

# **OHIO TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

4333 Epworth Road, Newburgh, IN 47630  
Board Meeting September 24, 2020

**The Ohio Township Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President, Mike Wilson.**

**In Attendance:**

Mr. Chad Bennett, Trustee

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Mr. Michael "Mike" Wilson, President of Board

Ms. Nancy Bennett, Secretary of Board

Mrs. Deborah Reid, Board Member

**Guests in attendance**

Steve Theising, Kahn, Dees, Donovan and Kahn, firm for Ohio Township

John Goth, attorney for Warrick County

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Deborah Reid made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2020 meeting. Nancy Bennett seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**Old Business:**

There is no Old Business to discuss.

**New Business:**

**CARES ACT PROVIDER RELIEF FUND**

Discussion about the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act Provider Relief Money available from the State; There is just under \$2 Million for the Warrick County.

Discussion about building a disaster pandemic storage building to house supplies for Ohio Township and Warrick County. One of the requirements is that the Building must be paid for and built by December 30, 2020. One of the advantages for moving forward with the project that the township already has a building project on the property, and we can execute a change order for 20% of the contract with Danco Construction. Total of the contract is \$2,052,000.00. Twenty percent of that contract comes to the amount of \$410,400.00

Comments from Steve Theising from KDDK, Ohio Township legal firm:

He has reviewed the contract with Danco and the 20% change order falls within the estimate of building the supply building. Because it is not a new contract, but just a change order to an existing contract we are not required to put this out for bids.

Comments from John Goth, attorney for Warrick County:

He has been working with the CARES Act guidelines. This project falls within the 6 categories of reimbursables. Since this is a big expense John called the Indiana Finance Authority to make sure it was reimbursable. He additionally asked for confirmation with written email.

There will be 25% storage for Ohio Township and 75% of the space to Warrick County. Separation barrier will be built for storage of separate entities supplies.

**Comments from Chad Bennett:**

Extra care was taken to make sure the building can withstand 110 mph winds and also be earthquake resistant. Insurance for the building will be a cost for the Township. Contents will be specific to ownership of property. Inter local agreement (ie. lease agreement between government units) between Township and Warrick County is being prepared and is designed to assure:

- 1) Township will pay for insurance on building, maintenance of the building and Township contents.
- 2) County will pay for utilities and insurance on county contents
- 3) Major repairs will be split 25% / 75% based on occupancy

The final agreement will be presented to the Township board at a future meeting. Department of Local Government said we do not need to have appropriated money, since this is a grant with the CARES money.

Nancy Bennett made a motion to give the Ohio Township Trustee permission to issue change order not to exceed the 20% of the original contract of the Paradise building project. Deborah Reid seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3-Ayes and 0-Nays.

**2021 BUDGET ESTIMATE REVIEW**

Chad explained the various categories of the budget. October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be the adoption of the 2021 budget

**LIBBERT ROAD FIRE STATION PROJECT**

Chad explained that it might be more fiscally responsible to take out a construction loan for the project. If we delay closing on the purchase price and avoiding paying lease monies to Deaconess. He will investigate feasibility and requirements for moving forward with this idea.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion was made by Nancy to adjourn at 7:38 PM. Deborah seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3-Ayes, 0-Nays.



Michael Wilson, President of Board



Nancy Bennett, Secretary of Board



Deborah Reid, Board Member



Chad Bennett, Ohio Township Trustee