

ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP

JUNE 14, 2022

Financial Meeting:

The Fiscal Officer read the bills that were being paid along with the payroll totals, utility totals, and truck payments. It was explained that a receipt and PO were being signed showing the Ohio Public Works Commission Grant of \$159,132.00 for the lower slip on Township Road 350. The Auditor of State requires the Township to show the funds coming in and a memo of it going back out for the payment of the work done by the contractor who was paid directly by Ohio Public Works Commission. It was also explained that a payment to the Ohio Treasury of State of \$8,303.65, was a loan for the St. Joseph Drive project, which was paid for by the residents of St. Joseph Drive through their real estate taxes, for the Township to take over this road. This is the final payment. A PO was signed for Truck repairs to Gerry Raymond Automotive.

CREDIT CARD

The credit on the credit card (from the phone return) was used to purchase a sweeper, for the Community Building and water for cleanup days.

OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

It was also noted that the membership dues to the Ohio Co-op program have been dismissed this year, but will resume next year.

REGULAR MEETING

Sam Grafton, Chairman, called the regular meeting to order, with roll call as follows:

Sam Grafton, present
Ralph (Bub) Grimm, present
Brian Applegarth, here

Brian moved to Accept the May minutes, Sam second. All in favor.

Bub moved to approve the June Special minutes, Brian second.

Brian moved to accept the May Financials, Sam second.

OVERLOOK HILLS

Sam called on Stephanie Wendell to speak, Bob Burns ask if he could speak first as he had to leave. Bob stated he lives next door to Robert

Bell. Mr. Burns stated Mr. Bell is living in his automobile, he hasn't paid his taxes, loans, and has no insurance. He talked to the Health Department today, they are working on it. They were to come today to give him notice to clean the area up. Mr. Burns explained he lives next door to Mr. Bell, he is taking care of his ill wife. Mr. Bell came to his door, he feels he has mental problems, he needs protection. Everyone that goes over there and taking him food, or water are enabling him to stay there. Mr. Burns does not want to put up with it. (disruption from crowd) He (Mr. Bell) had an offer from Urban Mission he refused.

Rob Herrington wanted to give an update since the fire, on March 28th. Mr. Bell had agreed to have the property demolished. The problem occurred when the Title Search was done, there's a \$107,000.00 lien on the property. So that stops the process of just him signing off on demolishing the property. On this particular case, the Health Department is going to declare this property a public nuisance.

Once that starts, it will go thru a 30-day period where there is an appeal process. He had agreed to have the property demolished, but because of the lien we have to follow the prosecutors process. To force him out of there is going to be a problem. He owns the property, so he can basically pitch a tent, rent a porta john and stay there. There are multiple people working on this. In some cities there are laws, about having sanitation, and such. But we have no such laws here. We are hoping that once the property is cleaned up and the cars gone, then maybe he can be convinced to leave. Rob thought the Health Dept. will follow up with the paperwork tomorrow. Sam added that he has 30 days to contest it, he doesn't want anyone to think this can be resolved in 30 days, it could be longer. Rob hopes the 30 days to contest it will start tomorrow. Jeff Brown also explained that the Township will have to hire a building inspector. Brian Applegarth ask about health check on him. Rob explained that adult protection services was not willing to deal with him because of his age. The bases for the Mental Health, and having him institutionalized, is if he's a threat to himself or others. He has never made a threat. Rob added if he does threaten anyone it needs to be reported right away. It needs to be documented. Brian ask about the restroom conditions, when does it become indecent disposure. Rob added, there are some places that have regulations, and some that don't.

MARK LONGO

Mr. Longo and Sam have had a previous conversation regarding deed restrictions on Kings Drive. We'll see what happens. Also, there is a culvert by the pine trees that we need to open up.

BROCKWAY- Township 381

Mr. Brockway ask about 381, and what Branagan said at the County Meeting.

Sam explained he was unable to attend that meeting, but, Mr. Branagan had said we just can't cut into the toe of that hill, we would have to have core samples done. And because that's a FEMA project we would lose any FEMA money.

