

WAYNE TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY
SPECIAL TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 24TH, 2024

5967 Jacksonburg Road, Trenton, Ohio 45067

Wayne Township Trustees

BILL JONES
ED TRUSTER
TIM TAYLOR

Zoning/ Fiscal Officer

LAURA DALEY

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Bill Jones called the January 24th, 2024 Special meeting to order at 7:03pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken; all members of the board were present.

AUDIENCE OF PUBLIC

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval will be at the February 20th Regular Trustees meeting.

REPORTS

- Reports will be at the February 20th regular Trustees meeting.

UNFINISHED BUISNESS

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING ATTORNEY.

Trustee Bill Jones stated that the Trustees were entertaining the idea of hiring counsel to represent the Township instead of using the County Prosecutors' office. He stated that this is just a conversation and there are multiple things that must be considered before making this decision. A discussion regarding some of the pro's and cons and speaking with multiple law firms would be necessary. Leon Simpson mentioned reaching out to Mike Brown. Laura Daley stated that she had reservations regarding the idea as a major lawsuit that would not be handled by the attorneys within our insurance company, such as zoning situations. She said she feared something of this nature could really hurt us financially and asked the Trustees to be careful in this consideration. The Trustees agreed with her and stated they just want to see what their options are.

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING 73/JACKSONBURG ROUND-A-BOUT.

Next a continuation of a discussion regarding the round-a-bout was held. Ideas for someone adopting the round-a-bout, and options if the Township took it over were discussed. The Bartels and the Wilson's both offered to participate in the beautifying but neither stated they would be interested in the adoption of it. Some more questions regarding permissible materials were questioned as well as maintenance and safety were discussed. Trustee Ed Truster is going to reach back out to Shane with ODOT to discuss some of these questions.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF TEN G-4 PAGERS FROM MOBILECOMM FOR USE IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE NOT TO EXCEED SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000.00).

A motion to approve was made by Trustee Bill Jones, followed by a second by Trustee Tim Taylor. Roll call was taken; 2 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, 1 abstain.

2. A MOTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COUGAR ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$9,850.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING EXTERIOR LIGHTING AT ALL TOWNSHIP BUILDINGS AND PARKING LOTS.

A motion to accept was made by Trustee Ed Truster, followed by a second by Trustee Tim Taylor. Roll call was taken; 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

AUDIENCE OF PUBLIC

Morgan Sloan of Wayne Township, Edgewood High School and Butler Tech Senior attended the meeting and greeted the Trustees to introduce herself. She is applying for a scholarship from both the Ohio Township Association and the Butler County Township Association and part of the application process is to attend a Trustees meeting.

Austin Young, Wayne Township Road Superintendent stated that he had received several complaints regarding horseback riders riding down public streets in the middle of the night or very early mornings and are leaving the horse droppings in the road including in front of driveways created a situation where the waste is then being driven through and tracked into their garages. They asked if anything could be done as it continues to happen multiple times in recent days. The Trustees stated that if we could find out who was responsible we could possibly talk to them, as far as enforcement goes, Laura could look and see if there is something in the ORC.

AUDIENCE OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Ed Truster reminded everyone of the upcoming Fire training being presented by Butler Rural regarding electrical dangers in rescues. It is a very good demonstration and anyone is welcome.

Trustee Tim Taylor stated Rodney Creech will be at the upcoming Zoning Commission meeting on February 1st at 7:00pm.

A short discussion was held regarding needing to reschedule the March meeting due to the board of elections will be setting up for the Presidential Primary election on March 18th during our regular scheduled meeting. Tuesday will be the actual election. The March meeting was rescheduled for Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

NEXT MEETING

- Zoning Commission Meeting - February 1st, 2024, Thursday at 7:00pm
- Regular Trustees Meeting - February 20th, 2024, Tuesday at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Ed Truster, followed by a second by Trustee Tim Taylor. The January 24th, 2024 Special Trustees meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm. Roll call was taken; 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.