

OHIO TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

4333 Epworth Road. Newburgh, IN 47630
Township Board Meeting, Thursday, February 25, 2021

The Ohio Township Board Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by President, Michael Wilson.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Chad Bennett, Ohio Township Trustee
Michael Wilson, Board President
Nancy Bennett, Board Secretary
Deborah Reid, Board Member

PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the previous meeting on January 5, 2021 were reviewed. Deborah made a motion to accept the minutes. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3 – Ayes, 0 – Nays

ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW

Chad Bennett went through the Annual Financial Report for 2020 page by page clarifying items as needed.

Nancy made a motion to approve the 2020 Annual Financial Report as presented. Deborah seconded the motion. The motion was passed 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays

CAMPBELL TOWNSHIP 2021 FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT

Deborah made a motion to accept and sign the contract. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion passed 3- Ayes, and 0 – Nays

UNIFORM CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The following people have each presented a conflict-of-interest statement

Maurice James Nichols as a vendor - Nichols Fire and Fleet

Brad Lee Nichols as a vendor - Nichols Fire and Fleet

Michael Joseph Nichols as a vendor - Nichols Fire and Fleet

David Shipley as a vendor - Midwest Telecom Communications, Inc.

David B. Shipley as a vendor - D& L Enterprise, Inc.

Chad Bennett as a vendor - 5 Star Services, LLC, DBA 5 Star Security Systems and 5 Star Sprinkler Services, LLC

Michael Wilson as a vendor - Kitchens Traditions, LLC

The Board reviewed and accepted the Statements into record.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE OHIO TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

The agreement states that Warrick County received money from the Cares act and transferred the money to Ohio Township for eligible expenses pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) guidelines.

Nancy brought up her concern that the Board should not be listed as a party in the interlocal agreement heading. John Goth was contacted by phone to clarify. He agreed that the title can be changed to:

“Interlocal Agreement By and Between
The Ohio Township Trustee
Ohio Township Warrick County, Indiana
And Warrick County, Indiana
Board of Commissioners, Warrick County, Indiana”

This would eliminate the line that lists the Ohio Township Board of Trustees as a party to the agreement.

Nancy made a motion to approve the amended Interlocal agreement between the Ohio Township Trustee and Warrick County Board of Commissioners. Deborah seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-Ayes and 0-Nays

LIBBERT ROAD STATION UPDATE

Chad recommended that we take out a building construction loan, giving Deaconess the required 45-day notice of intent to close. We would need to put out for bid to the banking institutions for the construction loan. Chad is asking the board for approval to move forward with the request for proposal for financing for the building of the Libbert Road Fire Station. The Board was in consensus that the Trustee moving forward.

REESTABLISHING THE FIRE ACCUMULATIVE FUND AND THE FIRE DEBT FUND

.0333 % was the original rate of these funds approximately 6 years ago. The rate has been decreased annually by the DLGF to the current rate of .03%. If we reestablish this fund back to the .0333% rate it would generate \$50,561 annually based on the current net assessed value of the property in Ohio Township. These requests for reestablishment of the Fire Accumulative Find and the Fire Debt Fund will be published separately.

Nancy made a motion to reestablish the Fire Accumulative Fund and the Fire Debt Fund and to publish the appropriate notices for each fund in the papers. Deborah seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-Ayes and 0-Nays. A Board meeting was scheduled to review and vote on this again on Tuesday, March 16th, at 6 pm at the Epworth Station.

COVID PROTOCOLS FOR THE FIRE FIGHTERS AND THE TOWNSHIP BUILDINGS

There was discussion from Andrew Skinner and Chad Grunow about the guidelines the Trustee established to keep the firefighters safe. The firefighters believe they understand the risk and are requesting that the protocols be loosened for the purpose of maintaining certification through training

for all firefighters. The Trustee and Advisory Board worked out a revised plan with Andrew Skinner and Chad Grunow and they will distribute the information to their firefighters.

The next meeting of the Township Advisory Board will be Tuesday, March 16th, 2021 at 6 PM.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Deborah seconded the motion. The motion was passed 3-Ayes and 0-Nays.



Michael Wilson, President of the Board



Nancy Bennett, Secretary



Deborah Reid, Board Member



Chad Bennett, Trustee