

MINUTES OF ELLSWORTH TWP BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2015

Chairman Bob Toman called the October 14, 2015 regular meeting of the Ellsworth Trustees to order at 7:01 p.m. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum: Trustee Fred Houston – present, Vice Chairman William Spellman – present, and Chairman Robert Toman – present. Also present were Fiscal Officer James DeCenso, Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna, Maintenance Supervisor Matt Stroney, Fire Chief Robert Sternburg, and EMS Director Brian O'Neil. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Western Reserve News records the meeting.

MINUTES: Fiscal Officer James DeCenso presented the minutes of the September 9, 2015 regular Trustee meeting. No one in attendance requested that they be read. Trustee Spellman made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 9th meeting. Trustee Houston seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor.

FISCAL REPORT: Fiscal Officer James DeCenso reported that September expenditures totaled \$38,078.79 and revenue collected was \$14,678.87. The township's monthend cash balance was \$678,366.27 plus a receivable from the ODOT loan of \$155,327.00 for a book total of \$833,693.27. Mr. DeCenso explained that he has begun to review the cash forecast for the remainder of the year. He estimated that the township will take in approx. \$374,000 and will spend approx. \$461,000. This includes all expenses including the fire levy. Mr. DeCenso presented some ideas to the trustees to invest some of the township's funds into FDIC insured CDs. The proposal is to invest \$200,000 into a 2year CD, currently yielding 0.804% and then stagger four each of six month CDs yielding 0.21% of \$100,000 each. This would leave over \$250,000 in the checking account for current operations. The proposal would increase the townships earnings from an estimated \$150 to \$1,500 annually. Mr. DeCenso requested the trustees to review the scenarios and to consider action at the nest meeting. Mr. DeCenso also advised the trustees that new regulations under Ohio revised code 505.86 allows townships to take a more active role in demolishing abandoned property within the township.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Mr. Matt Stroney reported that there was one burial last month. He also reported that the township truck would need new tires before winter. Also that culvert at 6394 Elk road needs replaced and he estimates a cost of \$6,500. New panic door exits and locks in the Fire hall would cost \$3,285 as quoted by Allied Locksmiths, Inc. Mr. Stroney and the trustees then discussed the three quotes obtained for the tires. Trustee Houston made a motion to have all six new tires installed on the township truck, as bid by True Tread Tire in the amount of \$1,145.70. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor. Discussion was then held regarding the door exits and locks at the Fire hall. Trustee Houston made a motion to accept the bid of \$3,285.00 from Allied Locksmiths, Inc. to install the panic door exits and keypad entry system at the Fire Hall. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor. Mr. Stroney also reported that the Fire Hall carpet would be cleaned prior to Election Day. The "Coffee for a Cause" group is paying the cost for this cleaning.

ZONING REPORT: Mr. Wayne Sarna gave his Zoning report. Four building permits were granted in the township since his last report. He reported that there is an issue with the permit issued at 11140 Diehl Lake Dr. The garage permit granted did not include a second floor or plumbing that is apparently in process of construction. The trustees and Mr. Sarna discussed the issue and agreed that further investigation was necessary before any action would be taken. Trustee Toman indicated that he could visit the site and review the situation. Mr. Sarna then advised the trustees that he attended the Zoning Appeals Board meeting on Monday Oct 12th regarding the Lewis site plan and use variance appeals and that the Board denied both of those appeals.

FIRE and EMS DEPARTMENT: Chief Sternburg gave the Fire Department report. The chief reported two structure fires calls and eighteen EMS calls since his last report. The chief reported that a practice drill was performed at Baird Brothers Saw Mill to familiarize the firefighters to the property, should the need arise to respond to that business. He also reported that the smoke detectors and CO detectors for the give away program have been ordered from Home Depot. Chief Sternburg then requested six new tires for Engine E-41 at \$6,000.00, an exhaust stem for Engine E-47 at \$1,500.00, and to have 30 Scott Air pack Bottles hydro tested at a total cost of \$1,200.00. Also introduced is to send two firefighters to the MCCTC Firefighter 2 class at a cost of \$785.00 each. The costs can be reimbursed to the township through a state grant upon successful completion of the class. Trustee Houston made a motion to accept the bids of \$6,000.00 for tires on E-41; \$1,500.00 for the exhaust system on E-47; have

the 30 air pack bottles hydro tested; and pays the \$1,570 for two firefighters to attend the classes at MCCTC. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor.

Chief O'Neil reported that there was twelve EMS calls since the last report. Ellsworth responded to all calls and that no private transport company was used. He reported that he would like the department to sponsor a first responder class for all firefighters so that they could assist the EMTs in emergency calls. It is a 40-hour class that he is reviewing with YSU.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Trustee Houston reported that the parking lot extension has been completed and at about half the cost allocation. Total costs were \$3,300.00 versus the \$6,500 appropriated. Less slag was necessary and the roller use was donated by BOG Construction. The Trustees thanked BOG Construction for their assistance. Also, Mr. Ellis provided more work without any additional costs. The Trustees thanked Mr. Ellis also.

Trustee Spellman discussed the ability for the township to purchase salt from the county at \$58.00 to \$59.00 per ton plus transportation. Trustee Spellman also reported that the Mahoning County Sanitary District has indicated their willingness to explore extending the sanitary sewer lines, 1,300 feet along rte. 45 and that he has been discussing this with affected residents to determine any interest to connect. If a majority of the property owners are willing, the county will hold hearings to review all aspects of this project.

Trustee Toman reported that he had received citizen complaints about the un-mowed property next to the Town Hall and also about the condition of the fence on the west side of the Ellsworth Cemetery. Trustee Toman reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals advised him that due to the resignation of Mr. Dave Allen, there is an open position on the Board. The trustees discussed placing appropriate advertisements for this position. He also indicated that the snow plowing Agreement with Jeff Williams might need to be updated for insurance and liability purposes.

OLD BUSINESS: The Township is looking for assistance in the restoration of Engine EFD-1. Mr. Stroney advised the board that representatives from MCCTC would be coming to look over the vehicle and determine if the school can take on the restoration project.

NEW BUSINESS: The trustees discussed Election Day and the possibility of having representatives of the Fire Dept on hand to build public relations with the community.

Trustee Houston made a motion to set the Township's Trick or Treat hours for Saturday October 31st from 5-7 PM. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor. The Fire Dept will also be sponsoring the annual Trick or Trunk that same day from 3-5 pm.

Chairman Toman announced that next regularly scheduled board meeting would be held Wednesday November 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

At 9:01 PM, Trustee Houston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Spellman seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman

Trustee

Trustee