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Greenfield Township Trustees

Meeting

January 10, 2024 - Held 6:00 PM

The Greenfield Township Trustees met in regular session at the firehouse. Fiscal Officer Wyne called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Cotner, Lonnie Kosch and Kent Searle were present.

Fiscal Officer Wyne stated that because this is the first meeting of the year, she would need nominations for the 2024 chairman for the Board of Trustees. Trustee Cotner nominated Trustee Searle; Trustee Kosch seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, the Fiscal Officer closed nominations and asked for a vote.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Abstain Motion Passed 2-0

Fiscal Officer Wyne asked for nominations for Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Kosch nominated Trustee Cotner; Trustee Searle seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations, the Fiscal Officer closed nominations and asked for a vote.

ROLL CALL: Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Cotner: Abstain Motion Passed 2-0

Trustee Searle asked for a motion to approve the December 29, 2023 Trustee Minutes, if there were no changes to be made. Trustee Kosch moved to approve the minutes; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Cotner: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Searle asked for a motion to approve the December 31, 2023 Special Trustee Meeting minutes, if there were no changes to be made. Trustee Cotner moved to approve the minutes; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Cotner: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer Wyne distributed financial reports.

Fiscal Officer Wyne advised that December's bank reconciliation has been completed for the Board's approval.

Trustee Searle made a motion to pay the bills associated with warrants 3134 through 3147 and Electronic Debits 210-2023 through 215-2023 & 01-2024 through 03-2024 which are listed on the payment report; seconded by Trustee Kosch.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Searle made a motion to approve the Purchase Orders, and/or Then and Now Purchase Orders; Trustee Cotner seconded.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Kosch made a motion to approve Resolution 2024 01 10 01 which states:

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Greenfield Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, to approve payment of salary and benefits for current elective and/or appointed officials and that the compensation will be paid by annual salary not to exceed the maximum amount set forth in ORC 505.24 and ORC 507.09 for fiscal year 2024. The annual salary is to be paid in equal monthly installments and may be paid from the general fund and/or funds in such proportions specified by the board. Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Searle made a motion to approve Resolution 2024 01 10 02 which states: BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Greenfield Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, that the meeting dates for 2024 are set as: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at 3245 Havensport Road in Greenfield Twp. Occasionally, meeting dates will change to accommodate various scheduling conflicts. When this occurs, the change will be posted on the township website, post office (Carroll), firehouse, and at the administrative office building, in addition to sending to any media requesting it. Special meetings will be held as called by the Chair of the Trustees with a minimum of 24 hours notice to the media, if requested by the media; and posted on the township website, post office (Carroll), and at the administrative office building. Emergency meetings called by the Chair to be held if necessary using the same procedures listed above. Meetings will be held at 3245 Havensport Road in Carroll unless otherwise announced on the website, post office, firehouse and the administration building. Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Kosch made a motion to approve Resolution 2024 01 10 03 which states BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Greenfield Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, to set mileage reimbursement rate per Standard Mileage Rates set by the IRS for FY24. Trustee Cotner seconded the motion

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Kosch made a motion to approve Resolution 2023 01 10 04 which states BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Greenfield Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, to authorize the Trustees, Fiscal Officer, and Department Supervisors to attend local, state, and national conferences and seminars in 2024 with proper registration for such events. Trustee Searle seconded the motion

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

FLOOR: Trustee Searle stated there were seven attendees signed in to speak, so he started at the top of the list:

David Day, 3050 Lithopolis Rd. NW, Lancaster, was the first speaker. Mr. Day explained he was in attendance regarding a property south of his property. He explained it was originally a