Mr. Brockway stated that he talked to Mr. Branagan himself and he said that when it was appealed, that's why we had to do the work ourselves because when its appealed you'll probably never see that. Sam stated we are 59th on the appeal list with FEMA. Mr. Brockway added that Branagan said he would provide a surveyor, to make sure everything is ok, because there is a right of way there. Sam explained that when he talked with him he said we don't want to touch it, until FEMA is completely exhausted. We would be disqualified for FEMA Funding. It's frustrating, to wait. Mr. Brockway added that 4 wheelers are moving the barricades. Bub added that we need the barricades to stay in place.

JIM WAYT-NANCY STREET

Jim was present asking about the Nancy Street situation. Sam explained that we are currently waiting for a lawsuit to be settled, which would determine future surveys. Mr. Wayt ask what that has do to with his problem. Jeff explained that its basically the same situation. Jeff also reminded Mr. Wayt that at one point he offered to get it surveyed himself. Mr. Wayt explained that he found out that it can't be any surveyor. It has to be the Townships surveyor. Jeff explained that the Township doesn't have surveyors. Mr. Wayt also added that an attorney told him that the road won't change with surveying, the road has been there over 30 years. Jeff explained the current lawsuit; the road had been there 70 years.

All the guy needs to do is take his fence down. Mr. Wayt ask what he could do, Jeff explained get it surveyed, that would save the Township. We have to make sure that what we remove, we have to make sure its on our right away. Brian ask about stop signs. There is Stop Signs at Nancy Street and a sign across the street. Mr. Wayt ask about a three way stop. Brian will look into that.

EMS LEVY STRUCTURE

Rob explained that a group met last night and have come up with a number that they need. August 10th is the deadline, but we prefer August 1, to have some leeway. Rob ask if they could meet with one Trustee, and they also have an issue of Toronto Fire is a responder in the Township and needs to have a contract. We need to meet with them to see the coverage area in the Township. Sam added we need Special Meetings, Bub added a soon as possible, lets get this done. Bub also ask if this was

basically the same way we are running things, or are you talking about a district? Rob explained that at the last meeting the Township ask us to come up with how much money we need. Brian Applegarth added if we can do a five-year levy with a five-year contract. Rob stated the two issues they had were, Toronto needs to be pulled into the contracts, and to do a replacement levy. We need to find out how the language needs to be. Rick Antill ask if Wintersville coverage can be in their district, and TEMS coverage be in their district and just pass a fire levy. Because if the levy doesn't pass then we are in the same situation. Sam explained that it can be done, but taxing without representation, he would be against it personally because he feels everyone should have the right to vote on their taxes. Ricks concern was if the levy doesn't pass, we are here next year doing the same thing. We have to educate the residents on this situation. It will benefit all. Dave Fulmer explained the Trustees have the Authority to divide the Township up into Districts. Sam still feels the levy route is the best way to go. Brian Applegarth will get together with them. The quicker the better, the resolutions need passed twice, if no language problems. Mr. Longo ask if this would be a replacement levy on fire and EMS. Rob added to the current property value. Rob explained the problem in Ohio with Fire and EMS Levies, whatever they are passed at, as property values go up, the levies are locked in. That's why the current effective rates are terrible.

JB GREEN TEAM CLEANUP

Everything was good, Sam added that we need to approach the Commissioners on having these clean ups at the JB Green Team site off of County Road 43.

RECREATION GRANT

We received \$10,000.00 to finish the walking trail here at the park.

BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

No one was present.

LMI GRANT

Sam reported that the application process was approved by the Commissioners and sent onto the State.

ISSUE II

Archery Club is the Issue Two project, everything is ready except the Blacktop.

The County's final estimate on this is \$119,724.00.

TROY-ROAD FOREMAN

Bub moved to accept the retirement Notice of Troy Alloggia, Brian second, All in Favor.

BRIAN SAYERS-ACTING ROAD FOREMAN

Bub moved for Brian Sayers to be acting Road Foreman, Brian Applegarth second. All were in favor. This is a 90-day period. And then we will revisit.

