

**RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS
CLARIDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

August 16, 2021

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with following members present: Trustees- Roger Miller, Jonanthan 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.

AUGUST 2, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES- 21-112

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to approve regular meeting minutes of 8/2/2021 as written.

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

GUEST

Mr. Dennis Kellogg, First Congregational Church of Claridon representative, was in attendance to thank the BOT for use of the Admin building by the Church due to the collapse of the roof and to discuss with the BOT the progress of the repairs. The insurance aspects of the church's use of the Admin building were also discussed, and a written lease agreement for the church to use the property will be investigated. It was also discussed if the church could use the Town Hall building instead of the Admin building. This was tabled for a future meeting. During the repairs, there will be limited access to the 322-west entrance to the property.

MAINTENANCE

Mr. Blair, maintenance department, briefly spoke about the ongoing recycling area abuse, and the amount of daily maintenance crew hours spent on its cleanup. He also added that new recycling center location in Claridon Township (on Merritt Road) should be open within the next few months.

Mr. Blair mentioned that the maintenance crew has been busy working on constant grass maintenance (due to excessive rainfall), tree trimming/cleanup (recent storms), 2 culvert replacements on Taylor Wells Road, several burials, and cemetery maintenance/restoration (weather permitting).

Mr. Blair shared that he plans to make repairs to the Emergency door exit at the Administration Building.

EQUIPMENT

MOTION TO PURCHASE A NEW TRIMMER FROM ALVORD'S YARD AND GARDEN- 21-113

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Sherman to purchase a new bike handle trimmer from Alvord's Yard and Garden, for up to \$400.

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

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The BOT briefly spoke and authorized for Ms. Theresa Warner, building custodian, to purchase a new canister sweeper.

BUILDINGS

MOTION TO CONVERT MEETING ROOM LIGHTS TO LED LIGHTS- 21-114

Motion by Mr. Sherman, second by Mr. Miller to convert meeting room (Administration Building) lights into LED lights, for up to \$850. (labor and material) Conversion of the lights will be completed by Mr. Scott Warner, Township employee.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION TO APPLY NOPEC ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDS

TOWARDS THE LED LIGHT CONVERSION- 21-115

Motion by Mr. Sherman, second by Mr. Tiber to apply NOPEC Energized Community Grant funds towards the material portion of the LED light conversion (Admin. Building meeting room).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

ROADS

The BOT discussed and decided to vote for following three District 7 members of the OPWC Commission Board (to serve for the next 3-year period):

-Member: Jim Pristov, Harpersfield Township
Alternate- Tom Martin, Williamsfield Township

-Member: Patrick Cavanagh, Auburn Township
Alternate- Scott Yamamoto, Hambden Township

-Member: Jeff Derthick, Freedom Township
Alternate- Tim Pfile, Edinburg Township

Completed ballot will be emailed to Mr. Shane Hajjar, GCEO.

Mr. Tiber reported that all Ohio District 32 (Ashtabula, Geauga, Trumbull) Townships will have the opportunity to receive free asphalt grindings from ODOT, for future use on roadway projects. This beneficial opportunity (legislation) has been orchestrated by Senator Sandra O'Brien, and shall be executed by the Engineer's Office. Representatives from all townships interested in participating in this program will be meeting at the Engineer's Office on 8/31/21 at 10am for further instructions.

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GRANTS

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) LOCAL
RECOVERY FUNDS- 21-116**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to accept the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) local recovery funds. Usage/spending of ARPA funds is yet to be determined.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Ms. Jolly shall be handling the application process.

TRANSFERS

TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2021-25

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

From:

General Fund:

Repairs and Maintenance	\$200.00
1000-120-323-0000	

To:

Natural Gas	\$200.00
1000-120-353-0000	

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2021-26

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

From:

Road and Bridge Fund

Advertising	\$100.00
2031-330-345-0000	

To:

Natural Gas	\$100.00
2031-330-353-0000	

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2021-27

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

From:

General Fund:

Repairs and Maintenance	\$1200.00
1000-410-323-0000	

To:

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Other Salaries \$1200.00
1000-410-190-0000

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2021-28

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

From:

Cemetery Fund

Contributions to Other Organizations \$100.00
2041-410-591-0000

To:

Electricity \$100.00
2041-410-351-0000

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

PAY BILLS MOTION- 21-117

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to approve by signing prior to or at this meeting wages and bills from warrant #10750 through warrant #10756, and the electronic payments of #188 through #197, for a total expenditure of \$11,857.93.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The BOT authorized Ms. Jolly to process maintenance department payroll early (on Wednesday, 8/18/21 instead of Thursday, 8/19/21) due to Fiscal Officer's upcoming vacation.

CREDIT CARD REVIEW

The Fiscal Officer presented the BOT with the credit card transaction detail report, and the attestation of review was signed by the Chairperson/Compliance Officer, Mr. Miller.

CEMETERIES

Two cemetery deeds for Mr. Larry Hess and Ms. Dolores Brilla were presented and signed during tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The BOT briefly discussed the ongoing neighborly dispute between Mr. Johnson and Mr. Nice, on Stillwell Road. Mr. Tiber stated that issues between both property owners started back in 2008, and were resolved/settled in 2009 by installing a tall wooden fence separating the two properties (with assistance from the BOT). According to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, existing fence and area surrounding it on Mr. and Mrs. Nice's side are in desperate need of immediate repairs/maintenance. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are seeking help from the BOT to request cooperation from Mr. and Mrs. Nice in order

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to properly repair and continue to maintain their side of the fence.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO SEND A
PROSECUTOR LETTER TO MR. AND MRS. NICE- 21-118**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to authorize legal counsel (Prosecutor's Office) to send a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Nice, to explain the process to them in hopes of gaining cooperation.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MEETINGS

The BOT discussed and decided to have next Trustee meeting on 8/30/21, instead of 9/6/21. (Labor Day)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Claridon resident Mr. Tom Niewulis, with support from other residents in the audience, addressed the BOT with his concern and disapproval of Geauga County Health Director, Mr. Tom Quade. Mr. Niewulis was disturbed by many comments on social media posted by Mr. Quade, stating that unvaccinated residents will not get medical bills covered by health insurance companies if diagnosed with COVID virus.

Mr. Tiber added that many other residents have reached out to him via email and expressed their concern and disapproval of comments Mr. Quade has been making on social media.

As a Trustee representing Claridon Township residents, Mr. Tiber will be contacting GC Public Health Department to share some of the feedback he's been given by many Claridon residents. (Received in person or via email)

MOTION TO ADJOURN- 21- 119

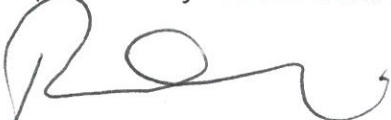
Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Tiber to adjourn the meeting.

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



