

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Lawrence Township Trustees

Regular Meeting

September 30, 2021

The Trustees of Lawrence Township met in regular session at 7:00PM. in the Charles E. Lundenberger Memorial Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Haueter. All Trustees were present.

Minutes Approved.

The above bills were approved by the Board and checks were written.

Chairman Haueter read letter submitted by Fiscal Officer John McClellan that he will be retiring effective September 30, 2021. McClellan has been a Fiscal Officer since 2002 and all trustees thanked him all his years of service to them and the township. Haueter made a **motion** to appoint Ann Ackerman as Fiscal Officer, seconded by Ritterbeck. Haueter:yes; Ritterbeck:yes;Ackerman:obstained. **Motion** approved. Ackerman was sworn into office by Chairman Haueter.

PUBLIC SPEAKS

Village of Bolivar Mayor Lang presented trustees with Resolution R-13-2021 authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Bolivar to request Lawrence Township to have a Forensic Audit Regarding the Bolivar Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Lang indicated that according to the contract, the first audit can be paid out of levy funds. Haueter advised that trustees will take his request under advisement, reach out to legal council and discuss at next meeting. Ritterbeck thanked Mayor Lang for the work that he and Porter are doing in the Village of Bolivar. Chief Lynch presented trustees with a 2022 MARCS Grant application the fire department would like to apply for, but must be a government entity. Ritterbeck made a **motion** to proceed with the application, seconded by Haueter. Ritterbeck:yes; Haueter:yes; Ackerman:yes. **Motion** passed. Chief Lynch advised trustees of a USDA Grant for a siren the fire department will be applying for, working with the county to be utilized with the county dispatch system, and presented trustees with information regarding the purchase of a new fire engine, and contract with Ohio Billing indicating that the fire department accepts what insurance pays as full payment from township residents. Mary Mayles from Bolivar Rotary asked trustees to waive the vendors permit fee for the 2022 farmers market like they did for 2021. Haueter made a **motion** to waive vendors fee for 2022, seconded by Ackerman. Haueter:yes; Ritterbeck:yes; Ackerman:yes. **Motion** passed

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Haueter made a **motion** to hire John McClellan at an hourly rate of \$25 as a consultant as needed, seconded by Ackerman. Haueter:yes; Ritterbeck:yes; Ackerman:yes. **Motion** passed. Haueter was advised of a broken park bench that had been removed from the walking trail. Trustees will look into purchasing two new benches. Ritterbeck advised he is looking into grant funding for mosquito spraying next year. McNutt recommended using Martin L. Dreher Inc., low bid, on the repair work in Holly Heights. Ritterbeck made a **motion** to approve \$1,600 for repair work, seconded by Haueter. Ritterbeck:yes; Haueter:yes; Ackerman:yes. **Motion** passed. McNutt advised road and road signs were checked, T. Rowley Tree Division LLC did a great job removing the dead tree from the cemetery, grinding and paving will be done October 1 and October 2, and sweeping chip & seal is scheduled for October 4-5. Ritterbeck asked McNutt to check visibility on Zutavern Church and Newland. McNutt advised resident asked for no truck sign and he will look into regulations. Zoning Inspector Weekley advised trustees of plans to purchase a lot on St. Rt. 212 and Kerns Drive. Weekley advised the parcel is actually landlocked and he is working with Regional Planning. O.D.O.T. would not approve entrance from St. Rt. 212 and due to ditch, unable to enter from Kerns Dr. The Board then discussed Township affairs in general and a motion to adjourn was made and so ordered by the Chairman.

ATTEST:

_____, Fiscal Officer
Ann Marie Ackerman

_____, Trustee
Donald Ackerman

APPROVED:

_____, Chairman
Michael Haueter

_____, Trustee
Matthew Ritterbeck