

**RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS
CLARIDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

September 18, 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.

AUGUST 21, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES- 23-132

Motion by Mr. Sherman, second by Mr. Miller to approve regular meeting minutes of 8/21/2023 as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

ZONING

Mr. Alusheff presented the BOT with a zoning report/overview of year-to-date zoning permits and their costs. Several zoning violations and resident complaints regarding those violations were discussed during tonight's meeting.

GUEST

Mr. Robert Alick, Vice President of Cole Burton Contractors LLC, was in attendance to discuss final changes/price reduction of the shoulder widening and asphalt resurfacing project of sections B-C of Taylor wells Road.

MOTION TO APPROVE FINAL WORK ORDER/CONTRACT CHANGES FOR THE TAYLOR WELLS ROAD TR-0113 PROJECT-23-133

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to approve final changes and price reduction of the Shoulder Widening and Asphalt Resurfacing of Section B-C of Taylor wells Road TR-0113.

Original total cost of the project: \$1,049,847.00, Revised/Reduced cost of the project: \$994,836.30.

Claridon Township portion: \$658,417.20

Hambden Township portion: \$36,419.10

OPWC Grant funds: \$300,000.00

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MAINTENANCE

MOTION TO PURCHASE A NEW POLE SAW HT-105 FROM ALVORD'S YARD AND GARDEN- 23-134

Motin by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to purchase a new pole saw (HT-105) from Alvord's Yard & Garden, in the amount of \$559.99.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**MOTION TO HIRE INDEPENDENT TREE COMPANY TO CUT DOWN 4 TREES
AND STUMP GRIND 2 TREE STUMPS AT THE CENTER CEMETERY-23-135**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Tiber to hire Independent Tree company to cut down 4 trees and stump grind 2 tree stumps at the Center Cemetery, in the amount of 2,775.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The BOT and Mr. Burzanko discussed the urgent need to replace the broken mow trim window. Mr. Burzanko will be looking into this matter. Mr. Burzanko spoke about several drive pipe installations, final ditching enclosers, and headstone foundations he and Mr. vacik have been working on.

FISCAL ITEMS

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED
BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX
LEVIES, AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR- 2023-14**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies, and certifying them to the County Auditor, for the next succeeding year commencing on January 1, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Mr. Tiber spoke about the Ohio Township Education Subscription program that will allow all active and affiliate members within their township access to the current and archived webinars for the calendar year. This program will provide an opportunity for each township to optimize their resources by attending more webinars at a low cost of \$250 (one time fee), starting in 2024.

Ms. Hietanen reported that a \$56.45 payment has been received from the Ohio Electricity Litigation, as a result of a settlement reached in the Smith v. FirstEnergy Case.

**MOTION TO RESCIND MOTION 23-125 TO CRACK SEAL TOWNSHIP ROADS
THROUGH GCEO- 23-136**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Sherman to rescind motion 23-125, approving crack sealing via RRP program through the GCEO. (to be completed in 2024 instead due to GCEO manpower availability)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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**MOTION TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000.00 TO LA ROSE
PAVING FOR CRACK SEALING- 23-137**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to appropriate an additional \$20,000.00 to LA Rose Paving for crack sealing of several township roads in 2023. (\$15,00 was appropriated in 2022, and PO is still open.)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The BOT discussed repaving Hall Road and completing striping of other township roads in 2024. Approximate cost to repave Hall Road is \$280,000.

LEVIES

**RESOLUTION TO PARTIALLY REDUCE COLLECTION OF TOWNSHIPS 2.3
MILL 2022 FIRE AND EMS LEVY TO 1.52 MILL FOR 2024 ONLY-2023-15**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Sherman to partially reduce collection of Township's 2.3 mill 2022 Fire and EMS levy to 1.52 mill for 2024 only.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Ms. Hietanen reported that \$2373 was received from the Tire Grant (trash day tire collection), and \$36.38 from the gas well royalty.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION-2023-16

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to amend the 2023 Permanent Appropriations as follows:

Reallocation Appropriation

From:

Road and Bridge Fund:

From: Other Capital Outlay- Taylor wells Road Improvement
2031-760-790-0113 \$45,000.00

To: Contracted Services (RRP-Road Maintenance)
2031-710-360-1100 \$45,000.00

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION #2023-16- 23-138

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to rescind resolution #2023-16. Crack sealing through RRP program will be completed in 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

PURCHASE ORDERS

Purchase order for Columbus Equipment Company (\$72,000.00) was presented and signed during tonight's meeting. (approved during 8/21/23 meeting) Purchase order to Geauga County Engineer for RRP crack sealing was closed before signing due to work not be done this year (54-2023)

MOTION TO PAY BILLS- 23-139

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to approve by signing prior to or at this meeting wage and bills for warrant #11290 through warrant #11305, and the electronic payment from #172 through #196, for a total expenditure of \$318,417.09. (including the final payment of \$282,861.30 to Cole Burton Contractors LLC)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

CEMETERIES

Mr. Tiber shared that he is expecting 3 quotes for full cemetery restorations, and will present them during the next BOT meeting.

MEETINGS

The next Trustee meeting will be held on 10/2/23, next Zoning Commission meeting will be held on 9/25/23, and the next GCTA dinner/meeting will be held on 11/8/23 in Montville Twp. Mr. Tiber and Mr. Alusheff will be attending.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-23-140

Motion by Mr. Sherman, 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 7:11 pm.

MOTION TO COMBINE THE DUTIES OF ZONING SECRETARY AND ZONING INSPECTOR INTO ONE POSITION CALLED ZONING INSPECTOR-23-141

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to combine the duties of the zoning secretary and zoning inspector into one position called zoning inspector, effective October 1, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION TO INCREASE THE SALARY FOR THE ZONING INSPECTOR TO \$1153 PER MONTH, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023- 23-142

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Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to increase the salary for the Zoning Inspector position to \$1153 per month, effective October 1, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Trustees returned to the regular meeting at 7:32 pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN- 23-143

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 7:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Paula J. Hietanen
Fiscal Officer



