

Minutes of Regular Meeting: November 4, 2020

4:00 p.m. Call to order of telephonic regular meeting by Chair Joe Schaller

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mr. Britten, Mr. Mack, Mr. Schaller, Ms. Haar, Mr. Celley, Mr. Hoffmann, Chief Hetrick, Chief Brice, Ms. Hemminger, Mr. Warnimont.

Approval of the amended agenda: Mr. Britten moved to approve the agenda as amended, Mr. Mack seconded; all yes, motion carried.

Special Presentation: Mr. Celley introduced Tim Greenwood, Township law director, who will be speaking on the bond issue in connection with the 20 year old bonds issued for construction of roadways in the Crossroads area. The bonds were to be paid through property taxes based on valuations of the properties. There were some challenges to the valuations, and there were subsequent settlements entered into that reduced the estimated value of the properties. No refinancing, amortization or re-scheduling of the bonds was done at that time. Now the last installments of the bonds are being paid. There is an apparent paper short-fall. The township has received all the monies originally agreed on, and has about doubled the money, so they returned about \$5 million. The bonds were scheduled at 8-1/2%, with the reduction in property values; we probably did not receive that full 8-1/2%. This was a good thing that came out of the RTID which as you know is now the Wood County TID. Wood County is asking the township and the city of Rossford to agree that the bonds are paid in full, so they can pull the bonds. An e-mail summary from Lane Williamson, attorney for the TID, has been provided to the trustees. Tim Greenwood added that he reviewed the summary given to the trustees as well as some additional documents from Lane which have been shared with the board. The settlement that was raised 20 years ago was sensible, and the township has no recourse at this time. The TID just wants confirmation from the township and the city of Rossford that if there is a shortfall that information will come later. We, the township originally bought 2/3 of the bonds with Rossford purchasing the additional 1/3. If any formal action is taken on the shortfall it will be at a later date and will come with instructions from the bond counsel, bond trustee. Mr. Britten asked about some monies not due to until 2021. Mr. Greenwood stated that there were some delinquencies, which will continue to be collected, and are separate from the bond. Mr. Britten referring to a summary from WC Auditor asked for confirmation that the taxes on those properties are delinquent taxes which will be paid. Mr. Celley confirmed that that was the case although the delinquencies do not affect the closure of the bonds. Mr. Celley also stated that he would have a formal sign-off at a future meeting for the bonds.

Approval of meeting minutes: Mr. Mack moved to approve both the October 7, 2020 and October 21, 2020 meeting minutes, Mr. Britten seconded; all yes, motion carried.

Maintenance: Mr. Hoffmann stated that leaf pick-up is going well; they are able to cover the township in about a week's time. Mr. Hoffmann requested a PO to Ohio Cat – the loader has developed an antifreeze leak, and the motor will have to be pulled to repair it. It is a 16 year old machine, in good shape, but due to age the gaskets need to be replaced. Mr. Hoffmann stated that in discussion with Ohio Cat, it really is a good machine, with no other issues so is worth repairing. The PO to Ohio Cat is in the amount of \$14,000. **Mr. Britten moved to approve the PO to Ohio Cat for \$14,000, Mr. Schaller seconded; 2 yes, Mr. Mack abstained, motion carried.** Mr. Britten said that he had spoken to Fred Vetter (Middleton Township) did pavement work on Dunbridge Road and in an intersection on Dowling. He is asking for reimbursement on

the little portion on Dowling. Jason at the county engineer's office will be contacted for the appropriate cost share.

Fire/EMS: Chief Brice presented stats for October, with 166 runs tied for the busiest October on record. Chief Brice requested a PO to First Arriving for a digital dashboard that will integrate scheduling, CAD, records, training and other software products to improve communications across the department. We would like to purchase three units. The total cost is \$2905.20, which is broken down as \$750 set-up, subscription cost of \$1258.20 per year, additional hardware at \$897, and we will also need three monitors which we estimate purchasing at less than \$1500.