SHELTER HOUSE

Bub explained that the shelter house at the baseball field, has an open ceiling. They have nice picnic tables under there, but being the rafters are exposed the birds come in and the tables get covered with bird crap. It needs a ceiling put in. It's a health issue. Brian moved to get some estimates, Bub second. All were in favor. Mr. Brockway ask why isn't the Baseball Association doing this? Why are they relying on the Township? Sam explained the building belongs to us. When they are using the fields, they maintain it. They pay for electric and the dumpster.

PLEASANT HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT-GRANT

The Pleasant Hill Fire Department received a grant from the Pugliese Foundation to purchase radios for \$49,647.00, everything has to run thru the Township.

LOGGING ON HIGH HAVEN

An agreement with JM Logging and Lumber was signed for the use of High Haven.

BUDGET HEARING

Bub moved to have the Budget Hearing at the July meeting before the financials prior to the regular monthly meeting. Brian second, all in favor.

ROAD PROGRAM

Bub explained that as of Monday morning Blacktop went up \$8.00 per ton. Our original roads list was cut in half, and then cut again. So, we are down to the bare minimal of what actually we can fix before it gets terrible.

Chip and Seal:

Backbone, - single chip and seal

Seven Creeks, single chip 228 both sides

391 and 613 - single chip

Blue Hollow and Sims will get a double chip and that's all we can afford on the chip and seal.

On Blacktop:

From Twp. RD. 213 (which is Twp. RD. 378) to 377 will get an overlay

Randolph has some holes, overlay after holes are fixed.

The hill coming up out of Blue Hollow to Sims will get fixed

344 were the pipeline stopped, to the Knox Twp. Line

350 were pipeline stopped.

If Blacktop goes up more, we may have to cut more roads. Every time Blacktop goes up, the emulsion for chip and seal goes up. Slag right now is \$33.00 a ton.

So, we are going to try to use the slag we have in stock. We will have a truck ready if it looks like we may run out, to get more. But we can't afford to stock pile it.

River Gravel is \$48.00 per ton, Limestone is \$36.00 a ton. We will use the IMS Slag. Roioano Contracting will be doing the paving, the same guy that has done it for the past few years. All the blacktop comes through Shelly and Sands. Brenda Powley ask what Roioano charges, \$3800.00 per day, for equipment, labor, trailers and fuel. His people do it all. Last year we used one of our trucks. It came off our bill. If we have two CDL Drivers, and we can feed him blacktop to get done, then we will use our trucks and that will come off his bill to us. But right now, the price is him doing everything and our guys will be doing another road somewhere else. Brenda also stated, she doesn't know were Blue Hollow hill is, but we had promised Mrs. Hilderbrand last year that we would take care of her road. Bub explained, her road is done. We were able to do that last year. And a little on 275 and Buzzards roost. And a little on Grafton road. Everything fluctuates. If prices go up, we may have to cut roads, if prices go down we maybe able to do more.

If we only have one CDL Driver, we can't do any roads.

Brenda also ask how much ARPA money is left after paying EMS. We have not received the second settlement in, but we have \$98,362.53. With that being said, TEMS second EMS Contract payment of \$21,847.69 will come off of that. So roughly \$70,000.00. She ask what we were going to spend it on. Brian Applegarth explained, we have a year and a half to spend. It will have to fit into the protocol of spending.

WORKERS COM AUDIT

We received a refund of \$8.00 from the Audit. The report was available if any one wanted to view it.

FOUR SEASONS

Last month John Rhine was present asking about the Township taking over the road to the old school. We received copies of the paperwork he submitted to the County.

