

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, Regular Meeting held at Licking Township Fire Station #600 at 7:30p.m., on 09/03/24.

Mr. Holman called the meeting to order with the following members present: John Holman, John Cormican, & Andrea Lynch. Dave Miller arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Others Present: Larry Gerlach; Hope Neff; Christopher Powell; Austin Bragg; Mike Wilson

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

Minutes were read, approved, and signed by the Trustees.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve expenditures totaling \$96,272.10

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.

Mr. Miller moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor

Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Licking, Licking County, Ohio, for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Licking County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the Township of Licking, Licking County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Township the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:
(see attached) and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Fiscal Officer of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Said County.

Mr. Cormican seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Lynch presented an email from Max Ungerman regarding interest in serving as an alternate on the BZA or ZC. A discussion took place. The Board agreed to extend the deadline to 10/04/24 due to the number of openings versus receiving only one letter of interest. On 10/07/24, the Board will discuss scheduling interviews.

Mrs. Lynch reminded the Board and Chief Wilson that the mandatory fraud training is due September 28, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) USPS Priority Mail from Kyle Weekly - Resume for Fire Chief Opening
- 2) LCC Hearing on 8/20/24 re: Solar Farms.
- 3) Email from F.O. to Fire Chief Les George re: prior resume was purged on 8/11/24 however provided new dates for deadline and requirements.
- 4) Email LC Auditor re: Estimate of Undivided Local Government Funds
- 5) Investment info from Edward Jones & First Federal. The Board requested Money Market info from First Federal. Mrs. Lynch will obtain and email as soon as received

Mrs. Lynch said that she received a telephone call on 9/2/24 from former Zoning Inspector Doug Howell regarding an email he received from Lisa Dodson pertaining to a lot split at 4732 Jacksontown Road. Mr. Howell forwarded the email to Mrs. Lynch. Mrs. Lynch reported that she forwarded Ms. Dodson's email to Zoning Inspector Dave Moraine for handling with a carbon copy to Ms. Dodson.

Mrs. Lynch provided an update on the Park National Bank Positive Pay progress. PNB has credited all but one transaction back to LTWP (this transaction is still being researched). Mrs. Lynch and PNB will continue to work towards transitioning to a new checking account in October.

Mrs. Lynch said that the audit deadline has been extended to 9/30/24.

Mrs. Lynch provided the Board with the results from the LCC Hearing regarding mega Solar Farms on 8/20/24. Mrs. Lynch said that although the commissioner's minutes were not updated yet, the request passed unanimously. Mr. Cormican said that he was

in attendance and that both Croton and Harrison Township potential for mega solar farms cannot be stopped due to timing and ongoing litigation.

Fire Chief Mike Wilson presented the Fire Report. There were 115 runs in August consisting of 95 EMS (50 billable); 19 Fire; and 1 Dive bringing the year to date total to 907.

Chief Wilson reported on the following:

- Fire Truck rental will be returned on 9/09/24
- Fire Pump Truck Testing will be conducted week of 9/09/24
- Concert traffic plan meeting tbd
- Air Pac testing completed
- Conversation with Franklin Twp re: contributing towards new heart monitors for use by LTFC. Mr. Holman asked if Chief Wilson had approached Bowling Green Twp & LMH for contribution. A brief discussion was held covering need, cost, and lead time for delivery.

Mr. Cormican inquired about the upcoming Lost Lands events and concerns with drought and fireworks/pyrotechnics/cooking fires. A discussion took place. Chief Wilson said that he will contact the State Fire Marshall's office as to date, no burn ban has been placed on the region.

Mrs. Lynch presented the Zoning Report on behalf of Zoning Inspector Dave Moraine. There was 1 permit issued since the last meeting as follows:

Ken Bauer/Beth Hopkins - Logan Ave - Garage - \$125.00

Mrs. Lynch reported that there are 2 variances to be heard by the Board of Zoning Appeals on 9/26/24 as follows:

- 1) Cotterman - Julia Street - distance between new shed and existing residence
- 2) Taylor - rehear Columbus Ave request for variance of lot size and setbacks

Mr. Holman inquired about the new shed for Mr. Cotterman and if it was increasing the footprint. Mrs. Lynch said yes that it was a new shed to replace an existing old metal shed. However she would reconfirm with Mr. Moraine.

Mr. Cormican reported on the following:

- Avondale paving has started. Should be finished by mid-week.
- OPW Grant application for roads at Edgewater Beach (excluding Avon Place). A discussion took place.

Mr. Cormican moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution 09/03/2024 Pave Edge Water Subdivision

The Trustees would like to start the process to apply for OPW project to help fund the paving project for Edge Water Beach Subdivision for the following roads:

- Edge Water Beach Blvd 3930'
- West View Place 1450'
- Fair View Place 725'
- Ridge Ave 1355'
- Miller Ave 540'
- Maple Ave 875'
- Park Drive 585'
- Dell Ave 535'
- Buckeye Ave 525'
- Moon River Lane 120'
- Lake Shore Blvd 1900'

Mr. Holman seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Holman reported that the boom mower and attachments sold on GovDeals.com for a net price of \$29,900.00 with no seller fees. Mr. Cormican thanked Mr. Holman for his efforts and success in selling the item. Mr. Miller concurred.

Mr. Holman reported that to date, a total of \$145,717.00 of obsolete township items have been sold on Govdeals.com. Mr. Cormican complimented Mr. Holman for spearheading this disposition of property on behalf of Licking Township.

Larry Gerlach addressed the Board. Mr. Gerlach expressed concerns regarding fireworks and the potential fire hazard of the upcoming Lost Lands event being held at Legend Valley. He stated that his crops and woods are extremely dry and fears that an errant open flame/spark will ignite the fields and cause a large fire. A discussion took place.

Mrs. Neff addressed the Board. Mrs. Neff concurred with Mr. Gerlach and his concerns regarding the potential for an uncontrollable fire and safety issue that the drought conditions present with an event such as this one. Mrs. Neff expressed concerns with hearing sirens and alarms should an emergency occur as they have to wear headphones/earbuds due to the loud

music. A discussion took place. Mr. Holman reiterated that the Fire Chief will be in contact with the state and local agencies regarding the concerns and current status of burning in Ohio based on the weather conditions. Mr. Cormican stated that in no way should entertainment supersede the safety of our residents and their property. Mr. Miller and Mr. Holman concurred.

Christopher Powell addressed the Board. Mr. Powell stated that it appears the decision is a local decision based on a quick cursory review done on his phone during the meeting.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Mr. Cormican seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 3 ayes.

September 3, 2024

Attest