

## ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP

JANUARY 11, 2022

The board of Trustees met in regular session, with Sam Grafton, and Bub Grimm answering roll call, Mark Clark, excused absence, hospitalized.

The swearing in of Dave Fulmer was done for his volunteer position of Fire Prevention Officer.

A financial meeting was held, with the Fiscal Officer answering Budget questions and reading bills paid. Request for year end reports was made by Mark Longo. It was explained that an update was announced by the State Auditor which should be received by January 18<sup>th</sup>, after that update is installed, the year-end could be completed. Reports will be available to view at the February finance meeting. It was further explained that in January and usually February, the Township operates in a Temporary mode, until permanent budget information is received by the County Auditor.

Bub moved to accept the previous months minutes and financials. Sam second.

### SHAWN SMITH-POTTERY ADDITION FIRE DEPARTMENT

Since Financials were being discussed, Shawn had questions for Dave, Fire Prevention Officer, on Budget information Dave had requested. Dave explained that the sooner he could have information from the departments the sooner he could make recommendations.

### BID OPENINGS

The Trailer bid opening was postponed due to meeting cancellations. One bid was received prior to the original date, none after. The bid received was from Roioano Contracting, which read \$500.00 over the lowest bid. The lowest amount to accept was set at \$4,000.00. Jeff read over the bid, so therefore the Trailer goes to Roioano Contracting for \$4500.00. Bub moved to accept this bid/price, Sam second. Once check is received and cleared, the Title will be signed over.

### LMI GRANT

Sam explained the LMI Grant, will be applied for. Regional planning will meet January 19<sup>th</sup>. Sam moved to collect information on roads before the next meeting. Bub second. Because of Covid last year's money was not released. We completed the paperwork, that can be resubmitted this year.

### AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP)

An updated guideline and reference materials were just released explaining the ARP Funding. At this time no decision has been made regarding the spending. 2024 is the deadline to appropriate.

### FEMA SLIPS

Township Road 381, no updates as of today were received. Mark Longo suggested that residents write letters regarding this situation.

### Township Road 350

The upper slip is complete, we are waiting on the payment from FEMA to pay Alan Stone their final invoices. The second slip is currently scheduled for completion, except for asphalt, by Friday, weather permitting. Once the County inspects and OK's, the road can be opened. Guardrail is now mandatory with a manmade drop off. Sam added that there are 2 culverts that the Township will install, that were omitted from the specifications of the contract, but need replaced.

Clark, from TEMS, ask to be notified when the road is opened.

Andrea Simpson ask if the Township would be blacktopping the unfinished portion (up to Knox Townships part),

Sam and Bub both agreed that yes, that will be done.

### STEPHANIE CHESTER

Just Observing.

### SHAWN SMITH- POTTERY ADDITION FIRE DEPARTMENT

Shawn wanted to thank the Township for their help on a garage fire call. The Township was a big help in keeping the road clear.

### TEMS-CLARK CRAGO

Clark was present to ask about the current EMS situation. This started last June, and not knowing what tomorrow brings is frustrating to them. Sam stated he understands, and we are currently looking to make a united decision. Mr. Fulmer has ideas, that we want to make sure of the legal end of it. Bub added, if that doesn't work, we will have no choice but to join your district, but would like three Trustees to be in agreement with that.

The current contracts have been extended to March 31, 2022.

### JIM WAYT-NANCY STREET

Jim was present to again discuss the situation on Nancy Street. He talked to an Attorney and felt we can just go in and measure 50 feet from the middle of the road to determine if we can remove the fence that's causing the problem. Jeff explained, that we have to following legal guidelines. Have his attorney call Jeff and he'll explain. Letters have been written. Mr. Wayt requested copies of those letters.

Jeff went on to explain that we would have to hire a surveyor to legally determine the Townships right of way, and this is costly to the Township. We can't just say the road is in the right place. We can't go on private property.

We understand it's a bad situation, we can't understand why when you send someone a letter, they don't comply. Sam will check into the cost and time line of a surveyor.

Mr. Wayt added that there is a truck now parked obstructing the view.

Mr. Longo also brought up the truck parked on East Road. That license plate will expire January 31<sup>st</sup>, then if we can get a name and address we can move forward. But if there are legal plates on them, we can't do anything.

Jeff added the Sheriff maybe able to tow if the registration is out of date.

### DAVE FULMER-FIRE PREVENTION

Dave gave his report of working on a draft recommendation. He would like to get the TEMS Contract wrapped up and move forward. He tried to set up a meeting with Richmond and Wintersville to discuss their concerns, but Rob was ill.

### MARK LONGO-SNOW STORM

Mark stated that who ever did his road did an excellent job. Best its been in a few years. Troy, Road Foreman stated we have new drivers, so we appreciate the comment.

Sam moved we go into Executive Session to discuss an on-going litigation, Bub second, Roll call:

Sam Grafton     aye

Bub Grimm       aye

Sam moved to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting, Bub second  
Roll Call:

Sam Grafton     aye

Bub Grimm       aye

BASEBALL CONTRACT

We will review and make additions to the Park contract.

MOWING BIDS

The mowing bids need to be reviewed and additions made.

COLUMBIA GAS

Columbia Gas will be completing construction on replacing their pipes in the Pottery Addition Area. It will be a mess during this construction phase.

OHIO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Paper work was re-signed and notarized by Jeff, and will be returned to Trebell.

PIERCE MEDIA

Pierce Media is working on our Website, and will train us accordingly. Depending on what we can do, there is a monthly fee for them to maintain.

Sam moved to accept the following as Legal Obligation of the Township, Bub second, all in favor. (See attached)

BUDGETARY

Sam moved to accept the following supplemental appropriations:

TO: 2031-110-213-0000 Medicare \$50.00

FROM: 2031-330-190-0000 Other

TO: 2031-110-213-0000 Medicare 55.00

FROM 2031-330-190-0000 Other

Bub second, all in favor.

Sam also moved to accept the Permanent Appropriation of:

4902-760-790-0000 FEMA \$61,331.26

Bub second.

(Attached is also the permanent appropriates to close out end of year)

There being no further business, brought to the board, Sam moved to adjourn, Bub second. All in favor.

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CHAIRMAN

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FISCAL OFFICER