

ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP

AUGUST 16, 2022

(RESCHEDULED From 8-9-22)

FINANCE MEETING

The Fiscal Officer began the finance meeting by reading the bills and a summary of bills paid. Noting that the balance on the truck loans were as follows

International Truck \$65,312.17

Ford Truck \$29,308.53

The PO's being approved were:

Richmond Volunteer Fire Department \$ 26, 500.00 ARPA Request

Jefferson County Auditor \$5,586.62, second half fees on Real Estate Tax

National Lime and Stone Company \$37,077.50 Issue Two Contractor.

REGULAR MEETING

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

Sam Grafton: Present

Ralph (Bub) Grimm: Present

Brian Applegarth: Here

Bub moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes, Brian second, all in favor

Bub moved to approve the Special Meeting minutes, Brian second, all in favor.

Bub moved to approve the July financials, Brian second, all in favor.

NATE CLINE- BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Nate was pleased with the summer program stating they had 6 teams. The fall ball will begin next week, and end around October 18<sup>th</sup>. So they will maintain the field until after that. They have been raising money for items in the concession stand, like a hotdog maker, and deep fryer. Bub just ask that they let us know

when they are finished and we will pull the dumpster and turn off the electric. Winterize everything. Bub thanked Nate for coming.

### ROB HERRINGTON-OVERLOOK HILLS

Rob was present to explain the Bell property situation. Rob has been working with Jeff Brown, and following the guidelines of Jefferson County Prosecutor Jane Hanlin. He explained the process to require a demolition. The Board of health issued the order, the property was declared a nuisance, the title search was completed, the property is located within the Health District. The property has been inspected by Rob. It fits the definition of being a nuisance. The owner was given notice on June 15<sup>th</sup>, he did not appeal within 30 days. He has not responded. So next is to issue a tare down order, and authorize the demolition. Rob did contact the land bank, which could have been a six-month process. Once property is cleaned up and graded it will be two empty lots. There is a lien holder, who has a \$107,000.00 lien on the property, which is more than the value of the lots, but still worthwhile for him to sell. It is his intent to sell, this is important because once we tare down, we still could have the issue of Mr. Bell squatting basically on the property, until someone else takes possession of the property. If the lienholder doesn't sell, then we'll go back to the Landbank and ask them to take possession of it.

Sam ask who issues the tare down order. Jeff explained the Township needs to pass a Resolution to issue the notice, which Jeff will draw up. Rob had an estimate of \$9500.00 to demo, grade and grass planted.

Brian moved for Jeff to draw up the Resolution to issue the tare down order, Bub second, all in favor. The lien holder is not obligated to pay for the cleanup. A resident of the area ask about what can be done to get him (Mr. Bell) help. Rob explained that he has been working with the Sheriffs Department. He has actually been arrested, so what he needs is intervention and possibly a half-way house. The Sheriff is actively working on it. It is a tricky process. Rob also explained that he got in the middle of this, that part is not actually the Townships responsibility. It has to be done the right way.

Bob Burns added that we need to put resolutions and laws in place so this doesn't happen again. Sam explained that we can't supersede the Ohio Revised Code. We follow the Ohio Revised Code. Rob added, that this is only the second time that its been a situation where it either wasn't an insurance company, or another

lien holder that stepped up and took care of the problem. This problem is because he's indigent.

#### MARK LONGO- KINGS DR

Mark explained that he's been talking with Sam regarding the trucks and culvert issues on Kings Drive. Sam explained that we think the culvert is off the road right away. We are watching for a heavier rain to fill up the small reservoir so we can say look at this, it needs to come out and fixed. The trucks, as long as they are legal weight, we can't stop them. As far as the road, if we get more time and spare money, we could try to build it up. Mark also ask about as far as trucks on the main road, he knows we got some money for signs from the state, he noticed on Township 384, and the end of 375. They are not a GPS route, no tractor trailers. What is the issue with putting that same sign up? Sam explained that the no GPS route signs are up because we've had trucks stuck on Seven Creeks, Powell's Lane. Usually on the roads a truck has been stuck on several times, then we put the sign up. Mark ask since it's a nuisance, can one be put on Kings Drive. Jeff didn't feel we could do that. Mark explained that there are Deed Restrictions of only residential structures and 12" culverts. Mark had a copy of his deed but it was difficult to read. Jeff explained the question is, whether the Township can enforce the restrictions or the people that own the subdivision enforce it. We don't have a building department; the County doesn't have one.

Jeff will let Mark know if its Mark's responsibility.

Mark also brought up that there was a discussion in June about the ceiling at the shelter house, he believed Mr. Applegarth made a motion to get estimates, to see about putting ceilings in. At the July meeting, there was an estimate of he thought \$8,000.00 for one and \$11,000.00 for the larger one. At that meeting it was agreed to get additional estimates. The next day Mark called and explained he had a gentleman who did work for him that he would like to get an estimate from him. Can he get the specs for what needs to be done? Sam explained to him that we had no specs, what we could do is black out the price of the quote we have and we can get apple to apple comparisons as to what work should be done. Mark then called Brian, and got a voice mail was full. Mark then emailed Brian. Sam expressed that he made a mistake by saying that because Ralph Grimm is the one taking estimates. Sam is saying its his fault. After several emails back and forth, he was refused. Mark was sent the scope of work. He gave them to Mr.

Yoder, who stated they were to vague. They met with Bub at the ball park. Bub went over everything with Mr. Yoder that needed to be done. After that he submitted a second request for the documents. Still got refused. He didn't feel he ask for anything that wasn't available to the public. That estimate was read at the July meeting, public knowledge and not protected under the Ohio Revised code that Bub had sent him explaining that while there is a bid or quote request, the documents can't be released to the public. He feels there is no reason why the document shouldn't be released.

Brian Applegarth read the Ohio Revised code 9.28 section B, competitive solicitation, explaining why it wasn't released until the day the job is awarded. Again, Sam expressed that he made the mistake of not referring Mark directly to Bub in the first place.

Bub explained that he had three contractors who have Businesses in Island Creek Township. He had a total of 5 estimates after contacting six contractors. R & L Contracting will not accept any more work. Everybody got the same scope of work, there were no specs. Brian added that he did reply to Mark, asking for Mr. Yoder's contact, and he would be happy to go over the work needed with him or any contractor. The emails between Brian and Mr. Longo were read at the meeting, copies are available by contacting the Clerk. Sam explained we will discuss the estimates tonight.

Mark then ask when the July minutes and the special meeting would be on the website. Most likely by the weekend.

#### MR. BROCKWAY- TOWNSHIP 381-FEMA

Sam explained that Mr. Brockway was present at the road when Sam met with Eric Hilty from the County. Mr. Hilty called Laura at the State, our State representative for EMA. She explained that we have to stay within the scope of work. Eric is now in the process of drawing up plans staying within the scope of the work, for FEMA to approve so we can get the first slip done. FEMA has to approve the plans. FEMA originally did the scope of work, it has been drilled for core samples. With all that being said, Sam moved that if we have approval from FEMA from Eric Hilty's plans, prior to the next meeting, that Darla put it out for bid. Brian second. All in favor. There are time lines we have to follow.

Mark Longo if he heard correctly, the amount of money which FEMA already approved for that, the first slip, that would cover about 80 to 90%, and the

County would help us out with the rest. Sam explained that Frank Hoagland's office stated originally that the State would cover the Townships share.

### APPEAL 381

The letters for the appeal were signed for the second slip.

Mr. Brockway ask about opening it one lane. We feel it's better to wait and hope that FEMA approves quickly.

### TOWNSHIP ROAD 382

Mr. Brockway ask about the culverts and grading of 382. Brian explained they cleaned the one side, he needs to do one culvert. There is one steel culvert. There was one culvert, that is completely gone. Brian will go back and take a look. It's been ditched.

### PLEASANT HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

The grant process is moving along. The deadline is August 31, they have reached out to them regarding that, and will let us know if they need anything from the Township.

### EMS LEVY

It's filed and ready. Rob Herrington will take care of the Election Committee (Designation of Treasurer) in regards to any funds spent to promote the levy from the Fire Departments.

Later in the meeting, someone ask about how it's going to effect real estate taxes. Sam explained that Rob Herrington will be getting that info.

### FIRE CONTRACTS

Only Pleasant Hill and Pottery need to sign through the end of year.

The reports that Dave requested in the contracts, need to be discussed as to who will receive these reports.

