

**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2021**

The Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on August 18, 2021 at 5710 E. Walnut Grove Road, Troy, Ohio at 4:00 p.m. John R. Ryman, President, called the meeting to order and the Fiscal Officer called the roll. The following members were present:

President	John R. Ryman	EMS	Steve Trusty-Absent	Dep. Dakota Brisset
Vice Pres.	Greg D. Dilts	ETCC	Nic Rice-Absent	Josh Luthman
Trustee	Randy Mott	Zoning	Sam O'Neal	Jeremy Paulus
Fiscal Officer	Mary Ann Mumford		Randy Mott	

The following order of business was established:

- ITEM # 1A Meeting with representative from Miami County Sheriff's Department
- ITEM # 1B Josh Luthman-Imagine Networks
- ITEM # 2 Meeting with representative from EMS
- ITEM # 3 Meeting with representative from ETCC
- ITEM # 4 Presentation of Bills-Authorization for payment
- ITEM # 5 Meeting with representative from Zoning
- ITEM # 6 Presentation of the Minutes of the previous Meetings on August 4, 2021
- ITEM # 7 Fiscal Officer's Report
- ITEM # 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - A. Randy Mott-Equipment and Cemeteries
 - B. John R. Ryman- Buildings and Personnel
 - C. Greg D. Dilts-Roads
- ITEM # 9 Any other business to be transacted.
- ITEM # 10 ADJOURNMENT

ITEM # 1A There was no new business from the sheriff's department.

ITEM # 1B Josh Luthman from Imagine Networks was present to speak to the board about fiber optic internet service. The board discussed with Mr. Luthman that the township received funds from the American Rescue Plan that can be used for broadband. Mr. Luthman shared his ideas on how the funds could be used to expedite the process. The board discussed that there is some stipulations for spending the funds for broadband, and the board will get a Legal Opinion from the Miami County Prosecutor, so we know exactly how the funds can be used to get better internet service to the township.

ITEM # 2 Mr. Trusty was absent. The board discussed the shortage of paramedics. Mr. Dilts said he has talked to other chiefs and trustees and they are having trouble getting them full time. Mr. Ryman said a lot are in the same predicament. Mr. Dilts said that ORC states only fire services are required to be provided. Mr. Dilts said he does not want to cut EMS. Combining townships has been discussed before. The townships have the buildings, it's the personnel we need. Mr. Ryman said fast food, Amazon, and many other businesses cannot get enough personnel to operate. Mr. Mott said Clark Howard said currently there are more jobs than people to fill them.

ITEM # 3 Nic Rice was absent and Mr. Ryman shared the following \$1,740.00 was receipted in during the last two weeks. There are currently 372 members including spouses and dependents. Mr. Ryman presented the following pay raises: Rebekah Ferryman from \$10.00 to \$10.50, Carmony Goecke from \$10.25 to \$10.75, Kim Seitz from \$11.10-\$11.60, Kim Heim from \$11.10 to \$12.50, Nikki Frazier \$10.00 to \$11.00, Noah Mitchell from \$14.00 to \$15.00 and after hours remaining at \$15.00 per hour. Mr. Mott said he and Nic discussed raises being based on merit and quality of work. Mr. Dilts

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asked why Jackie Koble was not on the list and why Kim Heim was increasing by \$1.40 per hour and the others are getting \$.50 to a dollar an hour raise. Mr. Ryman said Kim Heim is doing more of Nic's work at the ETCC and he agreed that Jackie Koble should be added. Mr. Mott said he had no problem adding Jackie Koble. A Motion by John R. Ryman, Seconded by Randy Mott to approve the following raises: Rebekah Ferryman from \$10.00 to \$10.50, Carmony Goecke from \$10.25 to \$10.75, Kim Seitz from \$11.10-\$11.60, Kim Heim from \$11.10 to \$12.50, Nikki Frazier \$10.00 to \$11.00, Noah Mitchell from \$14.00 to \$15.00, Jackie Koble from \$10.00 to \$10.50, effective August 28, 2021 and after hours remaining at \$15.00 per hour including Meadow Powers and Kinley Lavender at \$15.00 for after hours , effective August 18, 2021. VOTE: Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

A quote of \$25,498.00 from Skinner Painting was shared with the board to sand blast and paint the playground equipment. Mr. O'Neal said Brian Brothers in Tipp City might be able to give a quote too. Mr. O'Neal said one of the guys does side work, but not sure what insurance coverage he carries. Mr. Mott said whoever does it will need to do a complete cleanup of the peeled paint in the gravel. Tuck point at the ETCC was discussed and Mr. O'Neal said Brian Brothers might be able to help with that too and Meyers in Covington does the same type of work. The board discussed that maybe the tuck point would fall under infra structure with the American Rescue Plan funds. Mr. Ryman said we can look at the playground for American Rescue Plan funds and getting internet service for the residents, but will have to get an Opinion before deciding on what to spend the funds on. Mr. Dilts said what happens if Imagine Networks goes belly up or cannot provide the service that's promised. Mr. Mott said we could get a contract guarantee. Mr. Ryman said he would like to see how the funds will escalate the process and we really don't have any other options for better service out here. Mr. Ryman said other townships have talked to Josh about the same thing.