Mr. Mack moved to approve the PO to First Arriving, Mr. Britten seconded; all yes, motion carried. I also have a request from a Rossford resident whose son was injured in a MVA accident on Glenwood Road, asking for a fee reduction. We billed \$450 for responding, which was done by both chiefs in a medic unit. I told her I would recommend to the board a 50% reduction. Mr. Mack asked if she submitted it to her insurance. Chief Brice responded that she only had liability coverage on the vehicle so her insurance would not pay. Mr. Britten asked if she was a township resident, hearing that she was not Mr. Mack stated that he hesitated to reduce the cost as it could set a precedent where we are asked to reduce a lot more calls. Mr. Britten asked who placed the call for the fire department or ambulance. Chief Brice responded that he was not sure who initiated the call. He stated that the at-fault party is the one who is billed. Mr. Schaller agreed with Mr. Mack. Discussion continued. Board consensus was to not reduce the bill.

Chief Brice requested approval of a MOU with Wood County between Wood County EMA and the township involving radiation detection equipment. Both Bowling Green Fire and Perrysburg Township Fire are the only two within Wood County that are certified to handle hazardous cleanup, and the state has provided the county with two units. The MOU transfers ownership to the township on a permanent basis, and the board will need to sign to accept and maintain the equipment. **Mr. Mack moved to approve the MOU with Wood County EMA, Mr. Britten seconded; all yes, motion carried.**

Police: Chief Hetrick thanked the citizens of the township for approval of their recent levies. We appreciate the support. Chief Hetrick presented stats for the month of October for signatures. Detective stats were presented as well; he spoke briefly on arrests made by the detective unit which has had great success in capturing and bringing to justice individuals breaking and entering across northwest Ohio and southeastern Michigan and recovered stolen goods. Yesterday, in conjunction with the City of Perrysburg, the detective unit arrested two individuals who have been breaking into cars across the county.

Recreation and Recycling: Mr. Warnimont stated that the mulch was in at Starbright Park. He and Mr. Kervin determined that the S hooks for all the swings need to be replaced and are now on order. He did not have anything else to report pending the Wood County parks grant he applied for.

Zoning: Ms. Hemminger stated that agendas for both ZC and BZA would be forthcoming.

Administrator: Mr. Celley spoke on the Corona virus funding from the state. The initial distribution was \$140,000. We had to report on the money to the state, we did have some expenses that were reported, and we learned that we could use the funds for public safety forces wages, so we distributed the remainder between police and fire for those costs. We are due to receive another \$500,000 from the state. Both Maintenance and Fire had some equipment purchases. Ms. Haar stated that the township received \$518,527.44 of which Maintenance has equipment charges totaling \$1400, Fire suppression system of \$59,815.40,

and Fire shower for \$8000 leaves \$450,712.04. Mr. Celley recommended to the board that it be split between police and fire for payroll or equipment purchases. All monies have to be allocated by November 20. Mr. Mack and Mr. Britten are in favor of allocating to the two departments equally. Mr. Schaller agreed.

Mr. Celley stated that we have a fire fighter that wants to purchase his military service credit from the Ohio Police and Fire Pension. The board needs to pass a resolution for him to do so. We need the resolution on file for OPF to process his credit. **Mr. Britten moved to approve Resolution 2020-12, Mr. Mack seconded; all yes, motion carried.**

Fiscal Officer: Ms. Haar spoke on the last payroll of the year. The way the calendar falls, pay day is January 1st, which is a bank holiday. If we stick with December 31st, it will be the 27th pay day of the year, which forces us to recalculate benefits for W-2's. The next possible pay date is Monday, January 4th. Mr. Britten suggested Ms. Haar call the auditor's office to see how the county handles this situation. Basic consensus was to pay on December 31st. It is tabled until the next meeting so some research can be done.

Trustees: Mr. Britten asked why we are doing telephonic meetings. Mr. Schaller referred to the Covid numbers rising, and he personally flew back from Florida and did not want to expose anyone. Mr. Britten does not care for the telephone meetings there was a lot of feedback noise during this meeting. Mr. Mack asked if we were willing to explore Zoom. Ms. Hemminger stated that we currently have video sharing capabilities. Mr. Celley stated that it is better to log in from their computers, rather than their phones.

Mr. Schaller asked for Public Comments, hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Britten moved to adjourn, Mr. Mack seconded; all yes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Shirley A Haar –Fiscal Officer

Joe Schaller -Chairman