**Minutes of the August 22, 2022 Meeting**

Meeting opened by Grandstaff with Cooperrider, Peck, Ullom, and Callan present. Guests Rick Rosshirt, Keith Wilson, John and Julie Bernard, Chief Hill, Rodney Barrick.

Minutes of the July 18 regular meeting and August 2 Special Meeting were approved- Cooperrider motioned for approval, and Peck seconded. Grandstaff, Peck, and Cooperrider all yes.

Administration

* Trustee Cooperrider read MOU draft prepared by prosecutor for donation to be received from Harvey Solar for the benefit of the fire department. Discussion on how the money would be spent for the prevention of emergencies on a solar field. Trustee Peck to work on acceptable wording.
* Trustee Peck asked how trustees were paid from various funds. Fiscal Officer explained that per ORC 505.24 & 507.09 that when a trustee worked on the roads or in the cemetery that they could be paid from those accounts.

Bills

Cooperrider moved to approve the bills, Grandstaff second, all yes

Cemetery

* Urn burials at cemetery.
* One burial.

Fire Department

* New engine done. Tools being mounted.
* Chip sealing done at firehouse.
* Motorola Radios running a promotion this fall that would allow the purchase of more portable radios with the money from Harvey Solar donation.
* Chief Hill brought up switching payroll companies (Quantos) that would be more efficient. Cost would be similar, with the advantage of them doing the pension. Cooperrider moved to accept the new company, Peck second, all yes.
* Jeff Chavalia resigned; his last day was August 21. Chief Hill hired Ashley Baker, who starts August 30.
* Chief would like to start drug testing employees, using Ohio Health Consortium. Fiscal Officer contacted Ohio Health Consortium.
* Chief will be on vacation September 10-17. AC Wilson will have the helm.

Roads

* Callan asked about buying cold mix from the County and storing in the old salt barn for next year’s use. Thirty tons estimate at $71 estimate a ton. Trustees felt that it would be advantageous.
* Trustee Peck asked about the amount of money that was spent from Road Fund for chip and seal. Trustee Grandstaff said that a $100,000 limit had been set at the last meeting. The road project ended up at $89,000.
* Suggested that a resolution be created to be sure that it was understood how much was to be spent and what was left. Stated that he wanted to be better informed and wanted to check on the price before committing. Callan said the County was not able to give a price. The three Trustees agreed to cap the price at $100 a ton to take advantage of the fall price. Trustees asked to be informed of the final price.

Zoning

* Pole barn permit for Cox on Clover Valley.
* Strout got variance for lot split on Bennington Chapel from the County Planning Board.
* Trustee Peck mentioned that the Township Planning Commission was holding meetings.
* Ms. Bernard said the County needed Zoning Board members list updated. Sent to Planning Commission by Fiscal Officer.
* Ms. Bernard reported on discussions of Planning Commission.
	+ Road traffic from solar and Intel developments.
	+ Water quality
	+ What do the residents of the Township want the character to look like in the future.
	+ Reported on members attendance at initial meeting.
	+ Housing development potential
	+ Meeting next Thursday, September 1.
	+ Discussed goals and objectives.

Public Comment

No further business, meeting adjourned. Cooperrider moved that the Trustees went into Executive Session to discuss ongoing personnel issue with a firefighter alleging misconduct by another firefighter. Peck seconded the motion, Grandstaff, Peck, and Cooperrider yes.

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