

**RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS  
CLARIDON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 15, 2023**

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

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

**MAY 1, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES- 23-77**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to approve regular meeting minutes of 5/1/2023 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**GUESTS**

Linda Crombie, GC Planning Commission Director, and Allyson Kobus, GC Planning Commission Planner II, were in attendance to discuss preparations for the upcoming Land Use Plan update.

Chief Justin Geiss, Chardon FD, was also in attendance to present the list of calls; 27 calls in April, and 119 YTD. Chief Geiss further explained that Claridon has 67 EMS calls for the year, 13 car crashes, and 14 wires down from heavy snow/wind storms. Chardon FD is currently in process of applying for 2 BWC grants (\$40,000), in order to help offset the cost of the new \$62,000 radio system.

**ZONING**

Mr. Alusheff presented the BOT with a zoning report.

**ROADS**

Mr. Tiber reported that Taylor wells Road (north) project pre-construction meeting between the GC Engineer's Office, Claridon Township and Hambden Township Trustee representatives, and the Contractor (Cole Burton Contractors, LLC) will take place on Friday, 5/19/23 at 7:30 am, at the Administration building. The actual project will commence on 5/30/23 and will take several weeks to complete.

**EVENTS**

Mr. Tiber reported that Senior Trash Pick-up Day, and Trash Drop off Day went according to plan.

**FISCAL ITEMS**

Ms. Hietanen and the BOT discussed the 2024 Budget preparations. She reminded the Trustees that remainder of the ARPA funds must be appropriated by the end of the year.

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**MOTION TO PAY BILLS- 23-78**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to approve by signing prior to or at this meeting wage and bills for warrant #11206 through warrant #11210, and the electronic payment from #89 through #97, for a total expenditure of \$24,461.91. (Including the \$11,699.00 payment to Burton VFD, \$4,784.00 to ODJFS, and \$3,120.48 to OPERS)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**MOTION TO PAY \$1104 TO UNEMPLOYMENT FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> HALF OF APRIL FOR MR. BLAIR'S UNEMPLOYMENT WAGES- 23-79**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to pay \$1104 to ODJFS (unemployment) for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of Mr. Blair's April unemployment wages.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**MOTION TO RESCIND MOTION #23-75- 23-80**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to rescind Motion #23-75, due to recent revisions made to the Public Records Request Policy, made by Geauga County Legal Counsel.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**MOTION TO ADOPT REVISED PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST POLICY- 23-81**

Motion by Mr. Sherman, second by Mr. Tiber to adopt the revised Public Records Request Policy. See attached.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**MOTION TO AMEND THE COURT LEAVE POLICY-23-82**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to amend the Court Leave policy; remove "vacation time" and replace with "incidental days".

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**MOTION TO AMEND THE MATERNITY LEAVE POLICY- 23-83**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to amend the Maternity Leave Policy; remove "vacation time" and "sick time" and replace with "personal time".

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**CEMETERIES**

Mr. Tiber expressed his dissatisfaction with current appearance of all 3 cemeteries. He further explained that the maintenance team is fully aware of the appearance and will try to have the mowing and weed eating completed by Memorial Day services. Mr. Burzanko informed Mr. Tiber that the maintenance team has been busy working on other weather permitting projects and hasn't had the time to work on cemeteries.

The BOT discussed the possibility of hiring a contractor for the maintenance of all 3 cemeteries.

Mr. Tiber added that a representative from the Johns-Carabelli Semerano Cemetery Memorials assessed the fallen down headstones (Center Cemetery) for a repair quote.

**PARKS**

The BOT discussed the ongoing issue at the Rec Park with speeders causing safety and dust issues for all visitors. 9-foot speed bumps will be purchased and installed.

**MEETINGS**

The next Trustee meeting will be held on June 5, 2023, zoning commission meeting will be held on 5/22/2023, and the next GCTA dinner/meeting will be held on 7/12/23 in Troy Twp.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Dennis Kellog and the BOT briefly discussed the upcoming Land Use Plan update.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN- 23-84**

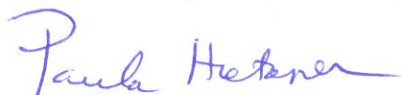
Motion by Mr. Sherman, second by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paula J. Hietanen  
Fiscal Officer

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