

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2021

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Wayne Township Trustees

BILL JONES
ED TRUSTER
TIM TAYLOR

Administrator/Zoning

DANIEL HOIT

Fiscal Officer

LAURA DALEY

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Bill Jones called the October 18th regular meeting to order at 7:01pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the pledge to our flag.

ROLL CALL

All members of the board were present. Roll call was taken; 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

AUDIENCE OF PUBLIC

- None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- None.

PRESENTATIONS

Daniel Hoit shared a letter some townships were submitting to the County Commissioners office regarding extending fiopics to those still in need in the Edgewood area as they are looking to do in the Talawanda area. Daniel will draft a letter for broadband support in our area to present.

REPORTS

- Fiscal Officer, Laura Daley paid all invoices and payroll. Deposited receipts for the month. Explained that some revenues are down year to date. She stated she still has not received the heavenly acres project invoice from the county and had hoped to have that taken care of by Year end. The audit is complete but we have not received the final report nor the invoice.
- Fire - Report attached.
- Zoning -Report attached.
- Road – Report attached.

UNFINISHED BUISNESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Solar Farms- A farm that puts solar panels in a field instead of crops. This is due to the push for cleaner power. Ohio is a good location for these solar farms because of the electrical infrastructure. Rural areas can benefit as farmers would receive annual payments with the possibility of grossing more than actually farming the land would be. The State put in a decommission bond in tact to make sure at the end of the contracted time that all equipment is to be removed and land put back in original condition. Also special training for Fire and EMS will be offered if any of these farms came to the Township.
2. Internet update – letter attached.
3. Organizational Meeting – January 3rd, 2021 at 7pm.
4. Fire/EMS contract – was signed and notarized. The contract is the same as the 2021 Contract just extended through 2022.
5. New tractor and arm mower. A quick discussion was had that a larger tractor would be needed and it was determined to reject all bids that were received, A motion was made by bill Jones, followed by a second by Tim Taylor, roll call was taken; 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

LEGISLATION

None.

AUDIENCE OF PUBLIC

None.

AUDIENCE OF TRUSTEES

Tim Taylor – stated that he had been to the Dr. and they found that his heart was only functioning at 29%. He is scheduled for a procedure on November 29th. He stated if necessary he would be resigning his position as Trustee but before that happens he has things he would like to say. He stated that he had read Bill Jones' article from the Fall newsletter and it rubbed him the wrong way. He felt that Bill should have proof of the things he stated in his newsletter, he went on to criticize Fiscal Officer Laura Daley for the findings of the 2015-16 Audit where the prior Fiscal Officer Patricia Meek and prior board of Trustees were required to repay funds after a recovery for funds were found against them. Mr. Jones explained the points he made in the newsletter had been proven in previous public meetings, and in the actions from the previous board. He asked if Mr. Taylor wanted a response. Mr. Taylor stated he wanted proof. Mr. Jones explained that most he had witnessed with his own eyes and the rest can be proven through past experiences of Township resident's. When Mr. Taylor turned his attention back to Mrs. Daley, she reexplained to Mr. Taylor the findings from the '15-'16 audit was paid back and at that point she put it in the past. He was still upset, stating that the fiscal officer shared information before coming to the Trustees. She explained that was not true and that she worked for months with the State Auditor to get the amounts that were required to be paid back to a reasonable amount. He blamed bad Fiscal decisions and budgeting errors in the past for the mistakes. Mrs. Daley explained that all of this was before she took office and she could neither confirm or deny what caused the over payments of the Trustees and Fiscal Officer, she only knows what was found in that Audit. She stated that this was all in the past and this board and her only priorities should be the wellbeing of the Township and its residents

now. She asked that he let this go and focus on his own health and not dwell on things that were corrected six years ago.

Edward Truster – Stated he could not recall the misappropriation of funds from 2015 or previous but was only a part of the road crew and was possibly kept out of the budgeting errors.

Bill Jones – Stated that he hoped we can all move on from this as it was a long time ago and feels we have made great strides in the right direction since then.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the revised code.

A motion to go into executive session for the above purpose was made by Edward Truster and followed by a second by Tim Taylor. Roll call was taken; 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

The Trustees went into executive session at 8:28pm.

