

ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP
OCTOBER 11, 2022

FINANCIAL MEETING

The Fiscal Officer began the financial meeting by reading a summary of the truck payments, payroll, utilities, and read all other expenses being paid for the month. PO's being signed were for the Fire Departments, as the payment of the second half real estate will be distributed in November. Also, for Columbia Gas, for heat at the garage.

It was noted that a request to the County Auditor for an amended certificate of estimated resources was sent and therefore supplemental appropriations and increases will need approved.

We will send another at the end of the year.

Brenda Powley ask for the balance of the ARPA money, which is \$372,534.00. Some of EMS Payment to TEMS will come out of that next month.

A credit was also received from Shelly and Sands for an overcharge on the blacktop amount.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting began with the roll call;

Ralph (Bub) Grimm: Present

Sam Grafton: Present

Brian Applegarth: Here

Bub moved to accept the previous months minutes, Brian second. All in favor

Brian moved to accept the Records Commission minutes, Bub second. All in favor.

Bub moved to accept the September Financials, Brian second. All in favor.

ROB HERRINGTON-FIRE/EMS LEVY

Rob explained that signs should be ready Friday, and had flyers available for those present. He noted that they also will have more flyers printed up to hand out. They do have two meetings

scheduled with public groups that requested them to talk about the levy. The Departments will also be meeting again and would like to set up a public meeting. Like everything else there is some mis-information out about the levy and they are trying to answer those questions with the information in the flyer. Anyone who has questions, any of the agencies can be contacted. He explained why the Levy was necessary. There hasn't been any funding change, and the average per capita base in Ohio is \$148.00 per person. In Island Creek it's \$37.51 right now. If the levy would pass it would raise the Island Creek average to \$84.74.

A \$100,000.00 value house would pay .39 cents per day. It was also explained why it says additional tax. In Ohio, if your putting a tax on to replace a tax, it has to be stated that way. If the Levy passes, its been stated that the other taxes for Fire and EMS will be removed. Rob also has breakdowns of the expenses the departments have, that are listed on the flyer. Fund raising is down, they all go after grants. There are not millions of dollars out there. Collectables are way down. There are a lot of people that don't have insurance or means to pay, if service is needed, we will not discontinue the service if people can't pay. The organizations realize this isn't a good time for a levy, but the organizations are dealing with the cost of operating.

They will also have something set up with the Media to discuss the Levy. He will notify us with the dates and times of the public meetings.

BELL PROPERTY- FIRE

We filed judgment and things are working, hoping in November to issue the tare down. Rob added that he (Mr. Bell) is still there, Agency's did try to set up a half way house for him, but he refused.

ROAD LEVY RENEWAL

Sam added the Township does have a renewal on the Road Levy. It is not a new Levy. It was first on in 2018, a 2 mil, which generates approximately \$252,000.00 strictly used for road maintenance.

MARK LONGO-ROAD SIGNS

Mark ask about a sign for Kings Drive, (not a GPS route, restricting Trucks), Brian explained that he followed up with Jeff. Jeff explained he felt we shouldn't do it, as we would be inviting a lawsuit. It's hard for us in subdivisions. Mark ask the reason for other signs in the Township. Jeff explained we can put the sign up, but how can we enforce it. Jeff explained he is trying to avoid the litigation on issues like this. Mark ask if Jeff wanted to call Ohio Power about the damaged occurred. Jeff felt Ohio Power will go after the people. Mark added that, it was discussed that the truck driver should have known better, but if we are allowing semis back the road to deliver, why can't I. Brian ask what Township Law did he break? Nothing because there is no sign. Jeff added that if there are speed limit signs up, we can't enforce them. Mark then ask, what happens if there are injuries or a death? Jeff didn't feel the Township would be in that lawsuit. Brian ask if there was a sign on 16 ridge, and someone gets hit, do they go after the

County? No. Mark stated getting back to the point being made about a business, you're not shutting anyone's business down, (some of conversation inaudible) and Mark added, that he mention at the last meeting that the stop sign is missing, Sam explained the County had been notified. The fact remains your allowing someone to come into the neighborhood and he's causing damage. The guy won't lose his business because FedEx can ship on smaller trucks. Sam explained that we will stick with what our legal councils' advice. Mark ask why the signs are on other roads, Ludlow, 384 and 375. Bub explained that where there are GPS signs up, its from Walmart trucks getting lost, and stuck under trees on 371, that's why the sign is on 375. Got stuck on Seven Creeks, that's why the sign is on 384, went back Ludlow and couldn't turn around, got stuck, it took two days to pull him out. That's why the signs are on those roads. Mark added that a truck went into Kings Drive and caused damage, so what's our point? Bub explained you ask why the signs were on those roads.

FEMA 381, Slip

The email regarding FEMA needing to do an Environmental and Historical study, before we can move forward was explained.

PARK

Fall Ball should be over on the 18th, and the ceiling project will begin.

FIRE CONTRACTS

Pottery Addition has the contract with the wording added of: The Township shall pay 47.5% of the revenue remaining balance of Fire Funds, (after other agencies paid)
Pleasant Hills contract also had the wording added.

