

**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

The Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on September 15, 2021 at 5710 E. Walnut Grove Road, Troy, Ohio at 7:00 p.m. John R. Ryman, President, called the meeting to order and Lynda Mott called the roll. The following members were present:

President	John R. Ryman	EMS	Steve Trusty	Sara Gudorf
Vice Pres.	Greg D. Dilts	ETCC	Nic Rice	Kevin Hamlin
Trustee	Randy Mott	Zoning	Sam O'Neal	Kris Mick
Fiscal Officer	Mary Ann Mumford-Absent	MCSD	Chris Bobb	Jeremy Paulus

The following order of business was established:

- ITEM # 1 Meeting with representative from Miami County Sheriff's Department
- 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 Sept. 1, 2021
- ITEM # 7 Fiscal Officer's Report /Approval of Miami County Budget Commission Tax Year 2021 Rates and Amounts Certification
- 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 # 1 Miami County Sheriff's Department Report: Deputy Chris Bobb
There was no new business from the Sheriff's Department.

Randy Mott reported on a phone call he received from a lady in Alcony saying that speeding was a tremendous problem there. Complaint again that there has been a tremendous dumping problem all over the township. Deputy Bobb agreed and welcomes any calls when you see this and we will try to check those areas more frequently.

ITEM # 2 Chief Trusty reports for the month of August, we had 29 medic related calls and Zero fire related calls. Increase in runs was due mainly to one resident that has had several issues resulting in runs that averaged one a day. These calls were legitimate.

New Medic. They are telling me now that it will be late October, and that could change.

Hand-held radios that we got from the county, maybe 8 years old now need new replacement batteries. We need approval to get a quote from P & R Motorola to replace those 8 batteries and I can have that quote for the next meeting.

We have CAT coming out to look at the township fire engine's pump transfer valve, is leaking air. Randy Mott asks if it needed engine service too. Chief Trusty replied no.

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In the past month we also had an excellently executed call as we had a 15 month old baby fall into a pond and was drowning. They had gotten the baby out before our crew's arrival. The Sheriff's Department was already there with 3 cruisers and had already set up a landing zone for Care Flight.

They did a fantastic job to support us. The paramedic revived the baby. That entire scene went perfect, especially for the outcome of the child. I talked to the parents the next day. The hospital kept the baby for observation for 2 days and released with no problems. I would have like to congratulate the Sheriff's Department for their excellent work.

Manpower: I have hired 3 persons. They are in orientation at this time. I have a 4th person that is in the process of being hired. They are all EMT's. One of them is in her last stage of paramedic school and the other is in mid stage. So that is going to help.

Pay scale: I formulated letters today to submit to the city of New Carlisle for immediate raises for our people to raise paramedic rates from \$14 to \$16 per hour and our EMT's from \$12.25 to \$14 per hour. That will put us not above anybody, but put us in the ballpark. I would love to put our paramedics at \$18 to \$19 per hour and our EMT's at \$16 an hour. That would make us very comparable with other departments. Right now in this area, between Bethel Miami, Pike Township, Bethel Clark, the average paramedic pay is as high as \$16.50. John Ryman asked when the city will answer your request. Steve answered that it will have to go through the council and be formulated into an ordinance. The council has been very receptive to this raise request. They are also looking to put a levy back on in May and if it doesn't pass we can put it on as a replacement levy on the November ballot.

Clean-up: I will be talking to Lieutenant Landis after this meeting, to start formulating a crew assignment each day to start moving those boxes up to that back room. I'm looking for someone who collects metal scrap to take everything left. That will clean the majority of that room out. Randy Mott offered to take care of some of those items remaining.

ITEM # 3 Meeting from ETCC, Nic Rice submitted a typed report: Center brought in \$418.50, 380 total members Center attendance: Daily – 24, Fitness – 20, Gym – 0, other – 2, Class – 2

Playground equipment prices:

PlayCare Playground Specialists quote: \$30K to sandblast and paint the current playground equipment. \$60K to \$70K to replace everything, (to tear out-replace-reinstall) Brian Brothers said no, would not paint it. Mid-West Maintenance said no, would not paint it. After discussion by all it was agreed that painting the playground equipment would be the better way to go. Randy asked that from the last inspection for Amy, that if it's not fixed right away, would it be an issue for us? Nic said that per Amy it should not have been spot painted as a repair. Also in talking with Amy, the big slide cannot be used due to insurance concerns because it is located too close to the tree. If someone was to fall off the slide and hit that tree, we would be held liable. So, maybe we should take that big slide out. Randy commented that the issue is that we have an open playground with no restrictions on it for use. Families are over here at all times. It cannot be guarded. At the same time it has been very well used and needed and has no thoughts of it going away. Nic added that we get a lot of added usage because we have this playground here. People want the playground equipment. Greg added that if we are to use the CARES-ACT to pay for it, that we had to have it spent by the 31st. Nic said the painters can paint up to freezing weather. Nic explained again the quote was \$25,498. That is to waterblast, clean, prep, and apply one coat Sherman Williams Duraplate epoxy primer and we would pick out the color. This is the Skinner quote. Motion made by Greg Dilts and second by Randy Mott to accept Skinner's quote to paint the playground equipment. Vote called: Mr. Mott-Yes; Mr. Dilts-Yes; Mr. Ryman-Yes Motion carried.

Maintenance Position. I had resumes from Travis Kerg, Jason Hedrick, and Dan Knox. Dan sent a letter with resume but I could not open the resume and notified him but received no reply. Greg asked if Nic wanted the board to interview. John and Randy agreed that they should have some input into the interviewing. Greg Dilts suggested a time be set up to meet with these men. John Ryman suggested Wednesday, September 22, at 6:30pm, 7:00pm, and 7:30pm for interviews by the board, with a special meeting at 8:00pm. Nic will get driver's license info in order to at least know that they are insurable. Each applicant should bring their resume with them and we should meet around 6:00 to preview and unit in the questions to be asked each applicant.

Meet the Candidate's Night. Wanted to know if you wanted me to do that. John Ryman explained that per the prosecuting attorney, the trustees cannot have any involvement in doing that. It must be generated by a township resident.

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Carpet demo started today. Will be finished next week.

Would like to obtain an LAR account at Lowe's for purchases whereby it would eliminate a credit card and without questioning, we would not be charged tax. What would be required is to submit on letterhead the names and phone numbers of those authorized to be on the account. You give the store your phone number upon a purchase; you get a receipt which you give to Mary Ann; the store will bill direct to the township. Because you do not use a credit card you are offered better prices and incentives. No cards are needed. Motion made by John Ryman and second by Randy Mott to obtain an LAR account with Lowes, in the names of John Ryman, Greg Dilts, Randy Mott, Nic Rice, and Mary Ann Mumford. Vote called: Mr. Mott-Yes; Mr. Dilts-Yes; Mr. Ryman-Yes. Motion carried.

Nic had a situation where he was asked by a lady who had a family annual membership that was soon due, if it could be renewed on a month to month basis because they were selling their house to move, but could not determine when that would occur. A discussion was entered into and finally decided that the family should renew their membership on a "single" membership which allowed monthly membership, and not a "Family" annual membership, and due to the additional bookkeeping the fee would be raised to \$45 per person. Meanwhile the trustees would take time to brainstorm on ideas and bring them up at next meeting in October.

Randy asked about the tabled issue of the freezer and how many service calls there should be. Nic replied that it was recommended at twice a year but he felt once a year would be enough. He recognized that there was an issue with the freezer itself and that it needed a new part. Nic is still waiting on a quote for that part and that it may be as high as \$1,200 and probably cheaper to buy new if it can be found. He also said the compressor was not the original and that was a few years ago. We also had Macintosh come in a year or so ago to fix leaks in the coil. So, we've had a lot of issues with it. My suggestion would be to wait until next spring and have the refrigerators and freezer serviced and see what happens then with the freezer. Randy asked if a new freezer would run around 4-6 thousand. Randy mentioned that if we have people using the kitchen, we would have to buy a new commercial freezer to stay in agreement with the health board. Nic also added to the discussion that the tanks were at 10%. Randy offered to call Holder and have the tanks changed out. Greg suggested we get some quotes on a new or used commercial freezer. Nic agreed to do that.

ITEM # 4 Presentation of Bills-Authorization for payment.

John Ryman read the bills to be paid as \$2,350.83. Motion was made by Greg Dilts and second by Randy Mott to accept the bills to be paid. Vote taken: Mr. Mott-Yes, Mr. Dilts-Yes, Mr. Ryman –Yes Motion carried.

ITEM # 5 Meeting with representative from Zoning: Mr. Sam O'Neal

Sam O'Neal reports revenue of \$450. No expenses. No bills. Activity still high for permits. Two interesting calls within the last week. Today a call from a man who wanted to start a drive-thru safari but I basically told him of his two options which after talking to Randy, I don't know how we can tie that into Agritourism. So, I think that one gets thrown out. The other call was a Conditional Use if he so chooses. He wants to put a peacock on his property and charge people to see it.

Another issue is the Hawkey horse farm property on St. Rt. 41. At some point that property previously was recorded as two partials with 125 feet of frontage each. So, obviously that doesn't conform to today's standard nor did it conform to the standards of when I can find out it was created. It was 250 feet prior to March 15, 2000. Now we are at 300 feet. So, if you combine the two partials you have the 250. However, the county has it recorded as two partials. There is a gentleman out of Lima who is inquiring to buy the horse barn and 35 acres which leaves 10 acres and the house but again they only have 125 feet of frontage each. I told him that was a no go and I called the realtor and gave her a heads-up. However, if they sell it, how to you prevent someone from transferring that? When the title company does a search when it's been flagged? Randy said you should call Dan Suerdieck of Miami County Planning and Zoning and ask him what you can do in that situation. Whether or not you can stop the sale because it is a nonconforming lot within Elizabeth Township. And Sam would call him and ask him how that might be done and go from there. Randy said he called Jay Benham who is the chairperson of the Zoning Appeals for Elizabeth Township and he said he remembered when that was set up and it was originally set up as a 250 foot frontage because it was one lot. You can divide anything and survey anything off but whether it conforms to the county zoning or whether it can be sold or not is something else. Sam said the earliest he found that it was created

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was in May of 2000. Randy said that's when we changed from 250 to 300, and again, I would call Dan and if you don't get anywhere let me know and I will talk to him.

