

## **RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **CLARIDON TOWNSHIP**

**October 2, 2023**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

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.

### **SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES- 23-144**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to approve regular meeting minutes of 9/18/2023 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

### **GUEST**

Trustee Ken Burnett, Burton Township, was in attendance to discuss the maintenance of Osmond Road and Durkee Road. He explained that at this time Burton Township does not plan to chip and seal Osmond Road. He further explained that eventually, if Claridon Township is willing to help with some of the cost, Burton Township would like to pave Durkee Road in 2025. He said if the GCEO establishes that the right of way is on the Township line with Claridon Township, would the Claridon Township be willing to help out with the cost?

Mr. Tiber reminded Mr. Burnett of the meeting back in 2018 where the Geauga County Engineer, Claridon Township and Burton Township representatives met and discussed Durkee Road. During the meeting it has been determined (from an 1850 document) that Durkee Road has always been a Burton Township Road, and that only 9 properties out of the entire road are located in Claridon Township.

Mr. Tiber also reminded Mr. Burnett that Claridon Township only collects property tax from those 9 properties, and doesn't collect any outside road millage for the maintenance of the road. Burton Twp collects 100% outside road millage for the upkeep and maintenance of the road. Mr. Tiber asked if Mr. Burnett spoke to his residents to find out if they are wanting to keep their road the way it's always been (not paved), or if they would like to see it paved.

After a lengthy discussion a decision was made to send out a survey to all residents of Durkee Road to see if they are in favor of any improvement road work being done, and or if they would be willing to help out financially. Mr. Burnett will send a copy of the survey letter to Claridon BOT for their pre-approval prior to mailing them out to residents.

### **ZONING**

Mr. Alusheff presented the BOT with a zoning report/overview of year-to-date zoning permits and their costs.

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Mr. Alusheff said that he is still in process of following up on 5 existing violations, and plans to start working on 3 new ones.

**MOTION TO RENEW 1 YEAR IWORQ SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION- 23-145**

Motion by Mr. Sherman, second by Mr. Tiber to approve 1 year renewal of the iworq zoning software subscription, in the amount of \$ 3000.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**EQUIPMENT**

Mr. Miller stated that the plow truck will be officially listed for sale on GovDeal.com, sometime next week. Recently ordered new mini excavator will be delivered sometime in November.

**ROADS**

Mr. Miller reported that Hall Road project will be bid out for estimates in 2024.

Mr. Tiber shared that NOAH's 18 crews/160 volunteers did a great job with cleaning sides/ditches of many roads in Geauga County last weekend.

**MOTION TO DONATE \$500 TO NOAH AND \$500 TO CCH ORGANIZATIONS- 23-146**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to donate \$500 to NOAH Amish volunteering organization, and \$500 to Claridon Community Helps organization as a thank you for everything they do for our community; via ARPA fund.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**EVENTS**

The BOT discussed and decided to hold a small community gathering at the Claridon Rec Park on 4/8/2024 in honor of the 2024 total solar eclipse. All residents are welcome to join.

**FISCAL ITEMS**

Ms. Hietanen presented her name/email address change request letter for the UAN system and State of Ohio. The request letter was approved and signed by Mr. Sherman, chair Trustee.

The BOT instructed MS. Hietanen to close the purchase order for Planning and Zoning Services, LLC because they will not be doing the work until 2024.

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**MOTION TO PAY BILLS- 23-147**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to approve by signing prior to or at this meeting wage and bills for warrant #11306 through warrant #11319, and the electronic payment from #198 through #211, for a total expenditure of \$33,189.48.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**CREDIT CARD REVIEW**

The BOT was presented with a credit card transaction detail report, and the attestation of review was signed by Chairperson/Compliance officer, Mr. Sherman.

**CEMETERIES**

Mr. Tiber shared that thus far he received only 1 cemetery restoration quote for full restoration of the Center and East Cemeteries. The quote received was from the Stonehugger International Cemetery Restoration group, quoting \$145,000 for Center Cemetery and \$86,000 for East Cemetery. 2 more quotes from other restoration companies are expected to arrive within the next couple of weeks.

The BOT discussed and decided to have AVL landscaping company continue the weed control of cemeteries through the end of the season (end of October).

**PARKS**

The BOT discussed having "Camping Application and Regulations" rules in place, specifying permitted locations, cost, and all other details involved with camping on Township's property. The BOT will draft one and present/approve at a future meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-23-148**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to enter into Executive Session pursuant ORC Section 121.22 (G)(1) for the purpose of discussing employee compensation.

The Trustees entered into the executive session at 7:08 pm.

The Trustees returned to the regular meeting at 7:16 pm.

**MOTION TO INCREASE MARK VACIK'S HOURLY RATE BY \$.80 EFFECTIVE  
OCTOBER 12, 2023. 23-149**

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Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to increase Mark Vacik's hourly rate by \$.80 to \$19.80 effective October 12, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN- 23-150**

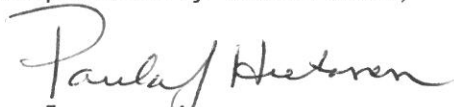
Motion by Mr. Sherman, second by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paula J. Hietanen  
Fiscal Officer

