

ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP  
July 11, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Trustees of Island Creek Township met in regular session with Roll Call as follows:

Sam Grafton: Present

Ralph (Bub) Grimm: Present

Brian Applegarth: Here

Along with the Fiscal Officer and Attorney Jeff Brown.

FINANCIAL PORTION:

The Fiscal Officer read a summary of the Payroll, Truck Payments, and Utilities. Other bills approved and paid were also read. It was explained that Don Moore hauled scrap from the Clean-up days, which helped with the Townships expenses for that day. There was also a \$7.00 bank charge for check copies requested from the Auditors. Several PO's were approved as follows:

For the Storage Building

Lawn Care out of Park Fund instead of the General Fund

Linsey Concrete for a Box culvert needed for a project down at Seven Creeks.

Brenda Powley ask about the Storage Building. It was explained that it will be added to the current Pole Building at the Township garage area, for records and Misc. items at the garage. Items we don't want to keep at the Community Building because of hopefully renting it out. This will be a separate clean area for records, maps and other misc. items.

REGULAR PORTION:

Sam began the Regular portion of the meeting asking for approval of the following minutes.

Bub moved to accept the June meeting minutes, Brian second. All were in favor.

Brian moved to accept the Special June Meeting minutes, Sam second, all in favor.

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

FIRE LEVY

Brian Applegarth moved to pass the Resolution to Proceed with Ralph Grimm second, all in favor,

RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH A LEVY TO REPLACE & INCREASE AN EXISTING 1 MILL LEVY TO THE AMOUNT OF THREE AND ONE HALF (3.5) MILL ON EACH DOLLAR OF THE TAX VALUATION WHICH AMOUNTS TO THIRTY-FIVE CENTS (.35) FOR EACH 100 DOLLARS IN ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP, EXCLUDING THE VILLAGE OF WINTERSVILLE , THE ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP SEVEN RANGES DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF TORONTO, OHIO. FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL FIRE DEPARTMENTS CONTRACTED WITH ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP.

The Board of Trustees of Island Creek Township, Jefferson County, Ohio, met in regular session on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, at the office of Island Creek Township with the following members present:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ moved the adoption of the following Resolution, with \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the same:

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of said Island Creek Township, Jefferson County, Ohio.

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Island Creek Township, Jefferson County Ohio, passed Resolution #05092023, and Amended Resolution, #06132023

declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the 10-mill limitation pursuant to R.C. 5705.19 (I) for the purpose of providing Fire Protection to the Residents of Island Creek Township.

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2023, the County Auditor certified to the Board of Trustees of Island Creek Township, that by the stated mileage, assuming the tax valuation of the subdivision remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be \$397,000.00. The total tax valuation of the Subdivision used to calculate the estimated property tax revenue is \$113,341.252. The millage for the levy is three and five tenths (3.50) mills per \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$123.00 for each \$100,000 of the County Auditors appraised value.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interest of Island Creek Township, Jefferson County, Ohio to Replace & Increase a 1 (One) Mill Levy to a 3.5 (Three and one half) Mill for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company or for the payment of other related cost. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I) at a rate not exceeding (3.5) mill for each dollar of valuation, which amounts to (.35) thirty-five cents per each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a 5-year period beginning Tax Year 2023, excluding the Village of Wintersville, The Island Creek Township Seven Range District, and the City of Toronto.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Island Creek Township, Jefferson County, Ohio all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to Replace and

Increase the 1 (One) Mill levy to a 3.5 (Three and one half) Mill for the benefit of all Fire Departments that are contracted with Island Creek Township.

RESOLVED, that the said renewed Levy be placed on the tax list of the current year 2023, with first tax collection in the year 2024, if the majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor therefore; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Officer of Island Creek Township be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections, Jefferson County, Ohio, prior to the 90<sup>th</sup> day of the General Election to be held November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and to notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

#### BID RESULT, LMI GRANT

Sam received word that the bid came in lower than expected which will save the Township. He will have all the information and paperwork from Betty at the Regional Planning Commission soon.

#### STORM EASEMENT-FOUR SEASON-Roger Fisher

The easement was filed and we can move forward on with this project.

#### CREDIT CARD

The fiscal officer asks for a temporary increase to \$5,000.00 for the credit card to order the items for the Community Building. The items will be paid for by the Recreation Grant. Sam moved for the temporary increase, Bub second. All in favor.

#### RECREATION GRANT

The items approved for the Recreation Grant will be ordered. They only had 16 gray chairs so the others will be black.