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camping ground with a restaurant, and people would go there to camp and fish. He was told it was zoned a B1 property. He stated for the last almost two years, a gentleman has rented the property from the owner. The gentleman's business is to tear down old barns, and he brings the wood and stone from the old barns to the property. Mr. Day explained the problem he is having is that the gentleman has a large industrial trash container because he processes the wood, etc. on the property, pulling the nails out of it and cutting it to size. What he doesn't use, he throws in the dumpster and sets it on fire, and burns it on the property. Because Mr. Day lives south of this property, the smoke blows over to his house and his neighbor's house. Mr. Day explained his wife was in the hospital two months ago due to COPD, and her COPD was aggravated because of the burning across the road. She cannot be around smoke or any chemicals. Mr. Day explained the property smells like an old barn that has been out in the field rotting for several years. The smell comes over and goes into their house, which is an old house that leaks air; everything that's outside comes inside. He stated their furniture and clothing sometimes smells like the smoke from where he is burning across the road. Mr. Day stated he has called the Fire Department four or five times, and the last time was yesterday. The Fire Department came and had him put the fire out. He noted it was windy outside and the smoke was billowing out of the dumpster. Mr. Day stated he was told by the Fire Department that is against an ordinance to bring things in to burn on the property; however, it is allowable to burn limbs that have fallen from trees. Mr. Day also offered a picture to share with the Board.

Trustee Cotner suggested that Mr. Day needed to complete a Complaint Form with the Township. Trustee Searle stated he had taken a form to Mr. Day and he had completed it, and it had been submitted to the Township Zoning Office. Mr. Day was told that the Zoning Inspector was out due to a family emergency. Mr. Day stated he understood that issue, but stated his issue was immediate; the chemicals coming out of the wood and the other things he is burning, which includes anything that comes out of the barns, is making his wife sick. He also stated there are no other dumpsters on the property to sort anything to be taken to the dump or to be recycled; everything is burned. Mr. Day stated he has spoken to the gentleman on several occasions and asked him not to burn, and explained the problems he and his wife were having. The gentleman responds that he won't burn, and then he continues to do it again and again. Mr. Day stated it is a massive amount of smoke, like a home burning down, and they get that two or three times a week. He also explained that his wife's daughter is coming home with a tracheostomy (a hole in her throat), and has a lot of health problems; she has been in the hospital for six months. Both she and his wife are on oxygen. He stated he cannot have that; it's killing them and hurting their health. Mr. Day stated he had been told his only option was to come before the Board to find out if this person is violating any codes. He stated the only other action he could take is to hire an attorney and sue him.

Trustee Searle responded to Mr. Day, noting that he had been out to see Mr. Day and picked up his complaint. He also noted the Zoning Inspector had a family issue that prevented him from being at the meeting, so he could not speak to any action that had been taken. Trustee Searle suggested that Mr. Day contact the county health department, as well as contacting

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the EPA to get more immediate response. He stated that the Township would only be able to address any zoning code violation. Mr. Day also stated that someone had told him he could call the Sheriff's Department and have them come out because it was violating some sort of law. Trustee Searle agreed and stated he should call whomever he felt he needed to call. Mr. Day noted the Fire Department was getting tired of him calling them. He stated when his wife gets sick, the Fire Department is called to come and take her to the hospital. Mr. Day also referred to his neighbor who has asthma, and can't breathe from the smoke. Trustee Searle reiterated that the Township does not have any authority to uphold the Health Department or the EPA; they will need to be contacted. Another attendee asked what they are supposed to do with this person who is breaking all these rules? He stated the man has brought in 90% of the items he has on the property. He stated he is violating codes, and he and his neighbor have exhausted their limits of what they can and cannot do. He stated the person continues to run unimpeded; the Fire Department comes over and tells him the code and puts the fire out, and then he does it again the next day. He stated the person knows no one will do anything about it, so he does it again. The attendee stated he will not have his stepdaughter choking to death because this person is "pulling this crap". He stated the person does not care about anybody but what he puts in his pocket. He stated something has got to be done. He stated he has lived there for 12 years and paid taxes, and he felt they needed better help. He stated it seemed like everyone wants to pass the buck. He stated he has multiple health issues and he doesn't want to die over this issue. He also noted the person burns all types of items, including wire, rubber and all kinds of items.

