

Minutes of Regular Meeting: September 15, 2021

4:00 p.m. Call to order by Chair, Gary Britten

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mr. Mack, Mr. Britten, Mr. Schaller, Ms. Nelson, Mr. Celley, Mr. Hoffmann, Chief Brice, Ms. Moore, Mr. Warnimont and Mr. Connor.

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Mr. Britten asked for a motion to approve minutes from September 1, 2021. Mr. Mack moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Schaller seconded, all yes; motion carried.

Maintenance: Mr. Hoffmann submitted a PO request to Dan's Truck Equipment for a berm belt for on the back of the truck to put berm stone on the roads. We have looked at some in other townships, and they look good so rather than use our salt spreaders, we would like to use the berm belt. The cost is \$10,482.00 installed. Mr. Schaller moved to approve the request, Mr. Mack seconded, all yes; motion carried. Mr. Hoffmann discussed the current roads projects. All milling will be done this week and paving on North and South Bramblewood as well as Cliffwood. We are about six weeks behind. Mr. Britten asked if the department had heard any complaints about Oregon Road, with the bike lane in the middle lane. Mr. Hoffmann said that the department has not heard any complaints.

Fire/EMS: Chief Brice submitted August stats, with 169 runs. He also submitted June and July EMS billing reports and MVA billing reports from July and August for the trustee's signatures. Chief Brice had a request from the union to host another drive through chicken BBQ on October 16 at 4:00 p.m. till chicken is gone. A brief discussion on the equipment used followed. Mr. Britten moved to approve the chicken BBQ, Mr. Schaller seconded; all yes, motion carried.

Recreation & Recycling: Mr. Warnimont reported he was working on the next park grant, and he would have a resolution at the next meeting. He stated that Mr. Celley was working on the resolution.

Zoning: Ms. Moore held a meeting with both the Zoning Commission and BZA members, and presented a Zoning resolution RFP – request for proposals. She had compiled a list of changes the boards felt necessary. Mr. Britten stated that their action was exactly what the board of trustees was looking for. Mr. Mack stated that a proposal for modifying the resolutions was his preference, as starting from scratch would involve too much time and expense. Feller Finch had worked on the resolutions in the past. Mr. Celley will be seeking quotes for both methods, and the board can make the final decision once responses are in.

Administrator: Mr. Celley shared a communication from Rossford for a traffic study on Glenwood Road, with the township share listed as \$1000 of a \$10,000 total cost of the study. This is needed for development on the west side of Glenwood Rd. Mr. Britten asked Ms. Moore if development was also occurring on the east side (township side) of Glenwood road or in undeveloped sites off State Route 795. She stated that a self-storage unit was being

considered. Mr. Britten gave his opinion, stating that Rossford did not want to participate in the Buck/Lime City roads project and the township put much more of than \$1000 on that project since Rossford did not participate. Rossford had annexed the property in question. Mr. Mack would like to know if they have plans to annex anything south before we make this decision. Mr. Schaller would also like to see what develops in that area. Mr. Britten asked for a motion. Mr. Mack opined that he would rather not make a decision at this time. The board as a whole agreed. Mr. Britten asked Mr. Celley if that was enough of an answer at this time and Mr. Celley responded yes.

Mr. Celley stated that the township owns one lot on the corner of Apex and Roachton Roads, and he has had an inquiry about purchasing the lot. The township got the property in a tax foreclosure. We have made efforts to sell it previously, and had offered it to owners on either side without interest. Mr. Celley will put a for sale sign on the property and see what develops.

Fiscal Officer: Ms. Nelson stated that she wanted to discuss the Covid pay policy. I feel that the policy is vague and with two employees out currently, and possibly more to come, I would like to set some type of parameters for the policy. I propose a two week cap on COVID pay, and use of individual employee's sick pay following the two weeks. We have not had abuse of the policy, but considering the time of year and the fact that some COVID cases linger as long as a year, it could become quite costly. Chief Brice stated that an exposure could result in being quarantined 10 – 14 days, and while he agrees some parameters are necessary. Chief Brice said he believes currently (as things are changing all the time) that a vaccinated person with an exposure is supposed to be tested 3 - 5 days following the exposure, and up until that time, they should be masked but are able to work. Mr. Britten discussed antibodies for those that have been vaccinated, and how your body builds immunities, that the antibodies are on board for those exposed. Chief Brice stated that this is true, but the antibodies may not yet show up in blood work until re-exposed. Chief Brice said he felt the medical community was offering more personal opinions than actual evidence. My hesitation is that an employee could be exposed numerous times; have to quarantine numerous times which is more than the two week policy. Mr. Schaller asked if Chief Brice thought a 30 day cap would be sufficient. Mr. Britten stated that there is still too much unknown about the virus, and the current policy is good through the end of the year. Discussion followed. Mr. Schaller stated that he thought the policy should be re-visited at the December 1, 2021 meeting. Mr. Mack asked Ms. Nelson to contact the trustees should she feel that the policy is getting out of hand prior to that time.

Trustees: Mr. Britten stated the Wood County Commission on Aging has a renewal of .7 mil levy on the ballot in November. They are also putting on a .3 mil additional levy. They provide a lot of services, and I would like to see county wide support for this. Ms. Nelson, before you came on I had requested we pay some vendors through credit cards so that we can obtain the rewards for larger purchases, were you aware of that? Ms. Nelson replied that she had not found any initial paperwork on that, but would check on it with Huntington Bank. Mr. Britten also asked Ms. Nelson if she was aware that the mechanic's time was being tracked the last two years to split maintenance time on their vehicles between police and fire. Ms. Nelson stated that she was aware of that resolution, had the mechanic's wages but was researching the legalities of the issue. She had spoken to OTA who thought it wasn't a standard practice, and might be illegal. The county auditor stated that they had never been asked that question and referred me to the state auditor. The state auditor said it was not a familiar practice and the township attorney could propose it to the state for their decision. Mr. Britten asked Mr. Celley to contact the attorney and have him write a proposal for the state. Mr. Britten has had a resident contact him in regard to having a community garden in the township. We don't currently have one in the township although Perrysburg City does have sites available. He asked the board if they had

any interest in having one. Mr. Schaller shared that the 577 Foundation has one, and it gets weedy and overgrown; he stated that a community garden would need oversight and maintenance. Mr. Schaller asked Ms. Moore if there were any zoning issues with the property to the south of the complex if that was opened a community garden. Ms. Moore stated that she didn't believe that it would be an issue.

Mr. Britten stated that he, Mr. Celley and Jason Sisco had met to discuss in reference to a service road south of route 20 and east of Thompson Rd (parallel to SR 20). He asked both Mr. Mack and Mr. Schaller if they had any interest in that. Mr. Schaller indicated he did not. Mr. Mack stated that it would go through the auto auction site, so did not see the need after the zoning approval of the new storage unit site. Mr. Mack thought that the auto auction just did not have a good understanding of the proposal and the access to the traffic light from the rear of the site and needed to explain the improvement it would be for them. Discussion followed. Mr. Mack will call the auto auction attorney.

Public Comments: Mr. Britten asked for public comments, hearing none, Mr. Britten asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mack moved to adjourn, Mr. Schaller seconded, all yes; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Hannah Nelson – Fiscal Officer

Gary Britten -Chairman