.

Assistant Prosecutor Linda Applebaum gave Joe the ORC to follow on the procedures on getting the condemned homes removed. She advised him to follow that to a tee.

Zoning Inspector Joe Orłowski met with Trustee Leonard Barcikoski, Matt Wilkenson from Great Lakes Cheese, ODOT, Resident Ryan Bartholomew and Joe Zingale the developer of the property on 422 across from Great Lakes Cheese to discuss the Intersection at Great Lakes Cheese and 422.

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Joe Zingales goal is to develop that property eventually. His first thoughts of proposed tenants are a daycare, self-storage, winery, family restaurant, truck stop. Plan would be to put right turn lane in on 422.

ODOT only wants the one light in that area on 422.

The developer wanted the Trustees thoughts before he moves forward and wastes his time if their going to just shoot it down anyway.

Trustee Leonard Barcikoski said he is open to hear all ideas and thinks it's a good idea. Trustee Simms would not comment just stated it would have to go to the BZA first.

The Trustees conducted interviews at the last meeting to hire BZA second alternate and Zoning Commission alternate.

Trustee Simms motioned to hire Lee Imhof as BZA second alternate. Trustee Breckenridge seconded the motion.

Vote followed: Trustee Breckenridge-yes, Trustee Simms-yes, Trustee Barcikoski-yes. Motion passed.

Trustee Breckenridge motioned to hire Brian Cargould as second alternate on the Zoning Commission. Trustee Barcikoski seconded.

Vote followed: Trustee Breckenridge-yes, Trustee Simms-obstain, Trustee Barcikoski-yes. Motion passed.

Lisa Murphy the zoning secretary will send out letters to all applicants advising them of the outcome.

#### **ROADS**

Road Contractor Bob Humr was present. Bob said he has been doing a lot of tree trimming. So far, this winter season he has used approximately 80 tons of salt. Bob said Rob Whiting will take all the wood chips so we don't have to pile them up.

Bob said Great Lakes Cheese road needs widened. The berm is breaking and collapsing.

Alan Waldmans ditch got tore up from an accident. Bob said he is going to check out the damage and see what it will actually cost to repair. Bob is not sure if it's worth getting the police report and going after the insurance company of the person who caused the damage.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business to discuss

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business to discuss

#### **FISCAL OFFICER REPORT**

Fiscal Officer Jane Grudowski was present. Jane let everyone know that Jim Zaccaro our Liability Insurance agent representative from OTARMA would be here at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to speak and take any questions anyone may have about any insurance concerns.

Jane presented her Fiscal Officer's Report for Jan 18 to Feb 7, 2023

Electronic vouchers 29-2023 to 64-2023 = total \$22,275.41

Warrants 25293 to 25355 (were signed and approved prior to meeting) =total \$78,898.44

Receipts - total = \$23,706.61

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**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC:**

Ken Zwolinski said he would hate to see self-storage units go in the property across from Great Lakes Cheese. Ken would like to see some cluster homes in the back part of it.

Resident Ryan Bartholomew owns the property next to the property that is proposed to be developed. Ryan said he has no plans to sell anytime soon.

Pat Johnson suggests removing the horse shoe pits on the Community House property. Bob Humr will get them removed.

Pat Johnson said homecoming will only be Saturday and Sunday this year. Cost on everything have gone up so much. Trying to bring it back to the basics.

**With no further business to come before the Board Trustee Breckenridge motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Breckenridge seconded.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:40p.m. All in favor.**

**The visitor's list is included.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jane Grudowski**

**Fiscal Officer**