RICHMOND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brian Hare submitted back the issues they were concerned about with their contracts. Jeff and Brian Applegarth had been working on it. Dave Fulmer sent back why he felt the language should stay. Dave had removed himself from working on the contracts, but Jeff Brown had ask his advice on this language, so he gave his advice, but what we choose to do with it, is the Boards decision. Brian Hare ask to speak a little out of context, he knows other agency have signed a contract till September, but he saw their purposed contracts from that point on and it matched his. So, he's not signing, so if we want to divide up the coverage. Brian did have a letter requesting ARPA money, because he felt we set the president for that. As for the 5% and 10% EMS Money, if we don't want a contract, that's fine. It will be up to us to say when his service is going to be done for that area, that represents Richmond, Edison High School, and Mount Tabor. He's not going to sit and have these arguments over verbiage in a contract. He is struggling with personnel as it is, they are making an effort to get certifications. Dave Fulmer explained that one of the changes they want is to remove their people from being certified to the operations level for hazmat responses. So, what that means if they pull up to a semi-trailer accident that has a gash in the tank, they can look at it and say that's Hazard Material, they can't do anything else, or do you want whoever your paying money to, to be able to divert the material, dam it, until a hazmat company gets there, or Jefferson County Hazmat arrives. Hazmat awareness is, yes that's Hazmat, something we shouldn't touch, Operations is, you can do defensive measures to try to mitigate the circumstances until a technician gets on scene, that's up to you. Someone: (Maybe Ben Boyd) You have a hazmat truck in Wintersville and a truck in Toronto.

Brian Hare, all he's going to say is he went to operations training and that's all your going to do, you'll put some things out, and bank or dam it up. However, if we don't agree on a contract, he will be here every meeting asking to see certifications on all the agencies that do have a contract to verify all their people meet your standards.

Bub agreed 100 %, and like we said at the Tuesday meeting. I'm more than willing to work with whatever you want. I know Jefferson County has a Hazmat team. Island Creek Township does not want to get involved in Pleasant Hill, how they run their show, Pottery Addition, Richmond, Wintersville. Our job is to make sure the people are covered, basically. You've all been real good until those 5 requirements from our insurance company came up, after that it went South, it was like Island Creek Township wanted control over every Fire Department. That's not it. That's his opinion, but he's more and willing, if the other two are not, I'm more than willing, whatever you need, do your thing. Dave ask if it's the

responsibility of the three elected officials to assure that the minimum standards are met which your paying tax payers' dollars because right now Pleasant Hill and Pottery don't have the required training to go into his Mother's house to rescue her if her house should catch on fire. These are the minimal requirements built into the contracts. Someone ask when the minimal requirements changed. Brian Hare explained he has Fire one, and Fire Two. If he has a 45 or 50-year-old, that wants to join his department, and wants to get his 36-hour training to pump my truck for me, but your saying, he doesn't meet the requirement. If you're in the snowflake land, that we don't need people, then I suggest to the Township Official's, set up a Township Fire District, and I'll tell the tax payers it might take 10 mills to run, that might be your best bet.

Brian Boyd? Maybe, some inaudible, he's full time at Toronto, he has some guys 36 hours that are just has good as others. (All talking at once) Dave Fulmer to Brian Hare: The Fire chief can sign off to whatever training they feel is appropriate. The reason that was put in for the protection of the Township was so the Township and the Agency agreed upon that, was so the Township could have some level of understanding and agreement for what that training level was. That's what the language says, it doesn't say you can't have 36, it says if your going to have 36 hour members, if they're going to be put into a structural fire fighting or IDLH environment, then they have to have additional training. That's all the language says. And it further gives the Department an out, it says if they choose not to have that training, the Department agrees not to put that individual in an IDLH environment, so it gives the Departments an out if the don't want to require their people to have it, but it also provides a benefit to the Township that they aren't going to rely on people who are not qualified to provide the services. Maybe Dan Aldridge, speaking, going forward from here has to take the 120-hour class by December of 2023. Anyone who joins now has to take a 120-hour class. Maybe Brian Boyd, your going to have the same problem, if you want to sign a contract with Toronto.

