

**RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS  
CLARIDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 3, 2021**

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the following members present: Trustees- Roger Miller, Jonathan Tiber, Cooper Sherman, and Fiscal Officer- Paula H. Jolly.

Ms. Jolly took roll call for attendance. Mr. Miller, Mr. Tiber and Mr. Sherman responded here.

**APRIL 19, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES- 21-62**

Motion by Mr. Sherman, second by Mr. Mr. Tiber to approve the regular meeting minutes of 4/19/2021 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Miller: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye.

**APRIL 19, 2021 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES- 21-63**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to approve the public hearing minutes of 4/19/2021 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Miller: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye.

**GUEST**

Diane Grendell, Ohio House District 76 Representative, was in attendance to speak about the Ohio House Bill 62, introduced to designate the State of Ohio as a Second Amendment Sanctuary State, and to name this act the Ohio Second Amendment Safe Haven Act. Mrs. Grendell stated that this Bill (H.B.62) sanctifies Ohio residents' Second Amendment rights, and acts as a shield from anything that the Federal Government might attempt to take away in the future on a State level.

Chief Brian Wendl, Burton Volunteer Fire Department, was also in attendance to share the list of first quarter calls for Claridon Township; total of 85 calls, 1 building fire, 48 EMS calls, 5 MVA/injuries calls, 3 MVA/no injuries calls, and other miscellaneous calls.

Mr. Mike Sestak, BVFD Trustee, attended tonight's meeting to propose the idea of creating a "fire tax district" which would involve all 3 entities BVFD provides services to; Claridon Township, Burton Village and Burton Township. The purpose of the "tax district" would be to generate more income for the BVFD and would be proposed as a 3.66 mill levy per each entity, on the upcoming ballot. The potential "tax district" levy would affect all properties in all 3 entities, and would cost residents approximately \$112 per each \$100K of their property value (for the next 5-7 years). Mr. Sestak further explained that this increase would affect residents of the entire Claridon Township, not just the 40% (south of Mayfield Road) that BVFD services. The remaining 60% of Claridon Township is

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served by the Chardon Fire Department. Mr. Sestak believes that even though only 40% of the Township is serviced by BVFD, 100% of the Claridon residents should pay to fund the BVFD since the contracts in the past did not specify which portion of Claridon Township they should cover, and on rare occasions they do offer mutual aid to Chardon Fire Department on calls in Claridon Township.

Mr. Sestak would like to have all 3 entities meet and figure out a way to generate \$858,000 annually, so BVFD can operate comfortably and offer higher pay/benefits to their employees.

Several residents expressed their disapproval for having to pay higher taxes to generate more money for a Fire Department that doesn't even provide services to their area.

Mr. Sestak responded that they are only asking for a chance to place this "tax district" idea on the ballot and to let the residents decide. (collection would not start until 2023)

Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Sestak and Chief Wendl for coming and stated that he would be willing to meet with the other 2 entities and discuss further details about the potential "tax district" levy.

**TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2021-15**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Mr. Sherman to amend the 2021 Permanent Appropriations as follows:

Reallocation appropriation

From:

General Fund:

Other Supplies and Materials  
1000-120-490-0000

\$200.00

To:

General Fund:

Garbage and Trash Removal  
1000-120-322-0000

\$200.00

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Miller: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye.

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AND REAFFIRM SUPPORT OF THE SECOND  
AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND ARTICLE 1,  
SECTION 4 OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION- 2021-16**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller that the Claridon Township Board of Trustee reaffirms its support for the United States Constitution and the Ohio Constitution, specifically the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1,

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Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution, and wishes to express its commitment to protecting the rights of Claridon Township Residents. The Claridon Township Board of Trustees also acknowledges its support for the House Bill 62, as introduced on February 3, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Miller: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye.

Mr. Tiber also proposed the idea of scheduling a community forum/potluck on August 7, 2021. Most attending residents received Mr. Tiber's proposal with excitement. Mr. Tiber believes that it's very important for Claridon as a community to stay strong and well informed.

**ZONING**

The BOT was presented with a written zoning report (via email) from the zoning inspector, Mr. Harry Jacob.

**RESOLUTION TO INITIATE AMENDMENT TO CLARIDON TOWNSHIP  
ZONING RESOLUTION AND ZONING MAP, ORC 519.12 (a)- 2021-17**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to amend Claridon Township Resolution and zoning map, identified as number 2021-ZA01.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Miller: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye.

**MAINTENANCE**

Mr. Mike Blair, maintenance department, briefly spoke about the ongoing recycling area abuse, and the number of daily maintenance department hours spent on its clean up. (large amounts of non-recyclable items being dumped)

Mr. Blair mentioned that the maintenance crew is currently working on tree cleanup on Hall Road, Taylor wells Road, and soon plans to do the same on Spencer Road. They have also been working on cleaning up ditches, mow trimming, and cemetery maintenance. The crew plans to pour 7-8 new foundations (weather permitting), and seed all newer graves with hopes of new grass growth by Memorial Day.

Mr. Miller mentioned the need to purchase a new backpack blower and new tires for the yellow service trailer (approximate cost of \$2500).

Mr. Miller stated that he plans to meet with Mr. Gorris (GCEO) regarding the OPWC grant application for paving of Taylor wells Road in 2022. He also added that the first bridge on Taylor wells Road north is scheduled for repairs/maintenance sometime in July, and will require a 1-2 day road closure.

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**PURCHASE ORDERS**

Purchase orders for American Home Elevators (\$1650) and Penn Ohio (\$280 total)(Then and Nows) were presented, approved and signed during tonight's meeting.

**PAY BILLS MOTION- 21-64**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Sherman to approve by signing prior to or at this meeting wage and bills from warrant #10630 through warrant #10666, and the electronic payments of #88 through #106, for a total expenditure of \$24,945.60.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Miller: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye.

**CEMETERIES**

Mr. Tiber briefly spoke about the long-term in-house cemetery restoration plan (restoration of broken/fallen headstones), which will be starting within the next couple of weeks.

**PARKS**

**MOTION TO PURCHASE 2 NEW RECREATIONAL PARK SIGNS- 21-65**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to purchase 2 new Recreational Park signs, for the purpose of posting new seasonal hours of operation; up to \$400.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Miller: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN- 21-66**

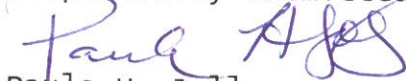
Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Sherman to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Miller: Aye, Mr. Tiber: Aye, Mr. Sherman: Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paula H. Jolly  
Fiscal Officer