SUSPEND OLD LEVIES

Ralph (Bub) Grimm, moved to suspend all old EMS/Fire Levies if the new Levy passes. Brian Applegarth second. All in favor.
If the Levy passes, a resolution will be drawn up and submitted to the Auditor.

LMI GRANT

Regional planning requested a letter stating our share of the grant. We will most likely have to cut back on the plan, but that can be done next year.

CREDIT CARD POLICY

The credit card policy was reviewed, noting that Brian Sayers was added, and Troy removed.

HALLOWEEN

Bub moved to have Halloween Hours on October 29th, from 5-7 PM. Brian second. All in favor.

ARPA FUNDS

Bub moved to use the ARPA money for the Park improvements, Brian second. All in favor.
A Blanket certificate of \$25,000.00 was signed.

ISSUE TWO

We haven't received the bill from the Issue two project.

SAFETY GRANT

We need to apply for the OTARMA Safety Grant of \$500.00. We will talk with road Foreman Brian Sayers, on his ideas.

Brian Applegarth, explained there has been a lot of mis information on the LEVY, mainly on social media. He would encourage anyone with questions, to attend the public meetings on the levy or reach out to the agencies to get the facts.

Mark Longo ask what are the plans if the Levy fails, Rob's opinion was they will probably pull out and put a levy on the ballot for residents we protect in Island Creek to join their district. It is 6 mils also. Again, Rob explained, that Cross Creek and Wintersville are paying a larger portion for the service. Rob added that the Trustees could vote tonight to join districts and the tax would be imposed to the residents, the Trustees choose not to do that, they chose to put it on the ballot for the residence to vote on it. This gives the public the chance to vote.

Rob went onto explain that, at the Townships meeting, there's a lot on their plates to discuss. If you go to our district meetings or TEMS meetings, that's all they discuss Fire or EMS. Going into a district doesn't always fix everything. But the forum is only district problems. There's also Mutual Aid that takes place.

Brian Applegarth reminded the residents that TEMS was going to pull out and gave us a date. Rob continued service. The ARPA Money wasn't a gift it was to catch them up. TEMS and Richmond also received ARPA. Thank God for ARPA Money. Now we have a chance to make things right, should have been last year, or ten years ago, but we can still do it now. Rob added you all tried to fix it up to this point, but had to put a levy on because obviously we don't have an unending supply of ARPA money. The agencies have tried to work to resolve it. All we can do is tell them the truth and get the information out.

Bub moved to accept the following supplemental appropriations, Brian second, all in favor;

TO: 2273-610-323-0000 \$25,000.00 Repairs and maintenance

FROM: 2273-990-990-0000 Other

TO: 2031-330-211-0000 3500.00 OPERS

FROM: 2031-110-211-0000 1000.00 OPERS
FROM: 2031-330-230-0000 2500.00 Workers Compensation

TO:2273-990-990-0000 10419.99 Other
FROM: 2273-230-599-0000 Other Expenses

TO: 2192-220-360-0000 455.65 Contracted Services
FROM: 2292-220-314-0000 Tax Fees

TO: 2142-330-420-0000 \$251.85 Operating supplies
FROM: 2142-330-314-0000 Tax Fees

TO:2193-223-360-0000 599.75 Contracted Services
FROM: 2193-220-314-0000 Tax Fees

TO: 2194-220-330-0000 271.78 Contracted Services
FROM:2194-220-314-0000 Tax Fees

Bub moved to accept the following increase in the appropriations:

2111-220-360-0000 \$4,478.37 Contracted Services, Fire Fund

2031-330-221-0000 \$11,806.89 OPERS Road & Bridge
2031-330-211-0000 \$865.34 OPERS (administration), Road & Bridge
2031-330-420-0000 \$5,000.00 Salaries, Road & Bridge
2141-330-360-0000 \$4,328.12 Contracted Service, Road District
2142-330-420-0000 \$9,250.40 Operating Supplies, Road Levy 2018
2142-330-420-0000 \$251.85 Operating Supplies, Road Levy 2018
2191-230-360-0000 \$3,475.79 Contracted Services EMS
2192-220-360-0000 \$1,456.76 Contracted Services Fire
2192-990-990-0000 \$49,647.00 Grant received Fire
2193-220-360-0000 \$1,144.61 Contracted Services Fire Apparatus
2194-220-360-0000 \$23,18.93 Contracted Services Fire Apparatus & BLDG.
2195-330-330-0000 \$4,577.36 Contracted Services, Road Levy
2273-230-599-0000 \$309,899.13 Second Round, ARPA
2901-760-730-0000 \$980.60 Park
4401-820-820-0000 \$0.70 Public Works, St Joseph DR.

And decrease:

2031-330-190-0000 -\$2,932.67 Other Salaries, Road & Bridge
4403-760-700-0000 -\$768.00 Public Works, slip grant

Brian second, all in favor.

Brian moved to accept the following as legal obligation of the Township, Bub second, all in favor.

There being no further business to discuss, Bub moved to adjourn, Brian second. All in favor.

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER