

**Wayne Township Board of Trustees
Trustee Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2023**

Call to Order: Harold Grosnickle at 7:02 pm

Roll Call: Harold Grosnickle, Jason Ritter, Teresa Hinners, Sandra Borchers

Guests:

Prayer & Pledge: Harold Grosnickle

Public

- Mary Lou Abney – Presented to the Board a survey on Jackson, Batavia, and Williamsburg Townships regarding solar panels.
- Emily Kuessman, 3555 Lucas Rd – Spoke to the Board about her neighbors across the road that have debris, health hazard issues, many dogs, animal cruelty, and meth labs. She has spoken with the Sheriff about the property at 3565 Lucas Road. Al Carrier, Zoning Administrator, has been trying to help. Currently the issues have been turned over to the County Prosecutor to go to court. The news media has been informed about the issue.
- Corporal Dowers, Sheriff Report – He will check further into Mrs. Kuessman's complaint. The crime report for Wayne Township is down regarding offenses and crime in Wayne Township.
- Mary Botts, Meek Rd – Questioned what the One Ohio Opioid Board was and questioned the Zoning in Newtonsville as being zoned Business. Trustee Hinners replied that SR 131 of the former Village is zoned as a Corridor Business District. If the lot is being used as residential, it is taxed at the residential rate. If a residential lot sells and a business goes in, the lot would be taxed at the business rate.

Fiscal Officer Report

Date: 10/11/2023
Month of: September
Total \$: \$1,943,306.26
Checking: \$1,943,306.26
Revenue for Month: \$143,806.96
Expenses for Month: \$96,905.94
Checks Issued: 36488 to 36555
Payroll EFT: 409 to 444

20231011-01: Jason Ritter moved to approve attached Supplemental Appropriation.

2nd by Harold Grosnickle

Vote: TH, HG, JR All Aye Motion Carried

- Received bill for paving. Total of \$423,560.00. Paved Bauer, No. 5, Roudebush and Manila Roads. The Board will review funds and determine monies needed from each road fund and AARPA money needed at next meeting.

20231011-02: Jason Ritter moved to pay all bills.

2nd by Teresa Hinners

Vote: TH, HG, JR All Aye Motion Carried

20231011-03: Harold Grosnickle moved to approve any then & now purchase orders.

2nd by Jason Ritter

Vote: TH, HG, JR All Aye Motion Carried

Fire/EMS

- Trustee Grosnickle stated that he met with Chief Greatorex and Dave Moulden regarding the Grant for new employee hiring. They were able to get approval from the OBM to use Grant money for hiring Advanced EMT's and EMT's.
- Trustee Ritter brought up to the Board the use of Township electric being used to charge employee vehicles during their scheduled hours. Trustee Grosnickle said he would bring this up with WFR and it will be taken care of.

Roads

- Mowing has been done and now working on trimming back trees.
- Jason Browning rode with paving crews and has all of the paving tickets.
- Jason Browning wants to know if the Board wishes to replace the 2005 Explorer maintenance vehicle.

Cemetery

- Mower skipping next week.

Zoning

- Received a report from Prosecutor, Mr. Shrive, regarding 844 and 852 Wright Street properties. Mr. Shteivi has turned the properties over to the Land Bank. He will pay the Township \$2,981.50 for the cost of boarding up the buildings.
- Growth Management Plan – Will have an open forum in little groups.

Old Business

- Harold Grosnickle reviewed with the Board if Dave Moulden to help with the completion of paperwork on the FEMA Grants. The Board is ok with the Deputy Chief having more duties.

New Business

- Mr. Rowland will be at the next meeting to go over the Newtonville Sewer Project.
- Trustee Hinnners stated that Jackson Township Trustee Joe Speeg will be getting a lawyer for the Solar Farms and wanted to know if we would like to group together.

20231011-04: Harold Grosnickle moved to go into Executive Session under ORC 121.22(G3) entering into contract or receiving problem cases at 8:15 pm.

2nd by Jason Ritter

Vote: TH, HG, JR All Aye Motion Carried

- Overlay – Hiring private legal counsel for zoning issues, problem cases.

20231011-05: Jason Ritter moved to accept Emily Supinger of Strauss & Troy Legal Firm’s proposal to write up a contract for Township approval on Zoning Litigations.

2nd by Harold Grosnickle

Vote: TH, HG, JR All Aye Motion Carried

20231011-06: Teresa Hinnners moved to cancel the 10/25/2023 meeting.

2nd by Jason Ritter

Vote: TH, HG, JR All Aye Motion Carried

20231011-07: Jason Ritter moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

2nd by Harold Grosnickle

Vote: TH, HG, JR All Aye Motion Carried

Harold Grosnickle, Chairman

Jason Ritter, Vice Chairman

Teresa Hinnners, Trustee

Sandra Borchers, Fiscal Officer