

RAVENNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2023

The Ravenna Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session at the Ravenna Township Trustee's Meeting Room, 6145 Spring Street, Ravenna, Ohio, on June 27, 2023. Trustee Hank Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Roll call showed the following present: Trustees Vince Coia, Jim DiPaola and Hank Gibson, Fiscal Officer Gail Pittman, Fire Chief Dave Moore, Zoning Inspector Lori Rotondo, Road Superintendent Ray Taylor and Assistant Fiscal Officer Jon Summers. In the audience was Frank Hairston.

AUDIENCE

Frank Hairston said the Skeels neighborhood would like to request that Portage St be renamed Deseree Liddell St. to honor Ms. Liddell. There are no homes on that street so it should not create difficulties with addresses. Frank wanted to know how this could be done. The Trustees thought it was a great idea and would support it. Hank said he would contact the County Prosecutor and find out how to proceed and hopefully would be able to discuss it further at the next meeting.

Hank asked Frank how the King Kennedy bathroom project was progressing. Frank said they are in the 2nd phase and hope to have the bathrooms in by the end of September.

Frank also requested that he drive around with Lori and Jim and discuss the properties in the different neighborhoods. He said King Kennedy will be having a festival on July 29, 2023.

REGULAR BUSINESS

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Jim DiPaola to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2023. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. DiPaola, yes; Mr. Gibson, abstain. Motion Passed.

A motion by Jim DiPaola, seconded by Vince Coia to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 15, 2023. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. DiPaola, yes; Mr. Gibson, abstain. Motion Passed.

Hank announced the correspondence book was available in the Fiscal Office for public viewing during normal business hours.

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Jim DiPaola to approve payroll warrants for June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$37,350.72 and other warrants in the amount of \$37,195.05 with warrants over \$1,000.00 being read aloud for approval. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. DiPaola, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:
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Vince said there is a property on Summit Rd with large cement blocks in the right of way. He spoke with the county engineers regarding them and they had no intentions of doing anything with the blocks. There has been no discussion about them with the property owner.

FISCAL OFFICER

Gail gave an update on the ARPA funds. This led to a recap of the new storage building project and the need to get that started along with getting the inspection of the flagpole done. Jim has a line on someone in Akron who does inspections by drones. He will get more information.

Gail said the portion of the ARPA money that will be used on IT upgrades and the phone system will be encumbered in 2024 by the grant deadline. We want to use existing systems as long as possible, but they are aging and it they should be replaced with this one-time grant money.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Ray was present and reported the following:

The work on Winding Creek Dr. and Creekview Dr. is going slow due to the rain and all of the cemetery work.

Ray said there are pipes going bad on Rausch Ave. causing sink holes to develop. He said the repairs would take a week or so to do, he would be getting to this project after the Winding Creek repairs are done.

Romeo Roofing has completed the warrantee work on the roof. Hopefully it will last a long time.

GRANDVIEW CEMETERY

There were 3 burials and 4 cremations in the past two weeks.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Inspector Lori Rotondo was present and reported the following:

Lori reviewed the permits and violation letters sent out in the past two weeks.

Compliance on previous violation citations are going well.

Chad Murdock has asked that the violation letters be amended and has given Lori sample letters to use going forward. So far, Chad has filed 3 complaints with the courts.

Gail asked Lori to do some research and speak with Chad regarding billing for the township having to mow properties, penalties for repeat offenders and interest on non-payment.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Dave Moore was present and reported the following:

Firefighter Dix has returned to full duty status. That should help with some of the staffing difficulties.

Dave discussed the township's ISO rating and how the rating is determined. Our current ISO rating is 3 and we are up for review within the next year.

Squad #2411 is at Quality Choice Autobody for repairs.

Sutphen is processing the tow bill on the warranty work and working on the paint defect for #2418.

The next Fire Dept. work session is scheduled for September 20, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

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Vince said T-Mobile has opened a new store in the City of Ravenna by the township's park and they put a sign in the township park. Vince took the sign down and gave it back to them.

Jim said he had spoke with the Landbank and they said they are doing a foreclosure on the property on 6292 Hill St. Jim told them that we had a lien on that property. They asked whether we

wanted to be a party to the foreclosure. The trustees discussed the property and decided that they would like to be a party to the foreclosure and requested that Jim meet with legal counsel to find out what we have to do to make that happen.

FISCAL OFFICER

RES # 23-117 A motion by Hank Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to approve POs as listed:

Item	PO#	Amount	Vendor	Purpose	Fund
A	302-2023	\$61,000.00	PCSO	Dispatch	EMS levy
B	303-2023	\$12,000.00	Life Force Billing	Fees for rest of 2023	EMS levy
C	304-2023	\$1,000.00	WL Tucker Supply	Supplies	Road

R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. DiPaola, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

Financial reports were sent to the Trustees and department heads in Excel format.

RES # 23-118 A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Jim DiPaola to send the EMS accounts from Life Force listed on the supplemental report to the Attorney General for collection. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. DiPaola, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Jim DiPaola to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. DiPaola, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

ATTEST:

CHAIR

TRUSTEE

FISCAL OFFICER

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