

**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

The Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on September 1, 2021 at 5710 E. Walnut Grove Road, Troy, Ohio at 7:00 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	Tony Bigos	Kris Mick
Vice Pres.	Greg D. Dilts	ETCC	Nic Rice-Absent	Sara Gudorf	Neil Paton
Trustee	Randy Mott	Zoning	Sam O'Neal -Absent	Kevin Hamlin	Jeremy Paulus
Fiscal Officer	Mary Ann Mumford		Debbie Bigos	Chase Lavy	Randy

The following order of business was established:

- ITEM # 1A Meeting with representative from Miami County Sheriff's Department
- ITEM # 1B Chase-Macx
- 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 18, 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 Chase Lavy from Macx was present and shared rates for property cleanup. 1 hour of labor with equipment-1 machine \$110.00 per hour, Dumpsters \$500.00 each, over-weight charges are additional, \$150.00 per vehicle to remove and haul off the property, and \$55.00 per hour per person for labor. Mr. Lavy presented a completed W-9 and a copy of his insurance certificate to the board. A Motion by Randy Mott, Seconded by Greg D. Dilts to accept the rates as presented above by Chase Lavy of Macx for property cleanup. VOTE: Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

ITEM # 2 Mr. Trusty was absent.

ITEM # 3 Nic Rice was absent and Mr. Ryman shared \$1,740.00 was receipted in during the last two weeks. There are currently 378 members including spouses and dependents. Mr. Ryman said Peck's repaired the freezer. Mr. Ryman shared a quote from Peck's to come out twice a year to clean and maintenance the freezer. Mr. Dilts said he did not see a need in them coming out twice a year. There is no activity in the kitchen and how dirty can it get with no carpet. Mr. Mott said you would be surprised how dirty it can get and the filters get dirty. Mr. Ryman said maybe once a year would be sufficient. The board tabled the quote until Nic Rice returns. A quote of \$225.00 for 25 Craft Bazaar Signs from Piqua Signs was submitted. A Motion by John R. Ryman, Seconded by Randy Mott to purchase 25 Craft Bazaar Signs from Piqua Signs for \$225.00. VOTE: Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

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New playground equipment quotes were shared with the board. The board will collect more quotes for playground equipment. Mr. Dilts said he hates to replace what is currently out there. He knows a lot of kids that have played on that equipment over the years.

Travis Kerg and Jason Hedrick applied for the part time maintenance job. The board has not discussed a rate of pay. Mary Ann said currently Noah Mitchell is \$15.00, Randy Mott was \$16.00 with a CDL and Nic Rice is \$18.00 per hour. Mr. Ryman said Nic asked if the board wanted him to schedule a Meet the Candidates Night. Mr. Dilts said the board can have no involvement with setting that up. Mrs. Gudorf asked if a community member set it up could they use the township's Facebook, page, email address list and website to advertise the event. Mr. Ryman and Mr. Dilts, both agreed that it would not be possible to share township emails, nor advertise on any township media outlets for the Meet the Candidates Night. Mrs. Gudorf said it would be more difficult to get the word out without having the email addresses and township media sources to advertise.

ITEM # 4 Fiscal Officer presented bills for payment for \$19,780.36. Which includes payment for Mr. Mott of \$1,797.42 as prorated by ORC Compensation for August as trustee. Mr. Mott will go to the rate of \$1,990.50 beginning with the month of September per the ORC Chart of Compensation. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by John R. Ryman to approve the bills for \$19,780.36 as presented, including Mr. Mott's earnings of \$1,797.42 for the ORC Compensation pro ration of August as trustee, and to approve Mr. Mott at \$1,990.50 following the ORC Chart of Compensation per month for the remainder of 2021 as trustee. VOTE: Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

ITEM # 5 Mr. O'Neal was absent. There have been some applications for houses and out buildings. Mr. Mott said Jim Sutherly is interested in taking Mr. Mott's spot on the Elizabeth Township Zoning Board of Appeals. A Motion by Randy Mott, Seconded by John R. Ryman to approve Jim Sutherly to the Elizabeth Township Zoning Board of Appeals, until the term expires in 2025. VOTE: Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

ITEM # 6 The previous Regular Meeting Minutes on August 18, 2021 were approved as presented.