Later in the meeting, Brian also stated, that Pleasant Hill Fire Department question selling an ambulance. Further research will be conducted on this.

## ISSUE TWO

This should start in September. We are ready.

## LMI Grant

All the paper work has been turned in.

## BALL PARK

Bub had 5 estimates for the ceiling project as follows:

Yoder Construction \$8,900.00

Valley Three Builders \$9,249.00

John McCart Construction \$14,275.00

Anthony Vein \$14,764.00

Cattrell Company \$19,100.00

Sam's biggest concern is if they are playing fall ball can this be completed. Bub felt that we should support the Business that are located in the Township. Brian felt that if it is something we are going to do, it could get more expensive, we have plenty of time to move on this. Brian also explained, in the construction world there is a big problem with tax fraud. He feels we have three reputable, in the Township Companies. Obviously, they pay taxes and Workers Comp. Nothing against Mr. Yoder, but he's from Scio, Brian would vote for McCart Construction. It should stay in the tax district. Some inaudible from the crowd. Brian made a motion to hire McCart Construction. Bub second, all in favor.

## SALT-ODOT PROGRAM

The salt prices came in at \$67.96, we can get 400 ton.

## FOUR SEASONS

There will be a hearing for the discussion of the road leading up to the old school, on August 18<sup>th</sup> with the County Commissioners.

## BRIAN SAYERS-ROAD FOREMAN

The signs are all up except a few roads. Blacktopping will hopefully start by the end of the month. He hasn't heard back anything on the grader repair.

Mark Longo ask about the signs we put up on the end of the road on 375. Later the signs were taken down. The signs were put in the wrong place so Bub took them down. Now 375 is the right of way. The State wanted intercepting signs. Bub also explained we put new signs up they take them down as fast as we put up. People complain where we place them also.

#### INDIGENT BURIALS

We need to work with Jeff to write up a formal agreement and guidelines with funeral homes for indigent burials. The State will reimburse so much.

#### RECORDS COMMISSION MEETING

Prior to the next regular meeting a special meeting will be held at 6 PM for the Records Commission.

Sam moved to go into Executive session for personnel matters Bub second. All in favor, Roll call:

Sam Grafton: yes

Ralph Grimm: yes

Brian Applegarth: yes

Sam moved to adjourn the Executive Session and go back into regular session; Bub second. All in favor. Roll Call:

Sam Grafton: yes

Ralph Grimm: yes

Brian Applegarth: yes

Bub moved to hire Glenn Bates at \$13.00 per hour, for a 90-day probation period. Brian second, All in favor.

Sam moved to pay Donnie Mossor Holiday pay retroactive July 1, 2022. Bub second, all in favor.

### NO JAKE BRAKE

Residents on 646 want a NO Jake Break sign, it's the Townships responsibility to buy the sign, and ODOT puts up, but first we have to pass a resolution. They will send the resolution. They only put up two signs, at the beginning and at the end or at the Township line. We already have one up.

A truck driver wanted to state his opinion on the Jake Brake. He feels that's taking away the one safety feature out of the truck drivers' hands.

### BRENDA POWLEY

Brenda wanted to say one thing. She knows it gets heated here, but the curse words, we don't need that.

### BUDGETARY:

Sam moved to accept the following supplemental Appropriations:

TO: 2273-230-599-0000 \$26,500.00 Other expenses (ARPA-Richmond)

FROM: 2273-990-990-0000 Other Financial Uses

TO: 1000-420-370-0000 \$2,456.62 Payment to another political sub. (Fees)

FROM: 1000-110-599-0000 Other

TO: 2031-330-314-0000 \$1,000.00 Tax Fees

FROM: 2031-330-190-0000 Other Salaries

TO: 2111-220-314-0000 \$675.00 Tax Fees

FROM: 2111-220-360-0000 Contracted Services

TO: 2141-330-314-0000 \$375.00 Tax Fees

FROM: 2141-330-490-0000 Other

TO: 2191-230-314-0000 \$625.00 Tax Fees

FROM 2191-230-360-0000 Contracted Services



Bub second, all in favor.

Sam moved to accept the Resolution accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, Bub 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 brought before the Board, Bub moved to adjourn, Brian second. All in favor.

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CHAIRMAN

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FISCAL OFFICER