

## ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP

MAY 9, 2023

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

Also, the Fiscal Officer along with, Jeff Brown, solicitor and Brian Sayers, Road Foreman.

### FINANCIAL PORTION

The Fiscal Officer read summaries of the Payroll, Utilities, Truck Payments and also read the totals paid out for the EMS Contracts, and the Fire Contracts. Other bills being approved for payment were read and explained. Several PO's: OTARMA, Fire & EMS Contract payments, Ohio West Virginia Excavating, and The State of Ohio were approved.

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

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

### ROB HERRINGTON-SEVEN RANGES-WINTERSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rob explained the call from Attorney Comstock was followed up by a letter explaining the process to join the TEMS District, which is very easy to do. You vote to join, TEMS votes to accept the Township, fairly easy except the taxing Districts need to be created. To do the Seven Ranges you can do the same thing, the taxing Districts have to be created. If you want to vote (place on the ballot) the problem is the County won't have the taxing District ready by the August deadline. He talked with EJ Conn, Auditor, who understands the process. They already have it built in the computer, but they still need to change all the parcel records to get to the Board of Elections. In the case of TEMS, if you join, then that gives them until October, because that's when the Taxing Districts have to be sent into the State. The Auditor is confident he can have that done by that deadline. He came out and looked at the maps. About 70% of the Township is going to be going to TEMS, the other 30% covered by Seven Ranges. This is a close estimate. So, if they have to change every parcel, if we give them the parcels going into Seven Ranges, it's a smaller number of parcels because of the size of some of the parcels. So, he could start with the smaller amount to change, and then do the others all at once. October is important because they send the taxing Districts to the State in order to collect the next year taxes. If you join there shouldn't be a problem, if you put on the ballot it will be two years before collection.

If you vote to go into Seven Ranges it would increase their area taxes by a Mill. Sam ask what year was theirs voted on, Rob answered 2016. But they may vote to place on the ballot again. To join it takes out several steps to the process. Only the Auditors staff can change the parcels. Seven Ranges can provide the maps.

Brian Applegarth stated, long story short is we are just waiting on the taxation map to proceed. Rob gave the Township the roads, so if the Township names the Districts, that's all you need for a description on a Resolution to join. Jeff added we still need the 3 readings.

Sam added that TEMS had stated June as a deadline. We will need special meetings to meet this. Clark added the process would be started. Rob explained if the Township votes to join the Districts now, the parcels aren't an issue because they have until October 1<sup>st</sup>. If we start the Resolution, the parcel process will follow. Rob has the street list.

The Districts need to be named.

If the issue is put on the ballot, it won't make it this year.

Bub moved to name the Districts, Island Creek/TEMS and Island Creek/ Seven Ranges, Brian second. All in favor.

Brian moved to join by Resolution, Island Creek/TEMS District, Bub second. All in favor.

Brian moved to join by Resolution, Island Creek/ Seven Ranges District, Bub Second. All in favor.

Jeff will get the Resolutions done. Then we can have Special Meetings if needed.

#### FEMA SLIP 381

The slip is completed.

#### JB GREEN TEAM

Clean up is June 1<sup>st</sup> ,9-2 at the garage. Brian will get Porta John

Pizza will be picked up and Sam will get water.

#### PLEASANT HILL and POTTERY CONTRACTS

Contracts are in motion and waiting on a response from Attorney Comstock.

#### TEMS Contract

Just wanted to clear up on the TEMS Contract it states the payment percentage of money received by the Township from January through March for the EMS Levy, it should read from the first tax settlement, because we technically didn't receive any funds for EMS until May.

#### RECREATION GRANT

The Recreation Grant has been sent into the County.

FIRE LEVY

Bub moved to pass a Resolution for Replacing and Increasing the one (1) Mill Levy, increasing to 3.5 Mill on the ballot, Brian second. All in favor. It was added that the wording on the Resolution required by the Ohio Revised Code, states ambulance, etc., but its for the Fire end only.

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY  
OF REPLACING & INCREASING 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 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 9 day of MAY, 2023, at the office of Island  
Creek Township with the following members present:

SAM GRAFTON

RALPH GRIMM

BRIAN APPLGARTH

RALPH GRIMM, moved the adoption of the following Resolution,  
with, BRIAN APPLGARTH, 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, 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 and the City of Toronto.

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 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.

### NATURAL GAS AGGREGATE

It has been brought to the attention of the Trustees regarding issues of the Aggregate program. This program was voted on by the General Public in 2015. We did not impose this on the people.

Bub added if you have questions, call the number on the letter you received.

### CHIP AND SEAL

Bub explained that we will begin Chip and Sealing in about two weeks. The Blacktop Budget will be determined when the Chip and Seal is completed, not knowing the exact price of the slag that may be needed. Bub felt the Chip and Seal will be \$128,000.00, so hopefully there will be \$150,000.00 towards Blacktop. Bub also explained Blacktop is now \$89.00 per ton for top, and \$79.00 per ton for base. Last year was \$68.00 and \$65.00. So, we will see as it goes.

### JM LOGGING

A Contractors Agreement was signed for property on Township Road 1273, High Haven. This contractor had previously signed one, but he didn't get to it before it expired. Bub added he was good to work with on a prior project.

### KEVIN GUMP

Kevin has put in his 90-day probation. Sam moved to put Kevin on as Full time, Bub second. All in favor.

### BRIAN SAYERS

Brian will start patching pot holes. He's been working on preparing the chip and seal roads.

He is also waiting to hear from Kuester's (Ag-Pro) on the mower that is running hot.

Brian also ask about a catch basin on the road to Four Seasons. Sam explained they surveyed, we are waiting on the description to see if we can put a culvert in with an elbow. Brian was concerned about a tree by the road where the catch basin needs to be installed.

### ELECTRIC AGGREGATE

The Electric aggregate rate was received at 0.06965 per kWh. Trebel will be sending out the letters to the residents.

### GARAGE DOOR

We received a quote from Wayne Door on a repair. We will send in the deposit to proceed with the repairs.

Next regular meeting is June 13<sup>th</sup>. If the Resolutions are completed, Special meetings could be called.

BUDGETARY

Brian moved to accept the following supplemental appropriation:

TO: 2021-110-381-0000 Insurance Premium, liability \$10,000.00

FROM: 2021-110-111-0000 Salary, Trustees

Bub second. All on 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.