Brian Hare, just tell me when you want to change the 911, where Richmond doesn't respond and make the changes according to your recommendations. Brenda Powley, I think we should tell them we don't want Richmond to leave, we want Richmond. Sam agreed, we need Richmond. Bub stated, that's what we are trying to say, whatever it takes to keep Richmond that's what we're willing to do. Bub knows legally you can't do it, but it's run well so far, Mr. Fulmer came in and changed everything around. Jeff Brown, if you look at the last contract in regards to the certifications, we extended to, as soon as practical, we didn't cut that date off. Brian Hare understood that, but if I have a gentleman that says, I know your struggling, I'll take the fire course, I'll take the IDLH training, although I'm not going to be able to perform them all, but I'll show up and learn the hydraulics, and learn to pump the truck. According to the contract, this gentleman is not allowed, because anyone who joins from

this day forward has to become a fire fighter one. (Some inaudible.) Jeff we are trying to meet you with what the insurance Company told us what they wanted us to do. (Agency's talking amongst themselves, inaudible.)

Brenda Powley, you said at the special meeting, we would discuss what Mr. Fulmer's situation is, is he the Fire Prevention Officer or not?

Bub, we said it would be discussed, because of the response from the Fire Departments.

Rob Herrington, the question is, is there a percentage that needs to be, is there a plan to get to that percentage, Brian Hare, we will make an effort to get there, but in this day and age, with volunteers we aren't going to get everybody trained. Scheduling is hard, to meet deadlines. Brian handed in a letter to request ARPA money. He added that a few years ago, he saved Mrs. Powley's husband's life, he was good enough then, Bub and Sam added, your good enough in their book. Brian Hare explained they do a small portion, but the furthest for other agencies to get to. Some talking among agency's and Jeff and Dave. Brian Applegarth ask, just talk it out, you just said there might be additional language. Dave Fulmer, we can probably work something out, but I can't without the Boards authority to do so. Brian Hare, He's here in good faith saying he can't sign a contract that he's worried about meeting the accommodations. Brian Applegarth ask him to send to us the changes you want as a request. (hard to hear, talking in background) Brenda, does that mean Mr. Fulmer is the Fire Prevention Officer? Bub answered, Mr. Fulmer is a volunteer. Brian Applegarth added that we said he wasn't involved in the contracts at that time. (some inaudible) Dave talked to Brenda on removal of office, resigning or removal. At this time, he has vested interested to see this through so he won't resign, so if they find some reason to remove him, Brenda stated, you haven't been here, He explained trying to reschedule for Special meetings was difficult and he was ill for the regular meeting.

Brian, before we lose this, they are fine with their contracts we submitted them, with the language changes, and come back with this. Once they agree we'll have a special meeting.

Brian Sayers-Road Foreman

Brian ask about Summer Help. We will hire 2 for 2 months and revisit the situation. Brian Applegarth made a motion to hire two part time summer help for \$10.00 per hour. Sam second. All in favor.

He would like another full-time worker, CDL or not. Its hard to get anything done. He's having trouble finding anyone that wants to work. Someone ask why we don't pay more. Sam understood that \$10.00 is not much, but right now that's it. Everything is up in cost.

Bub moved to go into Executive Session for litigations, Sam second. All in favor

Roll Call:

Sam, aye

Bub, aye

Brian, aye

Brian moved to go back into regular session, Bub second, all in favor:

Roll Call:

Sam, aye

Bub, aye

Brian, aye

Brian moved to hire a building inspector to inspect the Bell Residents on Overlook. Bub second. All in favor.

Sam moved to hire Jeff Bruzzese, if we run into legal problems on the Bell property. Bub second. All in favor.

Several ARPA Resolutions were signed, for the Fiscal Officers files. A resolution will be placed with all invoices paid.

AUGUST REGULAR MEETING

Sam moved to move the August Meeting from the second Tuesday of the month to the third Tuesday of the month, due to scheduling conflicts, August 16, 2022. Brian second. All in favor.

It was also noted that printer problems resulted in several voided checks.

The following Supplemental appropriations were made:

TO: 2021-330-323-0000 Repair & Maintenance \$25,000.00 For Truck Repairs

FROM: 2021-330-360-0000 Contracted Service \$ 5,000.00

FROM: 2021-330-420-0000 Other \$20,000.00

TO: 2273-230-5999 Other, American Relief \$99,461.52 Wintersville Volunteer Fire Dept.

From: 22723-990-990-0000 American Relief Other Financing Uses \$99,461.52

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

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

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER