

TROY TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY
Regular Meeting Minutes – 8:00 PM
Monday, March 18, 2024

Regular Meeting Called to Order by Doug Price at 8:00 p.m.
The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Trustees; Earl Lehner, Troy Morris, and Doug Price
Also, present Fiscal Officer Tracy Parsons, Zoning Inspector Richard Lehner, Assistant Zoning Inspector Michael Endsley. Cemetery Sexton Dale Woods.

Approval of Agenda

Request made by Troy Morris to add the following to the agenda, under New Business, solar eclipse planning and damage to culvert on Section Line Road. Earl Lehner made a motion to approve the March 18, 2024 agenda with the addition of the previously mentioned items. Troy Morris made a second on the motion. Roll Call Vote: All voting yes, the motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Troy Morris made a motion to approve the February 19, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Earl Lehner made a second on the motion. Roll Call Vote: All voting yes, the motion passed.

Open Comments

No Open Comments

Zoning Department

Richard Lehner, Zoning Inspector

- Received a phone call for a possible wedding venue. Also received phone calls from residents that were not happy with the possibility of the venue.
- Received a phone call from a resident on a fence; zoning does not handle fencing, but assisted by providing a referral.
- Talked to a resident about a new home permit.
- Met with electrician about down casting the lighting for Dry Patrol.
- Attended zoning meeting.
- Received a phone call from Delaware Health Department concerning a property they received a complaint about. Mike and Richard, along with the Health Department, went out to investigate the complaint.
- Talked to new homeowner about getting dirt.

Michael Endsley, Assistant Zoning Inspector

- Issued a permit for an accessory barn.
- 745 Hanover Rd., getting a lot of things cleaned up.
- Need to circle back with the resident on 6058 Horseshoe Rd. and complete this transaction.
- TTM Mechanical angled their lighting down to help with the brightness.

- BZA scheduled for this Thursday, March 21, 2023, for 1186 Hills Miller Rd.
- Continue to field phone calls on property located at 1936 Buttermilk Hill Rd, for the possibility of putting in a business at that location.
- No update on Sheetz
- Working with Irwin on making some zoning code changes.
 - Once ready, Mike will bring the requested changes to the zoning commission.
- Mike would also like to change the application process and put them into three separate applications, instead of a single application. The recommendation is to make one for conditional, one for appeals and one for variance. This will provide a cleaner view.

Trustee Reports; Earl Lehner, Troy Morris, Doug Price

- Reviewed Trustee reports attached to the minutes.
- Earl added that he came to the Township Hall today and cleaned up a lot of debris that was left from the recycling pick up. Also recycled some items inside the Township Hall and removed deer carcass on Willey Rd.
- Doug added that he received the truck title to the Freightliner.
- Precision let Doug know that the truck will need to go to FIDA or check to see if they have a mobile unit to do the updates on the truck.
- Doug received an inquiry about a REA for a possible speed limit deduction on Case Rd.

Cemetery Report:

- Reviewed Cemetery Sexton report that Dale submitted. Full service is set up for Monday, March 25 and Dale will be on vacation. Dale will be able get everything planned and the Trustee's volunteered to assist with the service.

Fire District Report provided by Earl Lehner

- Met on February 27, 2024.
- Interviewing for Chief vacancy
- Approved a \$2.00 wage increase for full-time employees, except for Chief position.
- Hired David Wortz for a full-time firefighter position.
- Accepted resignation from a full-time firefighter.
- PO issued to fix one of the engines.
- Purchased five new sets of gear.

Approval of Financial Reports

- Approve payment of warrants for February 19, 2024 through March 18, 2024
- Approve bank reconciliation for February 2024.
- Approve the following financials for March 2024:
 - Fund Summary
 - Appropriations Summary
 - Revenue Summary
 - Payroll Summary

Troy Morris made a motion to approve the financial reports and to approve pending purchase orders, warrants, and payment vouchers. Earl Lehner made a second on the motion. Roll Call Vote: All voting yes, the motion passed.

Earl Lehner made a motion to sell the cemetery plots; Section P, Lot 14, Grave 4 and 5. Section P, Lot 8, Graves 6,7,8. Section P, Lot 9, Grave 10. Section P, Lot 8, Grave 10. Section P, Lot 8, Grave 9. Troy Morris made a second on the motion. Roll Call Vote: All voting yes, the motion passed.

The Fiscal Officer let the Trustees know that the Township was awarded the grant for the water dispensing machine from the Delaware County Health Department.

Old Business:

Doug Price mentioned that he looked into the pricing for blocks for the new salt storage facility. For six footers, the cost is \$100.00 and four footers are \$80.00. This pricing is from the county bid.

Doug Price will get a hold of the company to draw out the plan for the facility and improvements before the project gets started.

Troy Morris made a motion to appoint Doug Price to act on behalf of the Township for the loan application, processing of the loan, and to officially sign the loan documents with Richwood Bank for the facility and improvement project. Earl Lehner made a second on the motion. Roll Call Vote: All voting yes, the motion passed.

Doug Price sent out a draft letter to the postmaster for the Trustee's to review. The purpose of the letter is to notify the Postmaster of the multiple inquires the Township has received from the residents who live on the northside of Hills Miller between US 23 North and Troy Road. Their concerns are about the dangers they face daily in crossing Hills Miller Road to the southside to collect their mail due to driver inattention and the fact Hills Miller Road is fifty-five mph. The ask of the Trustees, on behalf of the residents, is for permission to move their mailboxes to the north side of the road. Also, the letter explains the ask by residents who live on the east side of Troy Road, between the Hills Miller Road and Coover Road, to be allowed to place their mailboxes from the west side of Troy Road to the east of Troy Road. There is no area for residents to stand out of the way as cars go speeding by due to the configuration of the ditch line on the westside of Troy Road from Hills Miller Road to the north towards Coover Road. The Trustee's agreed on the document and signed the letter to be mailed out to the Postmaster.

Troy Morris made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-015 in the matter of approving a final plan for implementing and operating a countywide 9-1-1 system. Earl Lehner made a second on the motion. Roll Call Vote: All voting yes, the motion passed.

New Business:

Doug Price recommended that we consider closing the Marlborough Cemetery entrances for the solar eclipse to prevent damage. Also discussed that we should consider roping off alongside of the road in front of the cemetery. Signs will be placed at the entrances to say the cemetery will be

closed April 6, 7 and 8th. Doug will also check with the church to make sure they are okay with this plan as well.

In addition, Troy Morris suggested blocking off Troutman and possibly Willey Road, or a few other roads, to give emergency services a way to get access to Route 23. Troy will contact the businesses and residents and inform them of the plan.

The Trustees discussed a drain/abutment on Hills Miller Rd. Doug will go look at it again and try to get to a resolution.

Troy Morris discussed a possible issue with the triple culverts by the railroad tracks, after an accident on Section Line Road. Troy will go out and look over the damage and also check on the reflectors to make sure they were knocked not down as well.

Doug Price handed out the plan for the 2024 Troy Township Road Improvements. After talking with John at the Delaware County Engineer's office, he wanted to see if the Trustees would agree to make some changes to the original proposal. Doug proposed to take off Sherwood Road improvements. Also, will need to take off the Buttermilk Hill improvements, as we were approved by OPWC.

Doug proposed to replace the two mentioned above, with berming that is needed for Penry, Section Line, Buttermilk, Hills Miller, Troutman, Willey, Kelly McMaster, and Whipple. Doug will inquire with the County to see if they can do the berming that is needed for the roads.

Doug also proposed to have work completed on the culvert on the corner of Section Line Road and Penry Road.

The Trustee's all agreed to the proposed changes.

Troy Morris made a motion to replace the culverts at Section Line and Penry Road, with an estimated cost of \$15,249.51. Earl Lehner made a second on the motion. Roll Call Vote: All voting yes, the motion passed.

Doug Price asked if the Trustee's saw the recent publication from the Ohio Township Association, regarding the issues being raised around Township Zoning: The Ohio Senate has been exploring the housing crisis in Ohio and created a task force to exam the issue and make legislative recommendations to solve the problem. As a result, rights of townships have recently been under intense scrutiny by various outside interest groups. A few items the groups are suggesting is the elimination of township zoning except those that have adopted limited home rule pursuant to R.C. CH. 504. Also, the creation of statewide zoning and building standards. You can find more information on the OTA Website.

ADJOURNMENT:

*There being no further business to come before the board, Earl Lehner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Troy Morris made a second on the motion. Roll Call Vote: All voting yes, the motion passed.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TROY TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE, OHIO**

Doug Price, Chair *Doug Price*

Earl Lehner Trustee *Earl Lehner*

Troy Morris, Trustee *Troy Morris*

Attest: Fiscal Officer, Tracy Parsons *Tracy Parsons*