Mr. Ryman said the carpet should be installed at the ETCC in September. Mr. Ryman said Nic would like to go through Driver's Edge CDL Training rather than studying on his own. The cost would be \$500.00 a day and \$150.00 for the test for Class B with air brakes. Mr. Ryman said it would take 2 days at \$500.00 for training. The total cost for the training and test would be \$1,150.00. A Motion by John R. Ryman, Seconded by Greg D. Dilts to approve \$1,150.00 for Nic Rice to have 2 days of training and \$150.00 for testing for his CDL license at Driver's Edge CDL Training. VOTE: Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

Mary Ann said that our insurance through OTARMA is up for renewal and we can receive a lower insurance rate and monetary incentives for holding random drug/alcohol screenings, and driver license checks for those operating township vehicles and equipment that could be beneficial to the township in saving money. Mary Ann will collect more information.

The American Barbell rubber weights are over the township credit card credit limit. The current limit is \$5,000.00 and the weights are \$5,753.05. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to allow Mary Ann to pay \$4,000.00 on the township credit card for the rubber weights to reduce the balance and allow the additional \$1,753.05 be charged on Mary Ann's township credit card for the remaining balance of \$1,753.05, due to American Barbell not taking purchase orders. VOTE: Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

The board discussed that Tour DeDonut will be coming through the township, but we haven't been notified yet. Mr. Ryman said a few weeks ago the Elizabeth Township Historical Society held a baseball game and Mr. Ryman had someone call him and say he got hurt playing baseball. Mr. Ryman said he indicated he pulled a ham string and asked if the township would pay for it. Mr. Ryman told him no, due to the township not being involved in the event.

ITEM # 4 Fiscal Officer presented bills for payment for \$14,942.34. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to approve the bills for \$14,942.34 as presented. VOTE: Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

ITEM # 5 Mr. O'Neal said it is almost impossible to keep up with all the people contacting him about zoning. Mr. O'Neal said he would like to see the website updated and loaded with zoning information, so people can access the information 24/7. Mr. Mott said he had a few people tell him they don't get called back. Mr. Mott said some of the corner of Tipp Elizabeth and St. Rt. 201 has been mowed, and should be completed by Saturday. Mr. Mott said he saw 2 guys out around the fire this morning having coffee when he went by on Dayton Brandt Road. Mr. Ryman said he was told they are paying the property owner rent to camp there. Mr. Mott said that's why we have our zoning tools in place, so we can move on it. Mr. Mott said we need to start with step one and keep moving on with the next steps until the problems are resolved. Mr. O'Neal said he might know someone who will clean up

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the properties. The board discussed various pricing structures for paying someone for the cleanup of the properties. Mr. Mott said he would contact the Miami County Board of Health and they would be present at the time of cleanup. The first step to start things moving again is to send a Certified Letter, once we have someone in place for cleanup. Mr. O'Neal said there are several properties along State Route 201 by the corner house that needs cleaned up. Mr. O'Neal said there's only so much time to dedicate to this. It's a busy time and he cannot answer everyone at the same time. Mr. O'Neal asked if the board gave any more thought to having the county take over some of the stuff. Mr. Mott asked Mr. O'Neal if he can take on the steps to move forward. Mr. Dilts said that's the job of the zoning inspector, even though it takes time to move forward, unless we are hiring an assistant. Mr. O'Neal said Chase-Macx will attend our next meeting on September 1, 2021 to discuss cleanup of the properties.

ITEM # 6 The previous Regular Meeting Minutes on August 4, 2021 were approved as presented.

ITEM # 7 Mary Ann shared various financial reports with the board and they were duly noted.

ITEM # 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A Randy Mott-Cemeteries/Equipment
- B John R. Ryman-Buildings and Personnel
- C Greg D. Dilts-Roads

Mr. Mott shared a quote of \$981.17 for auger and bushings in the salt spreader, not including labor. A new unit would be \$4,800.00 mounted on the back of the bed. The board discussed that they will be keeping the dump truck another 2 to 3 years. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to purchase a new salt unit in the amount of \$4,800.00 from KE Rose and have it installed when the truck is at Howard's. VOTE: Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

Mr. Mott said Mr. King inquired about changing the boundaries of his easement on the property on LeFevre Road. Mr. King was told the USDA does not and will not amend the easement and asked if the board of trustees would move forward anyway. Mr. Mott said he did not believe the board would go against the USDA's decision. Mr. Mott said the flag pole in front of the ETCC needs straightened and he will call someone to come look at it.

Mr. Dilts said he had a call about an orange barrel that has been sitting on the road in Shaggy Bark. Mr. Dilts found that Mr. Cozatt had placed it there due to the catch basin collapsing. Mr. Dilts said Rudy Road has not been paved yet and salt price at the county is \$61.00 per ton.

ITEM # 9 There was no other business to be discussed.

ITEM # 10 A Motion by John R. Ryman, Seconded by Randy Mott, to adjourn at 5:44 p.m.

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

John R. Ryman, President

Greg D. Dilts, Vice President

Randy Mott, Trustee

Mary Ann Mumford, Fiscal Officer