ITEM # 7 Mary Ann shared various financial reports with the board and they were duly noted. Mary Ann said the credit limit on the usbank credit card is \$5,000.00. Once the November election is over, the board may want to look at increasing the limit and updating authorized users.

ITEM # 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mr. Mott said it would be 2 weeks before the Kenworth truck repairs are completed. They are fixing the cracks in the frame, drums, shoes, and brakes are all being fixed. They will service the truck and give it a 2-axle alignment. Mr. Mott said he got the name and number of the guy who repairs the tombstones at Casstown Cemetery and we have some limbs that need trimmed. Mr. Dilts said Wolfe's Tree Service is in the township and we could get a quote from them for the limb trimming. The board discussed limbs in the ditches on Widener Road that need cut and hauled away. Mr. Mott shared a quote from Buckeye Eco Care and Mr. Ryman said he would like to take more time to look at the quote.

Mr. Mott said D & D has not started the roof at the old township building. Mr. Ryman said he would check if the boxes at the EMS building have been moved to make space in the rental room. Mr. Mott said he has not heard anything regarding the flag pole.

Mr. Dilts said Mr. Cozatt has not started Shaggy Bark and Jurgenson's is to start paving on September 7th in the county.

ITEM # 9 Several residents were present to express their support of getting fiber optic to the township as soon as possible. The American Rescue Plan funds was discussed as using to pay for a

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portion of the costs. Mr. Dilts said he is 100 percent in support of spending the funds on getting fiber optic to help getting fiber optic to the township for the residents. Mr. Dilts said he wants to protect the funds, and residents at the same time. Mr. Dilts said he wants to service the entire township so that everyone can be included in getting service. Mr. Ryman said we do need to get a Legal Opinion to ensure how the funds can be spent on fiber optic and in what capacity they can be spent while protecting the funds and the residents. Mr. Mott said he also supports getting fiber optic to all residents in the township. At the last meeting Josh Luthman said it costs \$30,000.00 per mile. It may take several years before all residents can get tied in.

One resident said that Spectrum wants \$22,000.00 to go down his lane and connect his house. The infra structure in the township is no good and we need to start somewhere and commit some money for the fiber optic. Community members have commented we have a massive problem with the internet service in the township. If this was a sewage problem, it would have been resolved by now. Mr. Ryman said it is definitely a rural problem, not only in our township, but in most all rural areas. Residents asked the board about spending additional township funds on fiber optic in addition to the American Rescue Plan funds. The board will have to look at the interest income on township investments and go from there. One resident said we could put some pressure on the county to help out the township, using some of their funds they are receiving from the American Rescue Plan. Mr. Ryman said he would ask the commissioners if they were considering helping out townships with their funds. Mr. Ryman said he doubts Elizabeth Township will receive any help, due to the township having 29 million. Mr. Dilts said we could put in as much as we can, but need to keep the township in a good financial position. Mr. Mott said we could use more township funds in the future for internet, once we see how our investments earn in the new investment account. The board said it would continue to move forward supporting the residents, with the need of fiber optic for internet service in the township. Mr. Ryman said he would contact Josh at Imagine Network to get more detailed information. Mr. Dilts said we also need to find out where the board can and can't spend township funds. The board encouraged residents to continue to call, email or contact them with questions and concerns.

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ITEM # 10 A Motion by John R. Ryman, Seconded by Randy Mott, to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

John R. Ryman, President

Greg D. Dilts, Vice President

Randy Mott, Trustee

Mary Ann Mumford, Fiscal Officer