Trustee Searle again reiterated that he heard what the attendee was stating, and he felt for him and Mr. Day; however, the Township Board only has authority over the Township Zoning Code. Chief Smith stated the EPA is probably the best route to start with. He explained they will come in and do an investigation and complete a report, and send it to all parties who are deemed necessary to know about the situation, including the GTFD. Mr. Day asked if the Fire Department calls the EPA in such cases. Chief Smith responded they do not; it has to come from the actual homeowners. He also explained the complaint would need to be made through their website. Mr. Day explained he did not have a computer, so he would need to do it by phone. Chief Smith stated they could provide a contact number to him. The attendee who had spoken earlier stated it's bad when he has to put duct tape around his windows and door to keep the smoke out of his house. Trustee Cotner asked if the Sheriff's Department had ever been called. Mr. Day explained the Sheriff's Department called the Fire Department over one time. Mr. Day stated he was there and the Fire Department said they didn't see anything that was illegal to burn in the dumpster. However, Mr. Day stated they saw paint cans in the bottom of the dumpster that had not exploded. Mr. Day stated he would follow the advice of the Board and contact the EPA. He also stated he was anxious to find out what zoning codes he is violating, because he does not feel that the property is zoned for what the gentleman is doing there. Mr. Day stated he is running a business there, he is not paying taxes, and he does not pay into workers comp., stating the gentleman had told him that information. He also has a hired employee, and he states it is a hobby, so he doesn't need to pay taxes or have workers comp. Trustee Searle reiterated that he would speak with the Zoning Inspector and find out where he is with the process of investigating

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this issue. He also stated either he or the Zoning Inspector would call Mr. Day personally to give him an update on where things stand. Trustee Searle also again strongly recommended that Mr. Day make the calls to the Health Department and the EPA. Mr. Day stated he would make the calls, and noted he needs something done as quickly as possible, or he would need to move. He stated he would not endanger his wife's health. The attendee who spoke earlier stated he and his wife are on a limited income, and there is no way they can sell their house and go buy another house. Trustee Cotner again stated that Mr. Day and his neighbor should call the Sheriff's Department when they have an issue, and have them respond. Chief Smith confirmed the Fire Department had been following the standard of a controlled burn of five by five by five, but they had done away with that, and they follow what the EPA recommends.

The next speaker was Jeff Williamsen, 1201 Winding Oak Drive. Mr. Williamsen reported that he had attended the last county meeting, and nothing had been addressed concerning the resolution the Greenfield Township Board had submitted regarding solar power. He also stated he could find nothing in the ORC or new law that says the county has a specified time period in which to reply. However, once they do address the issue, they have a 30 day period in which to respond. He stated when he attends these meetings to address the issue, it is like talking to a wall. Trustee Kosch stated he had also attended this last meeting, and Richland Township had also passed a resolution which they presented. He stated Jeff Fix spoke with him after the meeting and said there is a legal issue they are working on, but they plan to address this issue as soon as possible.

Kyle Gleich, 4975 Carroll Eastern Road, was the next speaker. He had a question regarding Tom Erlenwein's phone and whether he is conducting investigations with his own personal cell phone or on a township-issued cell phone. Trustee Searle responded that Mr. Erlenwein has a township cell phone. Mr. Gleich asked if he was taking pictures of properties and children on his issued phone? Trustee Searle responded that he could not answer that question, and Mr. Gleich asked to be advised whether or not he is using a township phone or a personal phone, so that the pictures were not stored on his personal phone. Mr. Gleich also stated that Mr. Erlenwein has over 140 pictures of one community member, per a statement he had made at a BZA meeting. He had also stated he had multiple videos, as well. Trustee Kosch responded that the Board would check and find out.

