

**RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS
CLARIDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

November 18, 2024

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 J. Hietanen.

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

NOVEMBER 4, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-24-134

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Tiber to approve regular meeting minutes of 11/4/2024 as written. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

GUEST

Chief Brian Davidson, Burton Volunteer Fire Department, was in attendance to present the BOT with a list of calls and to discuss the upcoming contract renewal. He reported that YTD BVFD had 1088 total calls, 432 fire calls, and 705 EMS calls. Claridon had 82 YTD calls, and 4 calls in October.

ZONING

MOTION TO APPROVE ANNETTE WILKS AS ZONING SECRETARY FOR \$150 PER MONTH 24-135

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to hire Annette wilks as zoning secretary pending receipt of her paperwork at \$150 per month salary. Beginning November 11, 2024. Roll call vote has been taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT CERTIFICATION OF 14.165 MILES OF CLARIDON TOWNSHIP ROADS- 2024-35

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Sherman to accept certification of 14.165 miles of Claridon Township Roads, and responsibility of maintaining them. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

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MAINTENANCE

Mr. Stenger said that they will be picking up salt soon. They will also put new signs up next week.

ROADS

The BOT discussed the need to assess all cost and expenditures in regards to Aquilla Village. Mr. Tiber said he has been working on it and has been able to figure many aspects but not all. He will continue to assess.

EVENTS

The BOT discussed if leaf pick up should be offered to Aquilla residents as it has been in the past. Annual cost for leaf pick is around \$7000.00. The BOT expressed the importance of leaf pick up for the sake of road preservation within the village.

GRANTS

Mr. Tiber reported that he is still waiting to find out if Claridon got approved by the state for up to \$20,000.00 of computer/software upgrade grant.

FISCAL ITEMS

**MOTION TO APPOINT MS. HIETANEN AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE
AQUILLA VILLAGE TRANSITION BOARD- 24-136**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, Second by Mr. Miller to appoint Ms. Hietanen as the representative for the Aquilla Village Supervisory Board for the first meeting and Mr. Tiber for all meetings after the first meeting. The first meeting will be on November 26 at 11am at the county building in Claridon. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHARDON FIRE DEPARTMENT 2025-2027
CONTRACT AS WRITTEN 2024-36**

Motion by Mr. Sherman, second by Mr. Miller to approve the Chardon Fire Department 2025-2027 contract as written.

There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

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MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF A LAPTOP FOR MR. TIBER FOR UP TO \$1500 FROM BEST BUY- 24-137

Motion by Mr. Sherman, second by Mr. Miller to approve the purchase of a laptop for Mr. Tiber for up to \$1500.

There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

PAY BILLS MOTION- 24-138

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to approve by signing prior to or at this meeting wage and bills for warrant #11596 through warrant #11628, and the electronic payment from #2359 through #294, for a total expenditure of \$115,639.31. There was a discussion that two large payments such as Milano Monuments for \$50,000 and BVFD for \$12,184.00 were part of this payment listing.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

CREDIT CARD REVIEW

The BOT was presented with a credit card transaction review, and the attestation was approved and signed by the chairperson, Mr. Miller.

MEETINGS

Next Trustee meeting will be held on 12/2/2024 at 6pm, next GCTA dinner/meeting will be held on 12/12/24 at 6:30 pm, BZA hearing will be held on 12/12/24 at 6:30, and the next Zoning Commission meeting will be held on 01/27/25 at 7pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-24-139

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to enter into executive session to consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee as defined by ORC 121.22(G)(1) AND; to conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending court action as defined by ORC 121.22(G)(3). Roll call vote to enter into executive session was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

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The Trustees entered into executive session at 6:45pm

The Trustees returned to the regular meeting at 7:58pm.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE GEAUGA PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO
NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT FOR SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL BY BOARD
OF TRUSTEES. 24-140**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to authorize Geauga Prosecutor's Office to negotiate a settle for subsequent approval by Board of Trustees.

Discussion: Mr. Tiber explained that Jaque's Mobile Home Park appealed the BZA's decision to NOT grant them a second sign however, the BOT is in favor of negotiating with them. A roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

**MOTION TO KEEP MR. BURZANKO AT CURRENT STATUS UNTIL
12/31/2024 OR UNTIL A CONVICTION IS REACHED. 24-141**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to keep Mr. Burzanko at current status through 12/31/2024, or until the next day after a conviction is official, whichever comes first, at which point, Mr. Bruzanko's employment with the township will be terminated. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was called.

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

Motion carried.

MOTION TO GIVE END OF YEAR BONUSES- 24-142

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to give year-end bonuses to the following employees as follow:

Miss Lilly Olszewski at \$500

Mr. Mark Vacik at \$800

Mr. Chris Alusheff at \$800

There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

**MOTION TO PAY MR. VACIK \$21 PER HOUR STARTING 12/5/2024,
INSTEAD OF THE 2% RAISE NEXT YEAR- 24-143**

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Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to pay Mr. Vacik \$21 per hour starting 12/5/2024 instead of the 2% raise scheduled for next year. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was called.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN-24-144

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula J. Hietanen,
Fiscal Officer




