

ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP  
MARCH 8, 2022  
REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Trustees of Island Creek Township met in regular session with all members present.

The financial meeting began with the reading of the summary of bills being presented for payment.

The fiscal Officer reviewed the credit card bill, stating that trying to return a phone purchased for Mark, before his passing, has not been easy and was stated by A T & T, that they won't credit the credit card, but will credit the telephone bill. We will watch both bills to make sure we receive the credit.

Mr. Longo ask about the Fuel bills, and ask if we do Competitive pricing. Troy Alloggia, Road Foreman, explained his process when ordering fuel, calling local distributers for their best price before ordering.

Mark also ask if the Mower was put out for bid. The Trustees explained that it did not meet the criteria for the bidding process. And added that Ag-Pro was the only local distributor.

It was also noted that the Trustees pay was divided between the General Fund at 10% and the Gasoline at 90%. The Road and Bridge Fund is running low, we almost made it until the Real Estate tax check comes in. but may have to transfer from the General Fund to meet payroll expenses. Sam moved to advance \$5,000.00 to meet payroll expense, repaying the General fund when possible. Brian second, all in favor.

The Fiscal Officer ask if there were any more questions, there were none.

At 7:00PM the Chairman, Sam Grafton called the meeting to order. With roll call as follows:

Sam Grafton, present

Ralph (Bub) Grimm, present

Brian Applegarth, present

Bub moved to accept the previous months minutes and financials, Sam second. All in favor.

MOWING QUOTES

Sam noted that he would be abstaining from the vote, due to his nephew placing a quote.

The following quotes were received for two separate projects;

Mr. David Waggoner (received his quote before the request was posted)

Old Cemetery on 213 Hill top \$150.00 per cut

Old Cemetery on 56 150.00 per two cuts adding his note: if grass don't need cut ever 2 weeks

Grafton Lawn Care: (Fully insured)

Cemetery Projects:

Brays Chapel \$ 70.00 per trimming

Island Creek Cemetery \$200.00 per mowing

Community Building Project:

\$250.00 per mowing and Trimming

Robert Lewis:

Island Creek Cemetery \$475.00 per mowing

Bray's Chapel Cemetery \$225.00 per mowing

Community Building \$150.00 per mowing

It was noted, that proof of insurance is needed, naming Island Creek Township as additionally insured.

Bub moved to accept Grafton Lawn Care for both projects, Brian second the motion, Both in favor.  
Sam Abstained.

#### BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Nate Cline, President, Steve Hinkle, Vice-President, and Janelle Miller, Treasurer were present for the Baseball Association. Nate explained that they were trying to reorganize, but having difficulty getting paper work from the previous president. So, they basically are starting over.

They have teams signed up and as soon as they get their tax-Exempt status from the State they will begin Fundraising. They are wanting to bring the Baseball back to the community and were present at the meeting to work with the Township. The Trustees noted that their contact for the Park is Ralph (Bub) Grimm. They signed the Park Contract and will meet with Bub to go over the mowing parameters. Bub added one of the main stipulations is to keep the bathrooms clean and also the concession stand. He will meet them here at the park to go over everything. The Trustees added that they would like to see a representative at the meetings monthly. Nate ask about getting the dumpster back as they are planning a clean up day. We will get one ordered and also explained how the Township will pay the bills and the Baseball Association would reimburse the Township. Nate ask about painting. The Trustees have no problem with general maintenance and assumed there would be no crazy paint shades applied to the park.

Nate also questioned if we should rent the Park out, where would that leave them. Bub explained that if we should get to the place where we could rent the Community Building out, Baseball has control of the fields, while under contract and we would work together on this.

They will be having a Tag Day soon. They will get the Township a copy of their insurance on the players.

#### SCOTT BELCASTRO- TREBEL LLC

Scott was present to go over the Natural Gas renewal through the aggregate program. He explained that recently we have had fundamental changes in the energy market. Managing market risk vs. worrying

about low price has become a concern. Transmission construction cost is something added that we can't control. The Natural gas current supplier is Constellation. After briefly showing his charts and the NYMEX Pricing and the market trend. He suggested we go with Archer Energy for a 2-year program with a variable rate with a trigger allowing the company to convert to a fixed rate. Residents can leave or enter the program at any time. Scott feels this will provide some savings in the short term until natural gas rates retreat.

Some residence questioned the electric aggregate program. He briefly stated they should opt in for a savings as he feels the AEP price will rise.

Bub moved to go with Archer Energy for the 2-year program, Brian second. All in favor.

#### TOWNSHIP ROAD 350 SLIP REPAIR

The slip is repaired and as of today it is open for general use. The invoice will be sent into Ohio Public Work Commission for the grant we received on this project, with the Township paying 10 %.

#### TOWNSHIP ROAD 381 SLIP

We have not had any updates on the 381-slip appeal process.

#### ARP FUNDS

We have received the updated final rules on the Funding and will be moving forward on spending.