Leann Racki and Elizabeth McNeese had signed in but did not wish to speak.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Tom Shafer, Road and Cemetery Superintendent, presented the following business:

Tom stated he wanted to raise the issue of having a road levy put on the ballot in November, and mentioned that Fiscal Officer Wyne had received information from the Auditor about this; he was unsure as to whether the Board had this information. Trustee Cotner stated he was willing to assist with this issue and asked what they needed to do. Fiscal Officer Wyne stated they would need to meet with the Auditor's Office, and

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Trustee Cotner confirmed that he and Tom Shafer could do this. Trustee Searle asked that Tom justify the need for a levy in writing, including how many mills, what the money would be used for/why it is needed, etc. in order to get the process started, and provide this information to the Board. Chief Smith noted the Fire Department had met with the Auditor's Office on multiple occasions prior to having a levy put on the ballot, as they are the analysts and provide that information based on the millage that is being pursued and what the current property in the Township is generating. Trustee Kosch stated there is currently a 1.5 mill permanent levy; it is not a renewable levy. Trustee Cotner stated that Tom should get a meeting scheduled with the Auditor's Officer and he would go with him. Tom stated he would work on getting the information together for the Board and the public's information.

Tom went on to explain that his entire annual budget of approximately \$600,000 is for everything, which includes salaries, signs, salt, etc. He stated his focus is on doing some extensive, long-term paving work and getting the old chip-seal roads back up to more dependable, longer-lasting wearing surface.

Tom also reported he had reached out to Jim Helm at Bob Boyd Ford to get an idea of the cost for replacing the ton truck, which is a 21 year old truck at this point, for a newer unit. He also received a quote for a cabin chassis, as well as from a bed company for the plow, the bed, the dump bed, the spreader and hydraulics. He stated he planned to get on ODOT's website since they bid those items out, as well as getting on the Ohio Department of Administrative Services site. He said the ODOT pricing should be relatively close to the costs he has already received; however, there is an annual fee to use the DAS site. Tom explained he had planned to use the money from the capital projects fund. Fiscal Officer Wyne advised the Board that there was no discussion from Tom when she was working on the estimated and permanent budget; therefore no money was appropriated to purchase a vehicle for the Road Department. Discussion continued as to the issue of having the money appropriated in the budget in order to use it for these purchases; otherwise, an amended certificate has to be done, and then sent to the Auditor's Office for approval of the reappropriation.

Tom reported he had begun the process of talking with contractors to gather information and pricing for having Ginder Road leveled up and resurfaced. He noted it is becoming a high traffic road like Brook and Election House Roads, and there have been some issues there in the recent past.

The final piece of business was a vacation request for Jeff Bondurant for February 26 through March 1, 2024. The Board had no issue with this request.

Trustee Kosch reported he had attended a holiday breakfast held by the County Engineer's Office, and Jeremiah Upp apologized for not getting back to Greenfield Township sooner regarding the state project /roundabout that is planned for Coonpath Road. He will be contacting the Township within the next month or so with information

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about what can be done with both Ginder Road and Rainbow Drive. He noted there may be money available from the state, as Ginder Road will be a major project.

Trustee Searle noted the tree work that was done by Alspach Tree Service on Brook Road and noted that it looked good. Tom agreed that he was very pleased with the work that was done, and stated there is some work that will need to be done on Mt. Zion Road this year, and he plans to have them back out to look that over in the spring.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS: Chief Brad Smith presented the following business:

A sheet was distributed to the Board which provided the run analysis for 2023. There were 1,402 runs for the year which is down from the prior year by 116 runs. The EMS had just shy of 1,000 runs. On average, the dispatch to in route time, which is when 911 activates the tones to the time they get out the door on their trucks, was one minute, 17 seconds, which is good; that includes all hours of the day, which sometimes includes getting out of bed to out the door. He commended all the firefighters who do this consistently.

Chief Smith also thanked Jeff Williamsen for bringing the station's lighting issues to their attention. The Department was able to purchase some new lighting and increase their lighting to almost 4,200 lumens in one area for about \$120, which improved the lighting greatly. They have a goal to increase more lighting around the station.

Grants:

FEMA/AFG Grant: This grant comes around yearly. They are still discussing replacing the 32 year old tanker; it is due to be replaced, so that is a goal.

