

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Troy Township Board of Trustees Meeting
May 2, 2023

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.

Reading/Approval of Minutes of April 18, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Reading/Approval of Minutes of April 19, 2023 Special Meeting with Parkman

Visitor Jim Zuccaro from Summit Insurance was here to speak and answer any insurance questions. Jim gave a brief overview of Troy Townships liability insurance program. Jim explained the Township is covered under OTARMA (Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority). Otarma is a self-insurance pulling program that covers 1100 of the 1305 Townships in Ohio. Otarma is a nonprofit, tax exempt organization that is owned by the members. Their goal is to supply Townships with affordable liability coverage. Jim explained Troy has 3 million liability coverage for any of the Township properties. Jim said Troy has 9 buildings that have recently been appraised. They cover pretty much everything but we would have to pay extra for earthquake or flood coverage. Jim said they cover all Townships in Geauga County except Bainbridge. Pat Johnson asked Jim if the event of Troy Homecoming would be covered under the townships coverage and Jim said he believes it would be and would call her in the morning to discuss further. Trustee Sharon Simms said Homecoming falls under Troy Chamber of Commerce and Ken Zwolinski stated the Chamber is dissolved and did not re-register again.

Resolution 2023-4 A Resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the five-mill limitation was presented to trustees for approval. Trustee Simms motioned to accept resolution 2023-4 a resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the five-mill limitation. Trustee Breckenridge seconded the motion. Vote followed: Trustee Breckenridge-yes, Trustee Simms-yes, Trustee Barcikoski-yes. All approved.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Eric Mathews was present. Chief stated there was 62 calls in April and 19 were for Parkman. Chief Mathews said 4554 is in the shop. There was coolant leaking and a U-Joint was bad. The tire tread was below standard so the tires are being replaced. One of the firemen have a detached retina and covid and will be out for an unknown amount of time. The addition is moving forward pretty good until the weather turned bad again. With the style of the trusses the brick on the front of the building will not have to be removed. So that will save having to make any changes or any additional costs. They will start ripping out asphalt to replace the drain in the front next.

Chief Mathews wanted to address the special meeting the trustees had with Parkman trustees. Chief Mathews feels both Chiefs should be included in any decisions that would be made. Chief Mathews feel the Chiefs will have all the information they would need to make any decisions on collaborating with each other. Chief Mathews said Parkman Chief Komandt was blind sided at the meeting on to what was going on. The two chiefs met that night after the meeting and feel they should be involved with any meetings going forward. Trustee Simms stated the Trustees are just meeting at this time to see if there will even be a collaboration between departments and will not be meeting with the employees of the townships at this time. Trustee Simms said eventually the Chiefs will be included in the meetings just not yet. Trustee Simms said the Chiefs will be included before any final decisions will be made. Trustee Barcikoski stated he thinks he knows what Chief Mathews is getting at, that he may have a lot of information the liaisons may need to make a more educated decision on any possible collaboration. Chief Mathews said he just wants to make sure all the correct information is given. Chief Mathews stated he feels he should be in the meetings especially when things like staffing and equipment are being decided on. Trustee Breckenridge said we are not there yet. Trustee Simms said for now it's just the liaisons meeting for now and their next meeting is scheduled for May 20. Chief Mathews said he has residents stopping at the station and contacting him about rumors going around and he wants to make sure their getting the correct information. Trustee Breckenridge said give them the trustees number if anyone has questions.

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COMMUNITY HOUSE AND GROUND

Custodian Mary DeYoung was present. Mary said just getting Community House and Pavilion summer ready. Need to get water turned on. Trustee Breckenridge said he got plumbing fixed in snack shack. Bob Humr is going to get a new sign by pavilion with the park hours. The one out there now is worn out.

CEMETERY

Sexton Patty Humr was not present. Bob Humr said it's been quiet. Bob said he will catch up on the headstone foundations now that weather is getting better. He would like to start doing headstone foundations only once a year in August when it's usually very dry. Trustees didn't see a problem with that. They said to try it and test it with people and see how it goes over. Bob Humr said he will notify the local funeral homes and headstone suppliers of this change. Trustee Breckenridge asked about the solar lights in the cemeteries. Bob said Mumford is working great. It really depends on the amount of sun that day. Bob said all flags will be up my Memorial Day.

ZONING

Zoning Inspector Joe Orłowski was present. He said just one fence permit. Otherwise quiet.

ROADS

Road Contractor Bob Humr was present. Bob said he got some low berms filled. Installed two cross pipes on Hoover. Soon as it dries up he will get Community House driveway and grounds cleaned up and ready for summer.

Trustee Barcikoski stated there will be a special bid meeting to open bids for the Chip Seal of various roads on Friday may 12 at 11am at the Community House.

Trustee Barcikoski said he contacted AT&T about the poles in the ditch and it's completely legal how they are installed. Bob Humr is not happy about this and would like to meet with AT&T at the site of these poles. He said this is wrong. Trustee Barcikoski said he will keep working on it but the utility company's do not need any sort of permits. Marci from Cleveland Parachute said she may have a number of someone at AT&T for Bob that might get him to the right people. They had a problem at their property and they did get it corrected for her.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Barcikoski wanted to thank NOAH (Northeast Ohio Assisting Hands) for the ditch clean up they did on various roads around Troy on Earth Day. Fiscal Officer Jane Grudowski said she will get Taryn Zwolinski to thank them in the newsletter. Kenny Zwolinski said his wife Debbie was the driver for them and it was very well organized and went very well.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

Fiscal Officer Jane Grudowski was present

I. Fiscal Officer's Report April 19, 2023 to May 2, 2023

Electronic vouchers 175-2023 to 197-2023 = total \$13,010.41

Warrants 25507 to 25533 (were signed and approved prior to meeting) =total \$18,551.66

Receipts – total = \$23,802.91

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HEARING OF THE PUBLIC:

Pat Johnson wanted to let everyone know there will be a steak roast for a Troy Homecoming fundraiser on July 8 at 6pm at the Community House pavilion. It will be 25.00 per person. Contact her for tickets. Than on July 15th there will be a flea market, farmers market and craft fair at Community House.

Resident Tony Hylton said that he feels Chief Mathews should be included in the meetings about the Parkman and Troy Fire Departments possible collaboration. He feels the chiefs would have any information they would need. He feels process is being dragged out not including them. Trustee Simms said they will be included eventually.

Ken Zwolinski said when he was trustee they looked into a Council of Government. He said Jay Giles and Shawn Thompson have a lot of knowledge of how to join two departments. Ken Zwolinski said their fairly easy to form. Trustee Barcikoski said the past two Chiefs were trying to do that but they both passed before anything happened.

Joyce Kvacek asked Chief Mathews about when her neighbor called the squad that Auburn transported her neighbor to Hillcrest. Why didn't Troy transport? Eric said he will have to check the exact call. It could have been a staffing issue. They need two medical to transport. Depends on condition of patient on where their transported sometimes. Joyce Kvacek is concerned she will get bill if she wants to go to Hillcrest. Chief Mathews said if she wants to go to Hillcrest she will not be billed.

With no further business to come before the Board Trustee Breckenridge motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Simms seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08p.m. All in favor.

The visitor's list is included.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Grudowski

Fiscal Officer