

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

*Minutes of*      **Greenfield Township Trustees**      *Meeting*

March 27, 2024 - Held 6:00 PM

The Greenfield Township Trustees met in regular session at the Firehouse. Trustee Cotner called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Cotner and Lonnie Kosch were present. Kent Searle was absent.

**FLOOR:**

Jack Barr - 1642 Winding Oak Drive, Baltimore - stated that it has been over a year that he has asked Tom to place gravel down due to the school buses turning around and also stated that the ditch has not been cleaned out.

Jeff Williamsen, 1201 Winding Oak Drive, was the next speaker. Mr. Williamsen stated that he was proud to be in Greenfield Township; that he felt there was good government here, both in the Trustees and the support staff. He thanked Dawn Wyne, Fiscal Officer, for her service to the Township, and recognized this as her last official trustee meeting.

Mr. Williamsen went on to state that they have been working hard to get solar regulated in Fairfield County. He said the county commissioners had just decided to move forward and follow the procedure as designed by Ohio Revised Code. Their plan is to do strict industrial solar in Fairfield County, except for the project that is already started in Walnut Township. Four more townships have passed a resolution regarding solar in the county, after Walnut Township first passed their resolution, then Greenfield Township. Mr. Williamsen noted that some of the Greenfield Township trustees had called and spoken with the commissioners, and he thanked them for doing so.

Michael Scarmack, 800 Valley View Drive, was the next speaker. He stated he had lived in the township since 1989, and understood there was a \$600,000 budget for the Road Department. He asked about the likelihood of a levy to be put on the November ballot. Trustee Cotner noted that Fiscal Officer Wyne had spoken with the Auditor's Office about this, but noted it may not be coming this November. Mr. Scarmack asked why it takes so long to have a road levy put on. Trustee Kosch explained a levy had been passed approximately 13 years prior, and it was a permanent levy. He noted the timing of having a levy put on is very important, as well as wording it properly as to what the funds will be used for. He also stated this had been addressed with the Road Superintendent as to the amount needed for the levy, what it is needed for, i.e. paving, equipment, payroll, etc. He, in turn, needs to talk with the Auditor to work on the details of the levy; and then work on the promotion of the levy. The Board confirmed this process is moving forward.

At this time, Trustee Cotner asked for a motion to approve the March 13, 2024 Trustees Meeting Minutes, if there were no changes to be made. Trustee Kosch moved to approve the minutes; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

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

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**FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:**

Fiscal Officer Wyne distributed financial reports.

Trustee Cotner made a motion to pay the bills associated with warrants 3233 through 3247, and Electronic Debits 49-2024 through 56-2024; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

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

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

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

Fiscal Officer Wyne presented the following cemetery deeds:

- Mary Bonheim - Greenfield Cemetery; Lot 39; Section C; Graves 3 & 4
- Dawn Wyne - Carroll Cemetery; Lot 48; Section E; Graves 1&2
- Nicole Smith - Carroll Cemetery; Lot 192; Section E; Graves 1&2
- John Kimple - Carroll Cemetery; Lot 61; Section E; Grave 3
- Arlene Kay Strait - Greenfield Cemetery; Lot 53; Section C; Grave 4
- Mike and Karissa Jackson - Carroll Cemetery; Lot 173; Section C; Graves 3 & 4

Trustee Kosch made a motion to approve the cemetery deeds; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Captain Cory Spires presented the Fire Department business in place of Chief Brad Smith, who is on vacation.

**Vehicles:** The Chief’s truck had to be sent out for repair last Friday; it was towed. The repairs have been completed and it was dropped off yesterday. It is back up and running.

**EMS Billing:** Meetings have been held with EMS billing representatives. Requests have been sent to vendors for quotes and more information. Hopefully, this can be narrowed down to the top two vendors in the next few months.

**EMA Training:** Training was held with the Fairfield County EMA in the command center with both fire and law enforcement to get better interoperability in the county. This will help to ensure repetition between command staff in case of an all hands on deck situation.

**BWC Safety Congress:** Some staff attended this conference today and will return again tomorrow. Displays include information on gear and personal protection safety

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features. Attendance at class offerings will also get credit for BWC discounts for the Department.

Shalom Church Easter Egg hunt was held on March 24. The event went well, and included touch-a-truck.

**Labor Relations Meeting - Scheduling:** Chief Smith hopes to get another meeting scheduled for April 3, 5, 8 or 9, 2024, if the trustees are available. Trustee Cotner stated the Board meets on April 10 so they would all be there. It was decided to tentatively schedule a Labor meeting for April 10 at 4 p.m. at the firehouse.

**FROM THE TRUSTEES:**

Trustee Cotner stated the gentleman, Lloyd Moore, who had not applied for a permit for his deck has since figured out his square footage and was going to contact Zoning Inspector Erlenwein. Trustee Cotner also stated he felt that Mr. Moore should not be fined in this situation, as there were conflicting reports regarding what he had been told by a prior Zoning Inspector. Fiscal Officer Wyne pointed out that the Board would be setting a precedent if they use this approach. Trustee Kosch suggested waiting to decide on this issue until Trustee Searle returns.

Trustee Cotner stated there had been a Mayor’s Meeting and they were asking for a trustee from each township to attend the next meetings. This would be in regard to the Comprehensive Plan.

The Trustees recognized and thanked Dawn Wyne, Fiscal Officer, for her service to the township.

**ZONING DEPARTMENT:** Tom Erlenwein, Zoning Inspector, presented the following business:

A meeting needs to be scheduled for Troy Hicks regarding his conditional use permit application. Additional legal review with counsel needs to be done.

A hearing is scheduled with the Trustees on April 11, 2024 regarding the alternative energy conversion systems recommendations.

A Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2024 to discuss additional changes to breezeway considerations that would keep people from doing some things that are unacceptable.

**South Central Power:** The application was submitted this afternoon. The change order still needs to be reconciled for Claypool. This includes credits for the fixtures that

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were not installed, and also the additional changes for the fixtures that were relocated. There is an additional \$6,000 worth of incentives beyond what was included in the audit.

Tom went on to explain that several residents had come in with issues related to their zoning permit applications, and he works with them as thoroughly as possible. He noted he is busy the entire time he is in the office. He also explained that the zoning records in the office are presenting challenges, as well. There are many boxes of older records that need to be organized. He explained an issue with Rolling Hills Storage, the current zoning, and the privacy fence issue, because the property is in the process of being sold. It was originally listed as R1, and needs to be changed to Planned Rural Business. He also discussed another property that is in the process of being sold, and it had been changed to industrial at least 30 years ago. The usage that the buyers want to use it for may not fit the zoning that is in place. These records are also in the boxes of old records that need to be organized.

Trustee Kosch stated his wife had volunteered to come into the office to assist with getting the files organized, as she had served on the Zoning Board in the past, and had set up the files. He stated he could come in to assist, as well.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:** Tom Shafer, Road and Cemetery Superintendent, was not in attendance, so no report was given.

**FROM THE TRUSTEES:**

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    Motion Passed 2-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.