Employee Updates:

Brad had provided a sheet to the Board which gives the current pay rates for the firefighters in Fairfield County. Each Department shared their pay, and Greenfield Township is currently at the bottom of the pay rate scale. In conjunction with the union and the full-time firefighters, a fifty cent raise is being recommended to see if that helps. The highest pay of rate for a part-time firefighter, EMT basic, is \$18.25. For a paramedic, the highest is \$21. The current rate for an incoming full-time firefighter is \$17.20, which means some of the other Departments are paying their part-time firefighters more. In order to stay competitive, the part-timers need to be paid more so they can choose Greenfield vs. another Department. Brad again reviewed the current and increased rates with the raise. Current is \$14.50 for a basic and \$15.50 for a paramedic; the increase would bring it to \$15 for an EMT basic and \$16 for a paramedic. This would still be below the full-time rate. The county average is \$15.87 for basic and \$18.24 for a medic, so the raise would bring Greenfield closer, but still below the average.

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Trustee Searle moved to give the part-time firefighter basics and firefighter paramedics a fifty cent per hour raise, effective next pay period; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Chief Smith announced that one of Greenfield's former part-time firefighters, Nick Reis, has a son (two years old) who has been diagnosed with pleuropulmonary blastoma. There is an event scheduled at The Filling Station on January 20, 2024 at 4 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a live auction at 7:30 p.m., if anyone wishes to attend. He is currently a full-time firefighter at Madison Township, and lives locally.

Trustee Cotner inquired about the four percent raise for the full-time firefighters, and Chief Smith said he and Dawn had spoken about that, and those raises were received. Dawn advised that the raises were three percent per the contract. It was determined that Chief Smith had not received his three percent raise yet. Trustee Cotner made a motion to give Chief Smith a three percent raise, effective next pay period; Trustee Searle seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

FROM THE TRUSTEES:

Trustee Searle addressed a resignation from the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) that needs to be approved. He noted that Tim Anderson's resignation was tendered at the last Trustee Meeting on December 29, 2023. Trustee Searle moved to accept Dave Brown's resignation from the BZA; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Searle stated this action leaves two vacancies. Currently, Elizabeth McNeese serves as an alternate on the Board. Also, an interview was held prior to the Trustee Meeting with Leann Racki. They would both like to hold a position on the Board, and the other two trustees were in agreement with this action. Trustee Searle made a motion to put Elizabeth McNeese in Tim Anderson's vacant spot, which expired on December 31, 2023, and needs to be renewed for another five years, which will expire in 2029; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

The second position is Dave Brown's position, which expires at the end of 2024. Trustee Searle moved to put Leann Racki in Dave Brown's vacant position; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

At this time, Trustee Searle administered the Oath of Office for both Ms. McNeese and Ms. Racki, as follows:

"I, Elizabeth McNeese and Leann Racki, do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and will faithfully

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discharge the duties of Board of Zoning Appeals of Greenfield Township, Fairfield County, state of Ohio, during my continuance in office”.

Both members signed the appropriate documentation.

Trustee Searle then addressed the Zoning Commission. Jack Barr’s membership expired December 31, 2023, and Mr. Barr was in agreement that he did want to continue his membership. Trustee Searle moved to start another five-year term for Jack Barr; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

At this time, Trustee Searle conducted Jack Barr’s swearing in as follows:

“I, Jack Barr, do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and will faithfully discharge the duties of Board of Zoning Commission of Greenfield Township, Fairfield County, state of Ohio, during my continuance in office”.

Trustee Searle noted that right now, the Zoning Commission has one alternate member, and the BZA has no alternate members. He asked those in attendance to pass the word to the public that alternate members are needed for these positions. He also recognized the members in attendance and thanked them for their service, stating the Board appreciates their important work.

Fiscal Officer Wyne recommended that the board needed to go into executive session to discuss compensation. Trustee Searle moved to go into Executive Session to discuss compensation; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Kosch moved to come out of Executive Session; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Searle reported on the following compensation discussions and decisions. He moved that the three percent raise that had been voted upon for the Fire Chief be rescinded; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

He noted the reason this action was taken was because it was determined that two years ago, the Fire Chief received less of a raise than the firefighters.

Trustee Searle moved that the Fire Chief receive a five percent raise, and that includes some back pay that was forgotten about; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Searle moved to give the full-time Road employees a three percent raise, effective next pay period; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

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Trustee Searle moved to give each of the part-time employees, Doug Hughes and Jane Baughn, a fifty cent raise, effective next pay period; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Searle addressed an email that was forwarded to the Board by the Fiscal Officer from the RPC regarding 4400 Carroll Southern Road and the lot splits being requested. Any concerns need to be addressed with the RPC by January 19, 2024.

Trustee Searle noted his concerns, as follows:

- Their Parcel Number 2 will be landlocked with no access from Carroll Southern Road. Trustee Kosch also noted they don't have road frontage to get on Carroll Southern Road, and they are too close to the railroad tracks. He noted that had to be approved through the county.
- Another concern is regarding their application to the RPC. They talked about public services, and stated they would get police protection from the Greenfield Township Police Department, which does not exist. They also stated they would receive fire protection from the Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Department, which also does not exist.

These items need to be addressed by the RPC. The other Trustees were in agreement with these issues as presented, and Trustee Searle stated he would submit the letter to the RPC tomorrow.

Trustee Searle raised the issue of the Zoning Inspector stating he wanted to post information on the township website. Trustee Searle stated he wanted to be careful about how the Township does that, and to be sure they are not treating anyone differently than they normally treat anybody. He stated he felt transcripts should not be posted on the Township website since that had not occurred in the past. Trustee Kosch stated only the minutes are posted on the website. The other documentation is available via public records request through the Township Administrative Office. Trustee Searle stated he would discuss this with the Zoning Inspector.

At this time, Trustee Cotner asked the other Board members about setting a meeting date for discussion of the Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Kosch reported he had spoken with Commissioner Jeff Fix at the last Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Fix told him Tony and Rick Szabrak will be meeting this week and will be scheduling a meeting with Greenfield Township to determine the process for contacting Lancaster and the Village of Carroll. This will include determining what Tony can do in regard to the Comprehensive Plan, and water and sewage service. Trustee Cotner expressed his concerns about getting the process moving, and that he had spoken with the Fire Department and others. He stated he felt it did not need to be a long meeting, but rather a starting point to keep things moving along, and to include the public. He also stated he felt the Zoning Commission needed to be consulted to consider multi-family living. Trustee Searle expressed his disagreement on this point. Discussion continued as to how to meet and move forward with the current information, and determining what

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the next steps are. Trustee Kosch stated he had gotten the map that Liberty Township had used so Greenfield could look at that. Jeff Williamsen noted all of Liberty's documentation that was submitted to the county was available on their website. Discussion continued concerning where Lancaster may continue to annex land and the tax situation that would be involved, as well as how to potentially stop that from happening.

An attendee asked why the Commissioners were not going to bat for the Townships in relation to the Comprehensive Plan. The Board responded that the Commissioners are assisting and coaching them on the Comprehensive Plan, but paid legal counsel would still be needed to develop the plan. Trustee Searle pointed out that the Commissioners are in the process of developing a county-wide township zoning template. He noted that he was very leary about that. After further discussion, it was determined to hold a public meeting regarding the Greenfield Township Comprehensive Plan on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 4 p.m. at the Greenfield Township Firehouse. This will be posted on Savvy Citizen.

Trustee Searle raised the issue of the Board being on a different insurance plan for 2024 now that all are Medicare-eligible. With the new plan, there is an option to include a program called "Silver Sneakers" for \$3-\$5 per month. Trustee Cotner agreed with including this option. Trustee Searle made a motion for the Medicare supplement insurance to include the "Silver Sneakers" option; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Kosch made a motion to adjourn; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.