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Crosby Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2016

The regular meeting for September 12, 2016 was called to order by Mr. Dole at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Niehaus and Mr. Heis were also present.

Motion by Mr. Niehaus to accept the Minutes from the regular meeting held August 8, 2016; Mr. Heis seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of bills by Mr. Heis and seconded by Mr. Niehaus. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence. :

Mr. Dole reports his correspondence: "Voter Guides" for distribution to residents will soon be available. Also announced a meeting at Fernald on Saturday October 29, 2016 at 10am until 2pm for "Weapons to Wetlands: A Decade to Difference" presented by the Dept. of Energy. He also read postcards from Harrison V.O.C.E. thanking the Trustees for the opportunity to use the Community Center, and a postcard from "Young Life" Ministry also thanking the Trustees for the use of the Community Center.

Mr. Niehaus had no correspondence to report.

Mr. Heis had no correspondence to report.

Guests and Public:

Sheriff's report: for August, 2016, Sgt. Dave Downing, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office reported: 3 details for CIS, 2 were closed; 22 traffic "contacts" with 7 violations and 3 speeding tickets. Ten vacation checks, 2 criminal arrests (drugs) and 19 business checks and 8 school patrols. The DEA is offering a "drug takeback" day on October 22, 2016 that is tightly controlled and detailed. The DEA needs to identify a location; Crosby will advertise participation with the Harrison Township location.

Public at large: Gwen Lawhorn from Crosby Elem. PTA announces the annual carnival on Saturday, October 8, 2016.

William Minges reports that the creek is eroding his property and he is looking for assistance. Mr. Niehaus recommends Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation be contacted for permission to work on the fill-in.

New Baltimore resident asked for clarification of location of dumpsters, which have been moved to the fire station.

Tony Torres presented a rendition of proposed signage saying "Welcome to New Haven, a Greenbelt Community", approximately 6-1/2 ft. in length and 22 inches wide. Location will need to be approved by the County due to the sign location in relation to the right-of-way. Trustees requested a price which Tony will provide.

Dan Hargis questions whether the SLSD board members or administration have reported to the Township concerning the school levy and requested to be placed on a future agenda. The Trustees have had no contact from anyone from Southwest Local.

Reports:

Legal: Mr. Trenz not available for this meeting and no report.

Maintenance Department: no report; Mr. Niehaus asked if Harry has received any prices for the blacktop sealant and he has not yet received that information. Also, Mr. Niehaus reminded Mr. Meyers that some township roads will soon be in need of crack repair.

Fire/EMS: Chief Bruce Downard reports for August Run Report: official report submitted, including EMS transports totaling 53 with 22 fire/rescue runs and 31 emergency medical runs in August; 6 total runs to Miami Whitewater, 3 structure fires. Also, 3 motor vehicle accidents and 19 total ALS runs. 1 person required to be tazed and 2 drug overdoses.

Chief Downard presented packets of information for the Trustees to review for a future determination concerning fire department staffing and "shifts review". Crosby applied for a federal safety grant that has not been determined yet.

Community Coordinator: Coordinator Brenda Jackson referenced her official report that she submitted. Brenda reported that the telephone transition is complete. The Crosby Township "mini-grants" benefitting local residents are now available and are provided by our local fundraising event, "Reindeer Romp". She also reported on the Crosby Seniors' recent travel plans.

Fiscal Officer: Mr. Bibbo had no report.

Zoning: Mr. Espel reports fourteen (14) zoning permits in August. There needs to be a Zoning Appeals Meeting soon but no date has yet been determined.

Old Business:

None from Mr. Dole.

None from Mr. Niehaus.

None from Mr. Heis.

New Business:

Mr. Dole has no new business.

Mr. Niehaus: reports that the "bad spot" on New Haven Rd. has been marked; he also spoke with Rick Losekamp and the water at Community Center is "good" (two more tests this month and three more next month is necessary) for the well water to be considered "passable"; proper and lawful water access on township property was discussed at length; staff reports that the water pressure at Community Center is good; Bob Bass, Fort Scott resident, and Mr. Niehaus discussed water pressure issues at Fort Scott and that "water works" has not yet responded to the questions concerning this issue. Mr. Niehaus also reports that he and Bob Bibbo met with Heyob about the propane options for the township for this winter; Mr. Niehaus recommends we participate in the "summer fill" plan (as opposed to purchasing larger propane tanks) and that the township uses an average of 5,000 gallons propane/yearly; Mr. Heis made a Motion that we participate in the "summer fill" plan and pre-pay the same amount as 2015, seconded by Mr. Niehaus. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Heis: A portion of St. Rt. 128 will be closed for 5 days beginning September 26, 2016. Also, one unsightly site in New Baltimore has been removed, and WEST-JAD will possibly "run out of money" by end of 2017. A tax levy might be necessary to address this issue. WEST-JAD will hold their next meeting in October and this topic will be discussed. Mr. Heis recommends that the Trustees consider their options once all the information is known.

Other Business: none

There being no further agenda topics and no further comments by the public in attendance, at 8:07 pm the meeting adjourned with a Motion by Mr. Heis, seconded by Mr. Niehaus. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting: **October 10, 2016 at 7pm.**

ATTEST:

Mr. Dole, President, Board of Trustees

Mr. Bibbo, Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Board of Trustees of Crosby Township concerning and relating to adoptions or resolutions and or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.