

ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP

MARCH 14, 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

Along with The Fiscal Officer, Darla VanFossen and Road Foreman, Brian Sayers.

FINANCIAL PORTION:

The Fiscal Officer read a break down of Utilities paid, Truck payment, Payroll expense, and general bills being approved. Several PO's were written for approval of slag and hauling, Attorney fees, BWC, and BWC Group (Sedgwick).

REGULAR PORTION:

Bub moved to accept the February Minutes with Brian second on the motion. All in favor.

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

NATE CLINE-BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Nate was present to give the Township an update. They had about 50 kids sign up, so they have one T-Ball team and 3 Softball Teams. No baseball teams. They are ready for the dumpster, electric and water. Brian Sayers is servicing the Tractor. They will be having a field clean up day, but are cleaning up as they stop in. Some help they need is the dugouts haven't had any sand for a while, along the roadway if the Township could help with the mowing arm. Nate added that he and Janell are basically it and will be doing most everything. In comparison to show their numbers dropping, Richmond has 15 teams. So, they don't have a lot of help. Nate ask about the playground, Bub explained the Township will inspect it. Nate added they store the drag equipment in the playground area, he would like to get it out of there and away from the kids. Out the left field line, if we put a gate out by there, they could keep it out and keep people out. One of the dugouts has some boards that need repaired on the roof. The concession stand seems fine. Shouldn't be any major projects. Nate explained that last year an elderly person wondered onto the back field and fell. Where there were two post in concrete, that has washed away and they would like some slag to fill in. Bub ask if we get a load of slag, can you take it around where you need it. Nate said yes, he could take it around. The hillside mowing was a big concern of Janell's. Nate ask about a railing on the backside. They have a very thin area where they walk behind. Nate and Bub will get some ideas on that. The first game is

around April 17th, so they will have practice Thursday and also have a coach meeting so they know what is inspected and show them the tractor. Bub explained the Bathrooms have exhaust fans now, so when you turn the lights on the fans will run. And the ceiling is fixed in the shelter area. Bub also ask about the water, since its cold right now, maybe give them a week or so before turning on.

They also signed the contract for this year. The dumpster will be delivered this week and the power also turned back on this week.

MARK LONGO

Mark had questions regarding the slip repair on 381. He ask about the completion date. Sam explained that per the Contract the date is April 28th.

Mark also stated he understood there was a meeting about the EMS service and fire service. He asks what will happen to the rest of the Township, now that Mr. Herrington is going to take Overlook Hills, part of Two Ridge and out to the distribution center. He ask what's going on with the rest of the Township, has a decision been made? Are we going to join TEMS Ambulance District? Brian Applegarth explained, he can go over this when we get to new business if that's OK, and if you have questions afterward I'm sure their will be a discussion.

FEMA SLIP

They have started, and we are hoping for the end of April to open that road. Once the slip is repaired we need to clean the ditches.

JB GREEN TEAM

We need to get a porta John and handle the food. Bub also mentioned that he had called Anita at JB, if we were accepting tires, and she hasn't gotten back to him yet.

MS4 WATER & SOIL

Brian Sayers completed and it was mailed in.

FIRE and EMS

Brian Applegarth explained he met with all the Agencies. Basically, the best options they came up with was Rob Herrington would be putting Wintersville EMS and FIRE on the ballot in November at a 6-mil rate. (Wintersville's coverage area) And then we can either join TEMS any time or we put on the ballot also at 2 mil. (To join TEMS) Clark Crago explained that if the Township was excepted in to TEMS then their levy would take over and we could take ours off. Clark also feels we have cooperation from the other agency that offers EMS., outside of the Wintersville area. Brian added he spoke with Richmond, they would be contracted by TEMS if we joined or put on the ballot. That would cure all the EMS, and the fire Departments were good with putting on a 3.5- mil Levy in November. Jurisdiction wise, the way Brian understands it, that would be something we sit down and figure out before we join either one. Clark felt it

was pretty, cut and dry which areas are already covered by which agency. Brian added Rob had an emergency and had to leave.

Between TEMS and Richmond there would be an agreement in place. Bub ask if then, they wouldn't have to worry about sending an ambulance to Wintersville, because Wintersville would be covered by Wintersville, correct? Clark explained he thinks they are going to have a better working relationship. Clark added that their millage and what's on in ours is really nothing, so if anything, \$5.00 a year increase, after the Townships is removed. Brian is in favor of joining TEMS right now, his point (Clark's), yes, we are imposing a tax but trading a tax for a tax. Then the EMS coverage is done. Bub doesn't have a problem with it. There is paper work to do, a Resolution passed and sent to them. The list of roads, but Clark felt the only issue would be what they call Pleasant Hill one precinct and that's the area Wintersville has part of. It shouldn't be hard. The other areas are already broke down in precincts.

Brian added that we need to get a contract with Toronto Fire, they aren't necessarily asking for money, but we need a contract because they are covering an area.

It was agreed to have Jeff Look over and do a Resolution to have ready.

Donna from Richmond ask if we had the ballot language that seven ranges were using, if they were going back to 2022 or 2023. Brian looked over what Rob had left, but was not sure. And she ask what if it doesn't pass. We would have to discuss the next plan. Although the current levy would still be in place.

Brian will be working on the Fire Contracts with Jeff, for the 2023 year. We will be going off of last years contracts, only no ARPA money.

Brian moved to get with Jeff to have prepared the Resolution to join TEMS, second by Bub Grimm, all in favor.

BRIAN SAYERS-ROAD FOREMAN

Roads are in pretty good shape, it is hardening up a little. Sam explained that the road sign on 350 telling that they have left Knox Township and entering Island Creek is missing. The post is there but need a sign.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The current Health Insurance has gone down 2% and the dental up 2.86% and eye remains unchanged.

If we wish to renew, we just need to let them know. Sam moved to stay with the current insurance, Bub second, all in favor.

RUMA (Road Use Maintenance Agreement)

Sam explained that with the gas & oil we have an agreement that if they damage or destroy a road, this protects us. The County has already approved, they have done all the Legal work to it. The County looks over everything. Bub moved to accept the RUMA agreement with Encino Energy, Brian second. All in favor.

RECREATION GRANT

We have not received a letter regarding the Recreation Grant, but if we could gather some ideas to be ready. Bub felt we should put towards the playground, especially the ground cover. Also, the gate that the Baseball Association may want. Anything we want to request we need to have a quote to go with it.

COUNTY ALLOTMENT

It was agreed to ask for Salt from the County Allotment program for 2023

MOWING BIDS

Sam moved to put on the Website that we will except quotes to be opened at the next regular meeting, Brian second, all in favor. Liability Insurance naming the Township as additionally insured is required of the Mowing Contracted out.

CABINET

We would like to get an additional cabinet to put certain records in. 36" is the limit to get thru the door.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting for Fire and EMS purpose only was called on March 29th at 9:00 AM here at the Community Building, the fire departments should receive the draft contracts prior so we can be ready to sign originals.

BUDGETARY:

Brian moved to accept the following Supplemental Appropriations:

TO: 1000-410-319-0000 \$5,000.00 Profession Services (OTARMA Attorney fees)

FROM: 1000-760-720-0000 Buildings

TO: 1000-110-230-0000 \$540.00 Workers Comp, Group Rate

FROM: 1000-410-319-0000 Other Professional fees.

Bub second, all in favor

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

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER