

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, Special Meeting/Workshop held at Licking Township Fire Station #600 at 10:00 a.m., on March 4, 2024.

Mr. Holman called the meeting to order with the following members present: John Cormican, John Holman, Dave Miller, and Andrea Lynch.

Others Present: Mike Wilson(\*); Doug Howell (\*); Kyle Weekly (\*). (\*)= present but did not sign in.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The meeting was not recorded.

*A moment of silence was held in honor of Randy Weekly.*

**Budget Workshop:** Mrs. Lynch presented a review of significant happenings in 2023. Mr. Holman provided a recap of 2023 revenues and expenditures. Chief Wilson presented a review of 2023 LTFC run totals, accomplishments, grants, and expenditures. The Board moved into discussion regarding the 2024 projected budget and goals for 2024. The Board thanked Mr. Holman for preparing and presenting the budget workshop presentation and for all of his planning efforts. The Budget Workshop concluded at 11:40 a.m.

**Regular Meeting:** called to order at 11:42 a.m.

Minutes from 2/19/24 were reviewed, two corrections noted, and approved.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve expenditures totaling \$78,251.77.

Mr. Cormican seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Holman, yes; Miller, yes.

There are funds on hand or in the process of collection to pay the attached listed bills. \_\_\_\_\_, Fiscal Officer.

Chief Wilson gave the Fire Report. There were 96 runs in February which consisted of 76 EMS (44 billable), 20 Fire, 0 Dive which brings the YTD total to 207 runs.

Chief Wilson presented applications for consideration. A discussion took place.

Mr. Holman made a motion that the Board authorize Fire Chief Wilson to hire Timothy "Tanner" Wilson as a probationary FF/EMT effective immediately.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Holman, yes; Miller, yes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) OTARMA Renewal Packet
- 2) MORE Grant thank you letter
- 3) Solid Waste District Survey - completed and F.O. will mail
- 4) Census Annexation has been completed by F.O.
- 5) Packet of Letters of Interest for Zoning Boards
- 6) Email from LCPO regarding Wind/Solar Farm Resolutions

Mr. Holman stated that the LCPO reviewed the Crossroads Community Planning contract approved at the 2/19/24 Trustee meeting. Mrs. Lynch presented the contract for signatures by the Board. The Board signed the contract and agreed that the contract term would run from 3/04/24 - 3/04/25.

Mr. Howell provided the Zoning Report. There were 4 permits issued since the last meeting as follows:

- Chad & Jenny Truex - Jacksontown Road - new home - \$262.60
- Card Real Estate - Cristland Hill Rd - pole barn - \$400.00
- James Strohl - Lake Drive - Room Addition - \$75.00
- Anthony Craig - Harborview - Garage - \$125.00

Mr. Howell reviewed the following zoning matters:

- A brief discussion took place regarding the Kessler property. Mr. Howell stated that no construction has started. Mr. Miller will inquire with the LCHD about the matter.
- The Headley's project on Jacksontown Road is slated to begin soon. Writing permit this week.

A discussion took place regarding adding the zoning commission and board of zoning appeals' meeting minutes to the website. The Board requested that the Fiscal Officer begin having these posted for 2024.

A discussion took place regarding the formation of the Licking Township Comprehensive Plan steering committee. Crossroads Community Planning LLC suggests soliciting approximately 10 volunteers to serve on this committee. Mr. Holman noted several names and will reach out to see who would be willing to participate.

A discussion took place regarding wind and solar mega farms.

Mr. Holman moved for the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION 03-04-2024**

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code Sections 303.57 through 303.62 provide certain wind and solar electric generation siting authority to the Board of Licking County Commissioners within the unincorporated areas of Licking County; and,

**WHEREAS**, such authority includes, but is not limited to, the ability to prohibit the construction of utility-scale wind and/or solar facilities altogether, or within certain designated zones, in the unincorporated areas of the County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Licking Township Trustees wishes to document its position, by formal resolution, in order to aid and provide support to the Board of Licking County Commissioners in making any formal decisions under the authority granted in Ohio Revised Code Sections 303.57 through 303.62.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that following deliberation, the Board of Licking Township Trustees, does hereby find that it is in the best interest of Licking Township to hereby request that the Board of Licking County Commissioners prohibit the construction of all utility-scale wind and/or solar facilities within the unincorporated area of Licking Township pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 303.58.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Board of Licking County Commissioners.

Mr. Cormican seconded the Motion.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Miller, yes; Holman, yes.

Mr. Cormican stated that the LTWP Zoning Commission will need to address the 0-49 mega watts farms as the resolution above only addresses 50+ mega-watts.

A discussion took place regarding the zoning board members and staffing needs. The Board requested that the Fiscal Officer schedule round-robin interviews for 3/18/24 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the fire station.

A discussion took place regarding 2024 mowing. The Board concurred that they are satisfied with the services provided by Daubenmire's Property Services and will retain Mr. Daubenmire for the 2024 mowing season.

The Board agreed to have employee evaluations completed by 4/15/24.

Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Mills for recent pothole patching.

Mr. Miller reported having turned in the mileage certification to Licking County.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 1:15 p.m.

Mr. Cormican seconded the motion.

Roll call: Cormican, yes; Holman, yes; Miller, yes.

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March 4, 2024