A motion to come out of executive session was made by Edward Truster and followed by a second by Tim Taylor at 9:47pm. Roll call was taken; 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

NEXT MEETING

1. December 20th, 2021 at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Ed Truster made a motion to adjourn the November 15th, 2021 meeting, followed by a second by Tim Taylor. Roll call was taken; 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47pm.



WAYNE TOWNSHIP
FIRE DEPARTMENT

4575 OXFORD MIDDLETOWN ROAD



Trustees Report September 20, 2021

October 2021

FIRE -- 15 Runs;

EMS -- 9 runs;

8 Squad Assist

-8 Transports

4 Motor Vehicle Accidents

-1 Non-Transport

3 M.A.

3 Missed due to no crew (All w/ First Responder)

-To Franklin Twp (Str. Fire)

10/5 -- Seven Mile

-To Hanover Twp (Str. Fire)

10/6 -- Madison

-To Madison Twp. (Veh. Fire)

10/17 - Madison

OTHER

- Ambulance Update - will go into shop this week, frame shop, repairs should take a few months.
- other - time line not guaranteed.

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ROAD DEPARTMENT

NOVEMBER 2021 REPORT

NOVEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<u>Project:</u>	<u>Date Completed:</u>
ODOT Stimulus Grant - Tolbert	Oct. 26
Room Set up for Elections	Nov. 1
Admin Building Weedeat	Nov. 1
Election Day Assistance	Nov. 2
New Lights on Ford Medic	Nov. 2
Corner ODOT Property Mowed	Nov. 2
Road Mowing 3rd Round	Nov. 2
Road Mowing Tractors washed and Put up	Nov. 2
Ditching - 4450 Windy Meadows	Nov. 3
Cotton Run Cemetery Mowed	Nov. 3
Arrowhead Estates Mowed	Nov. 3
Dump Truck 7 Serviced	Nov. 3
Wayside/Hole Mowed	Nov. 4
Simonson Mowed	Nov. 4
Shiloh Mowed	Nov. 4
Dump Truck 3 Serviced	Nov. 5
Snow plows assembled	Nov. 8
Truck 1 Serviced	Nov. 9
Truck 2 Serviced	Nov. 9
ALL Vehicles Treated w/ Rust Prev.	Nov. 10
Build Frames for Foundations	Nov. 11
Road Checks	Nov. 12
Met w/ Gratis Twp on borrowing buggy	Nov. 12
Worked on Tanker fill lights	Nov. 15
Ditching - 6048 Paullin Drive	Nov. 15

WAYNE TOWNSHIP
ZONING DEPARTMENT

5967 JACKSONBURG ROAD

Trustees Report November 15, 2021

- 2 Zoning Certificates:
 - o Accessory Structure – 5313 Thomas Road
 - o Porch addition- 2055 Oxford Middletown Rd

-BZA Hearing

-Nuisance Properties

4355 Wayne Madison Road

-Village of Jacksonburg Property Septic Issues



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November 15, 2021

Dear Butler County Commissioners,

The Wayne Township Board of Trustees has spoken with numerous residents and has been approached with questions in regard to limited internet accessibility in our Township. Our Township is fully committed to working to close the digital divide in our region and we hope to work with the County to achieve this goal. Accessible and affordable broadband is a lifeline to education, healthcare, and employment. The COVID-19 pandemic fully exposed the deficiency of broadband connectivity in Butler County and numerous residents were greatly impacted by the digital divide. We especially felt this in the Edgewood School District and we believe this is a critical issue of economic vitality and health. Some areas of Wayne Township still rely on Dial up connections due to very limited availability,

To address the gap in broadband connectivity, we propose that the County lead a County wide RFQ process to help our entire region address disparities in broadband internet access. If the County feels that taking a central role as a lead on an RFQ for this process is not the proper approach, then we recommend supporting the Butler Rural Electric Cooperative efforts. Their pending request that they have sent to you will help address this disparity for over 2,000 residents and significantly move the needle toward addressing the digital divide in our county.

If the County agrees to take a central lead in this effort, we agree to explore and establish our appropriate financial commitment toward these efforts using our American Rescue Plan Funds. We believe that by working together, we can strengthen the economic health of our entire region and close the digital divide.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to discussing a possible County wide partnership.