

**RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS
CLARIDON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

November 4, 2024

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

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE FOR MS. OLSZEWSKI TO TAKE TODAY'S MINUTES-
24-124**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Sherman to approve for Ms. Olszewski to take today's minutes. There was a discussion that Ms. Hietanen is still ill and not able to attend tonight's meeting. Roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

OCTOBER 7, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-24-125

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Tiber to approve regular meeting minutes of 10/07/2024 as written. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

OCTOBER 21, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-24-126

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Sherman to approve regular meeting minutes of 10/21/2024 as written. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

GUEST

Honorable Mayor Rich wolfe, Aquilla Village, and council members, were in attendance to discuss the future of Aquilla Village. Mayor Wolfe stated that he hopes that Aquilla's Residents vote to dissolve and become part of Claridon. Harry Jacob, solicitor for Aquilla, briefly spoke about steps that will have to be taken whether the dissolution passes or not. The Board of Elections will be meeting on 11/19/24 to certify election results. Mayor wolfe said that regardless of the outcome of the election, he and his council members will do whatever it takes to make the transition as smooth as possible, for both entities.

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Chief Geiss, Chardon Fire Department, was in attendance to present the BOT with a list of calls; 193 YTD for Claridon Township. He also added that currently there is a state wide burning ban due to extreme dryness/lack of rain, and that they recently received a \$1 million grant from the state towards a purchase of a new ladder truck. CFD will continue to apply for other available grants until enough funds are available for the purchase.

Mr. Jim Zuccaro, OTARMA Insurance representative, was also in attendance to discuss the upcoming policy renewal and to answer any questions the BOT or residents might have.

ZONING

Mr. Alusheff stated that today is Sheila Drollinger's first official day as a Zoning Inspector assistant/future Zoning Inspector. She and Mr. Alusheff have spent several hours today on going over zoning, and everything Ms. Drollinger will have to learn while shadowing Mr. Alusheff.

Mr. Tiber added that zoning secretary interviews will be conducted on Wednesday, 11/6/24.

Mr. Alusheff mentioned that the GCEO is in process of building a above 35 feet tall salt building (in Claridon Township), which is not permitted in Claridon's Zoning Rules and Regulations.

MAINTENANCE

MOTION TO APPOINT MR. JOE STENGER AS LEAD MAINTENANCE

WORKER- 24-127

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to appoint Mr. Joe Stenger as lead maintenance worker, effective immediately. 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 SHARED PARKING LOT PLOWING

AGREEMENT FOR 2024-2025 WINTER SEASON- 24-128

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Sherman to approve and sign the agreement between Claridon Township and Claridon First Congregational Church. The agreement acknowledges the Township's maintenance crew will plow the shared parking lot between the Church and Claridon Admon building, at no cost to the Church. Plowing will be done solely at the discretion of the maintenance crew, and only while the other (township's) portion of the parking lot is being plowed. The agreement will hold Claridon Township and

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its employees harmless of any incidents/damage caused by the ice and snow removal. 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.

EQUIPMENT

Mr. Stenger and the BOT briefly discussed advertising the old truck on GovDeals.com for sale.

ROADS

**RESOLUTION OF CONVENIENCE & NECESSITY FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS
OF SECTION A OF TEWKSBURY LANE, TR-0972- 2024-33**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller that the BOT of Claridon Twp. Had determined that the public convenience and welfare require the improvement of Tewksbury Lane from Aquilla Road to the cul-de-sac in Claridon Township, and to authorize the Geauga County Engineer to prepare engineering plans in accordance with Section 5573.01 of the ORC. Be it further resolved that the costs and expenses shall be apportioned as follows: the right away costs, if any, and the construction costs for the project shall be paid from local funding sources and state grants and/or loan funds should they be available for this project. 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.

FISCAL ITEMS

MOTION TO RENEW OTARMA INSURANCE POLICY- 24-129

Motion by Mr. Sherman, second by Mr. Tiber to renew the OTARMA insurance policy for 2025, in the amount of \$12,749.15. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was taken. (approximately 20% increase from LY)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE 2025 OTA WINTER CONFERENCE EXPENSES- 24-130

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to approve for Ms. Hietanen, Mr. Tiber, Mr. Miller, Mr. Sherman, and Ms. Drollinger to

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attend the 2025 winter Conference in Columbus, from 1/29/2024-1/31/2024. There was a discussion that registrations and hotel reservations will be handled within the next week or so. (Ms. Hietanen will not be needing hotel accommodations) Roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

FIRE/EMS

**RESOLUTION TO RENEW THE FIRE/EMS CONTRACT WITH BURTON
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT- 2024-34**

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Sherman to renew the Fire/EMS contract between Claridon Township and Burton Volunteer Fire Department, for 2025-2027. Agreed upon compensation the Township shall pay to the BVFD will be as follows:

2025-\$142,480.35
2026-\$148,192.43
2027-\$153,950.46

2025 monthly payments- \$11,873.36
2026 monthly payments- \$12,349.36
2027 monthly payments- \$12,829.20

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.

MEETINGS

The next Trustee meeting will be held on 11/18/2024 at 6:00pm, next BZA meeting will be held on 11/14/24 at 6:30pm, and the next Zoning Commission meeting will be held on 11/25/2024 at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kellog asked why there have been no zoning reports lately for anyone to review, and also if OTARMA is a brokerage firm or an agent firm. After a brief phone call to Mr. Zucarro, it was discovered that OTARMA is a self-funded brokerage firm for insurance.

Ms. Yatsko reported that cemetery headstones that have been recently repaired are looking great.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION 24-131

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Tiber to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC Section 121.22(G)(1) to discuss a current employee/position. Roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

The Trustees entered into Executive Session at 7:07pm.

The Trustees returned to Public Meeting at 7:25pm.

**MOTION TO PLACE MR. BURZANKO ON PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE
UNTIL FURTHER BOARD ACTION- 24-132**

Motion by Mr. Tiber, second by Mr. Miller to place Mr. Burzanko on a paid administrative leave until further Board action. 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 ADJOURN-24-133

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lilly Olszewski,
Township Secretary

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