#### TEMS APPOINTMENT

Sam moved to appoint Brian Applegarth as the Representative for TEMS since he's been working with them Bub agreed and second the motion. All in favor.

### SEVEN RANGES

Sam moved to appoint Brian Applegarth as the Representative for Seven Ranges, Bub second. All in favor.

### ROAD REPORT

Brian Sayers could not be present. Bub explained they are working on the list of jobs needing completed. Bub thinks moving forward, writing it down on a schedule seems to be helping. If it's written down on a schedule, we are all less likely to forget anything.

Brian had mentioned to Sam about taking vacation time.

Bub explained we are trying something new in Maplewood. We are sealing the cracks. It's a new sealer with sand in it that is supposed to last for 5 years. This should lower the cost of doing Maplewood.

### ARPA JOBS

The Fiscal Officer reviewed the following Projects discussed for the ARPA Money, estimating the cost:

Records /Storage Building \$17,100.00

Seven Creeks Box Culvert: County Job \$35,430.00

Black top: 35,000.00 estimate

Four Season: 26,600.00. Plus, trucking est. \$8400.00

\$45,000.00 black top.

### STEINER MOWER

The Trustees review the financing options on purchasing the mower and agreed they were high. Bub made a motion to purchase the mower with ARPA Funds, Brian second. All in favor.

With these Estimates, approximately \$107,000.00 will remain in the ARPA Fund.

Bub explained that this will help save money in the long run. If we don't need Grafton lawn care at the Park. Brenda ask, if we aren't going to hire a mower any more. Sam explained that the idea is, we are hoping to rent out the community building and create a part time job cleaning the building, mowing the grass, maybe oversee the maintenance at the baseball fields. Brenda ask, how many times has the building been rented out. It was explained that we haven't got to that point yet. The Fiscal Officer added that is what the Recreation Grant is helping with, being able to purchase more chairs and tables and a refrigerator. Sam went on to say we are trying to look at the future, creating a part time summer job to save us in the long run. That's our goal. Bub added this is for Community use, the whole park is for community use. There's the football field out there that maybe someday shelter houses could be put there. Brenda ask if anyone uses the Football field? No body for 10 years, but we mow it so it doesn't get grown

up. There are 16 acres here for the Public, some people have the misconception that's it's just for baseball. It's not, it's a Community Park. It's the Communities.

If someone wants to have a party here, we have a refrigerator coming and more chairs.

That's what it was given to the Township for and its finally coming around to that purpose.

Brenda understood the purpose, people just don't use it, it's a shame. Bub added there are people using the walking trail. Once we get more of the brush cut back he feels more will use it. Bub stopped this morning and there were two different families playing baseball on the fields, one on the front one on the back. It's used, and once we get everything feasible to use and get the word out and on the website that its ready. Then if you want to have a Birthday Party, Small wedding shower, whatever, call get the key, clean up and get the deposit back.

Mr. Brockway added that it would be nice to have shelter houses for churches to use, with picnic tables and grills. Bub agreed and said that's a goal, we have the ground to do it, but we just can't take money from the road funds to do it. We hope to get money from the County. Mr. Brockway suggested volunteers also. Sam added we have goals. The mower is just part of the plan. Our guys mow with the arm mower but it gets shabby. If we have someone to mow it every couple weeks and vacuum the floors and wipe up the counters it will stay presentable. That's the direction we are heading.

#### WAGE SHORTAGE-AUDIT

During the recent Audit it was discovered that Sam was shorted \$666.00 in wages for 2021, Brian moved to pay Sam, Bub second, all in favor.

#### RIDGEWOOD WAY APARTMENTS

Sam had received an email regarding property on County Road 34 (Two Ridge Road). He will send back that there is no zoning.

#### SEVEN RANGES AGREEMENT

Jeff Brown, and the Trustees had no problem with the draft copy of the Seven Ranges Agreement. We will reply to the Secretary.

#### CHIP AND SEAL

Chip and Seal should start this week and crack filling and sealing Maplewood.

Mr. Brockway ask if holes could be patched on 381. Bub explained its on the list for Blacktop.

#### Budgetary

Brian moved to accept the following supplemental appropriations:

TO: 2273-330-420-2231 Operating Supplies \$150,000.00 for ARPA Projects

FROM: 2273-990-990-0000 Other

TO: 2273-120-720-0000 Buildings \$17,100.00  
FROM: 2273-990-990-0000 Other

TO: 2273-760-740-0000 Machinery \$27,300.00 Tractor  
FROM: 2273-990-990-0000 Other

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, Brian moved to adjourn, Bub second, all in favor.