#### ODOT STIMULUS GRANT

We have unfortunately learned that the Township was not chosen to receive the grant. The State of Ohio explained they had an overwhelming amount of applications turned in.

#### NEW WEBSITE

The new website was launched on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Address is the same: islandcreektwp.com  
Sam briefly explained the navigation process and notices and updates will be found under the News & Updates tab. More businesses will be added under the Resource tab.  
If you want to register to be put on the Agenda please visit the website to do so. There is also links to the Boards email addresses.

#### KENNY ANDERSEN

Mr. Andersen thought he had registered and ask if he could speak. He would like his ditched cleaned. He showed Troy several pictures.

#### MEETING TIME

Bub moved to change the meeting time as follows. Financial meeting 6:30 PM and directly following begin the Regular Meeting. Brian second. All in favor. It was noted that usually after the financial meeting there is time that we just sit and wait to start the regular meeting. This may help move things along.

### JB GREEN TEAM

The schedule for Community Clean ups set by JB Green Team has been received. Island Creek Townships scheduled date is June 2<sup>nd</sup> , from 9 AM to 2PM At the Township Garage located on 213. There will be NO TV's or electronics, NO paints, liquids, hazardous material and NO Mattresses. There will NOT be a tire trailer available at our site either. It was noted that this is run by JB Green Team.

### VACATING A PORTION OF TOWNSHIP ROAD 378.

The Township received a letter from the Commissioners that they received a petition to vacate a portion of Township Road 378, from Mr. Bortz. Sam felt that Dave Decker had already petitioned for this. We will await more in information.

### TROY ALLOGGIA, ROAD FOREMAN

Troy explained that two employees are working on their CDL License.

They are still working on ditch damage from the flooding recently, mainly Seven Creeks.

Troy also added that he did purchase the pole saw and the tires for the Truck.

All the signs are in from the ODOT Sign Grant, which Bub had secured. Bub will help Troy if any questions come up.

The garage door repair is ongoing, waiting on supplies.

### AGENDA

Brenda Powley ask if the agenda could be put on the website. The Fiscal Officer explained that she hadn't been trained as of yet, but can supply something through email if possible.

### PLEASANT HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lori Defello and Dan Aldridge were present and explained they were working on a grant for radios, but right now didn't think they needed anything from the Township.

### SEVEN CREEKS-TOM GALOWNIA

A letter was received and sent by email to each Trustee regarding creek crossings on Seven Creeks, so noted and no comments at this time.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brian moved to go into Executive Session for litigation issues (court Actions), and possible litigations. Bub second. All in favor, roll call

Sam Grafton, aye

Ralph Grimm, aye

Brian Applegarth, aye

Brian moved to Adjourn the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting, Bub second. All in favor. Roll call:

Sam Grafton: aye

Ralph Grimm: aye  
Brian Applegarth, aye

TEMS

Clark Crago was present to discuss the EMS service they have been providing, since Pleasant Hill was unable to, and the strain it has put on the TEMS establishment. He will provide reports showing the additional runs due to Covid and other issues.

Brian moved to pay TEMS \$85,000.00 for the over run of cost for services provided in 2021 with the American Relief Funding. Bub second. All in favor.

Jeff suggested adding to the motion to pay after the 2022 contract was signed. After going back and forth it was noted that this has nothing to do with the 2022 contract.

ROAD LEVY RENEWAL

Sam moved to pass a resolution declaring it necessary to renew the road levy and place on the November Ballot:

**RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW  
THE ROAD LEVY  
TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION**

The Board of Trustees of Island Creek Township, Jefferson County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 8th day of March, 2022, at the office of Island Creek Township with the following members present:

Sam Grafton

Ralph Grimm

Brian Applegarth

Mr. Grafton moved the adoption of the following Resolution:\_\_\_

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: therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Island Creek Township, Jefferson County, Ohio two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to renew the Road Levy for the necessary requirements of providing the ability to maintain and repair township roads throughout Island Creek Township, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5705.19 at a rate not exceeding two (2) mill for each dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty (20) cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5

years beginning in tax year 2023 first collection 2024, excluding the village of Wintersville and the City of Toronto.

RESOLVED, that said Renewal Levy be placed on the tax list of the year 2023, with the first collection in the year 2024, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof; at the General Election date of November 8, 2022, 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 Election, Jefferson County, Ohio and to notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of renewing said levy tax to be given as required by law.

Mr. Applegarth second the motion. All were in favor.

RETENTION SCHEDULE

An updated retention schedule has been completed and will be sent to Ohio History Connection.

Brian moved to accept the following supplemental in order to pay TEMS from the ARP Fund

TO: 2273-230-599 Other Expenses \$85,000.00

FROM: 2273-990-990 Other Finance Sources

Bub moved to accept the following as legal obligation of the Township, Brian second. All in favor. (see attached)

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

