

**Wayne Township Board of Trustees
Trustee Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2024**

Call to Order: Teresa Hinnners at 7:00 p.m.

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

Guests: Corporal Kidder, Sue Allen, Merrie Lou Abney, Charles Tassell, Cheryl Cox, Virgil Cromer, Jean Grosnickle, John Pringle, Miki Pringle

Prayer & Pledge:

Public

- Ohio District 2 candidate Mr. Tassell spoke about why he is running for office. To encourage local government to utilize the ability to write grants for usage of Capital Funds. Hire a person to write grants for townships.

20240306-01: Jason Ritter moved to approve the agenda.
2nd by Harold Grosnickle

Vote: TH, HG, JR All Aye Motion Carried

20240306-02: Harold Grosnickle moved to pay all bills.
2nd by Jason Ritter

Vote: TH, HG, JR All Aye Motion Carried

Fiscal Officer Report

Date: March 6, 2024
Month of: February
Total: \$1,530,852.59
Savings: 0
Investments: 0
Checking: \$1,530,852.59
Revenue for Month: \$345,520.20
Expenses for Month: \$70,070.87
Checks Issued/Payments: 36842 to 36912
EFT's (Payroll): 39 to 92

Fire/EMS

- Burn Ban in effect from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

20240306-03: Harold Grosnickle moved to allow the sale of Justin Koon's turnout gear to Stonelick Township at the price Wayne Township incurred in October 2023. \$3,635.00.
2nd by Jason Ritter

Vote: TH, HG, JR All Aye Motion Carried

20240306-04: Harold Grosnickle moved to rescind the motion of hiring two internal employees (Misti Hixson & Adam Dozier) for the SAFER Grant.
2nd by Teresa Hinnners

Vote: TH, HG, JR All Aye Motion Carried

20240306-05: Jason Ritter moved to hire Mackenzie Mercer as PT/FF2/EMT Basic at \$15.00 per hour on a one-year probationary basis, effective 3/6/2024.
2nd by Harold Grosnickle

Vote: TH, HG, JR All Aye Motion Carried

- WFR had to replace 2 iPad that were in the squad through Verizon. Total Cost \$2000 and \$300.00 for cases.

Road

- First round of patching for 2024 done. Used about 4 tons of material.
- On February 16th around 10:00 p.m. while out salting roads. Jason Browning ran over a plow skid shoe that fell from an ODOT truck. Jason contacted ODOT and

their insurance will pay for our damage. One bent rim and two damaged tires. The total is \$981.19. It has been submitted to ODOT.

- Purchased used desk for Zoning Office. The total is \$899.00.
- Clermont County Historical Society contacted about cemetery. Waiting to hear what their plan is.

Cemetery

- YTD revenue = \$5,050.00
- Lot sales = 2, Funerals = 6, Cremations = 0
- Cleanup of all ground decorations is set for 3/14/2024.
- The issue was brought up about old concrete footers that have been taken out over the last few years. The issue has been resolved. The area around the dirt pile has been cleaned up.
- The mowing contract for 2024 is secured.
- Rotten fence posts will be replaced soon.

Zoning

- 7 permits issued – 1 accessory structure, 1 MHR, 1 carport, 2 additions, 1 AG barn, 1 SFR.
- Violation letters: 7 violations – 3 non permitted structures, 1 home occupancy, 1 live in camper, 2 excessive junk.
- Zoning Commission: Met in February 2 times and worked on Alternative Energy Resolution. Finally have a resolution which is being moved onto the Trustees tonight so I can move it to the Clermont County Economics and Planning Commission by 3/12/2024.
- Application for Zoning Commission received. Need another Zoning Commission Alternate and BZA member. Al Smith said he would go back to fill the position if needed.
- Met with Ms. Supinger today and had a very promising meeting. She does not want this department to send violations by certified mail. She emailed the process for 505.87 and 505.86. After our meeting she did say that we had more going on for us than she anticipated. Need a little fine tuning, but we will be fine and to keep moving forward.
- 2/28/2024 met with the Coopers from 2995 State Route 131. They brought formal complaints and pictures. I did speak to Ms. Carney about the Prosecutors Office doing their own investigation.
- 3/6/2024 met with Mr. Crawford from 2983 State Route 131. Mr. Crawford did obtain a permit for the AG building. There is evidence that it has been used to house some calves in the past couple years.
- Mr. Carrier thanked the Trustees for the new desk.

20240306-06: Harold Grosnickle moved to accept the Alternative Energy Resolution to be forwarded to Clermont County Planning Commission.

2nd by Jason Ritter

Vote: TH-NO, HG, JR

2/3 Aye

Motion Carried

- Trustee Hinnens had some questions but is ok with the Resolution moving on to the Planning Commission.

20240306-07: Harold Grosnickle moved to appoint Michael Purcell to the Wayne Township Zoning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Noah Pennington, effective 3/6/2024.

2nd by Jason Ritter

Vote: TH, HG, JR

All Aye

Motion Carried

- Al Carrier, Zoning Administrator, will be going to court on the Brown property on Edenton Pleasant Plain Road on Thursday, 3/7/2024.

20240306-08: Jason Ritter moved to accept the step-by-step process to ensure Zoning Violation procedures are executed properly. Prepared by Straus, Troy Attorney Emily Supinger.

2nd by Harold Grosnickle

Vote: TH, HG, JR

All Aye

Motion Carried

- Next week Al and Harold will start the road process to check on occurring violations.

- Checked on current violation on Bishop Road – wrecked vehicle and other vehicle being used for parts, looks junky.

Old Business

- Trustee Hinnners discussed the rent for the electric usage of Food Network Angels and Food Pantry at the Admin building. The Newtonsville Food Pantry is totally non-profit. Food Network Angels donate 5% of their profits to Food Pantry for meats. Both are currently paying \$100/month. Discussed what would be fair to the groups. The Fiscal Officer provided the 2022, 2023 and January and February 2024 expenditures for electric. Have until the end of April in the meantime we will meet with Wendy of FNA and Rebecca of the Food Pantry.
- Sewers – Two meetings are scheduled by the Clermont County Health Department regarding hook up expenses for those that qualify for assistance by income needs. 4/9/2024 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. 4/24/2024 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Both meetings are held at the Administrative Building at 794 Wright Street Batavia, OH 45103. Assistance via the CBDG and USDA Grants.
- Clermont County Parks Grant discussed.

New Business

- Trustee Hinnners discussed wishes the Township to pay \$250.00 to OTA for the purpose of training staff. Can be considered alternate members and participate in training online.
- Trustee Hinnners questioned Fiscal Officer, Sandy Borchers, on the new house built outside the Township. Is it going to be her primary residence? Mrs. Borchers stated that her primary residence will remain in Wayne Township, Newtonsville, as it has been for the last 44 years. Mrs. Hinnners is uncomfortable about the new home. Mr. Grosnickle stated that as long as her primary address and residence doesn't change, it is ok.
- Public parking at Admin building was discussed.

20240306-09: Harold Grosnickle moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.
 2nd by Teresa Hinnners

Vote: TH, HG, JR

All Aye

Motion Carried

Teresa Hinnners, Chairman

Harold Grosnickle, Vice Chairman

Jason Ritter, Trustee

Sandra Borchers, Fiscal Officer