John asked Sam about the Alcony complaint of people living in a school bus at the property of 8063 East St. Rt. 41 and it's regarding. Randy said he had called the Miami County Public Health and left a message to ask them to check up on this report. He will call again and follow up with them. Presumably they will send an inspector out to take a look. John said his understanding was that the lot belongs to the house next door and it is them that pulled the bus onto the lot.

ITEM # 6 The previous Regular Meeting Minutes on September 1, 2021 were approved as presented.

ITEM # 7 Various financial reports were shared with the board and they were duly noted.

The Miami County Budget Commission for tax year 2021:
General Fund: .40 mils, Road and Bridge: .50 mils, Miami County Public Health: .20 mils. We all have to sign this. Motion made by John Ryman and second by Greg Dilts to accept figures as noted on the Miami County Budget Commission Tax Year 2021 Vote Taken: Mr. Mott – Yes, Mr. Dilts- Yes, Mr. Ryman-Yes Motion carried.

John recognized a quote. It's a new contract for Rumpke at a monthly rate of \$125.01. That is for ETCC. Then for EMS, it is \$66.37 per months. Those rates do not have the fees set. Right now for the ETCC it's \$142.72. which we did sign a check. EMS is \$75.77; John called Mary Ann and asked if they lowered the fee but she said no that there would be additional fees in that proposal. Mr. Mott asked if that was a one year contract. John answered yes. The additional charges would be the fuel surcharges. Motion made by John Ryman and second by Greg Dilts to accept the contract by Rumpke. Vote taken: Mr. Mott-Yes, Mr. Dilts-Yes, Mr. Ryman-Yes Motion carried.

ITEM # 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mr. Mott said I have not heard back from Howard Truck Repair. They said it would be two weeks to complete the Kenworth dump truck.

I talked to a company called Pinnacle Flagpole Company. I had them give us two estimates: One is to repair our current flagpole in front of the community center. The other one is to replace it with a new one. So, the repair quote is for \$856.25 and includes to sand bad spots; two coats of silver aluminum paint; Replace the Halyard; Replace the snap links on the pole and that cost was \$156.25, which included the service call and the lift. To replace the flagpole we have now with a 20' Aluminum flagpole, the price would be \$1,029.00. This would include removal of old flagpole; installation of new 20' pole and Complimentary 2 flags. Motion made by Greg Dilts and second by Randy Mott to accept the Pinnacle bid for a new flagpole. Vote taken: Mr. Mott: Yes, Mr. Dilts: Yes, Mr. Ryman: Yes Motion carried.

Randy reports he has the number of the man that did work Casstown Cemetery, but have not gotten hold of him yet. So, that will be my assignment for our next meeting.

John Ryman said ECO Care: Our calls missed each other. I will get hold of him. I have all the papers to go over exactly what his plan is for this next yard treatment. Randy said he also talked with the man who is doing the roof repair. The material should be delivered this week and their projected date is the 20th. That is for the reroof on the old township building and the fascia in aluminum.

Mr. Dilts said Benham has not been paved yet. But, they did prep it. Shaggy Bark has not been started yet.

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ITEM # 9 John Ryman reported that he did call the Prosecutor's both yesterday and today to talk about the ARPA fund money to be used for the Fiber Optics. I wanted to find out what his take was on that (whether it would be first mile or last mile etc.) I did talk to Josh about that and the way that would work is that there would be a written agreement. So, he would provide an agreement to us and we would have the prosecutor look at that. He recommended that as long as the Prosecutor is on board with that to do Middle-Mile, and with the problem with the last mile stuff, the problem you get into is if you're 50 foot off the road and another guy is half a mile off the road, you start allocating different money to different people's property. Randy Mott added – If the money is a set amount, the more houses we can get the main line to, the better off our township residents will be. Greg Dilts added that he would like to have a hard number of what the cost to the residents would be for hookup fee and per foot.

Nic Rice reported that Troy was going to use some of the ARPA fund money to help Casstown out with water. Their plan is to run water to Casstown, then to the High School, then take that water tower and expand to its full capacity and then run to Troy-Urbana Road to finish that loop.

Randy Mott reported that he attended the Miami County Council Meeting last week in representing our township and one of the items on the agenda was that they are starting up a community Land reutilization corporation and they are doing a survey and I ran copies of this and I'm going to that retreat and if you all can look at this survey and answer what you can and return it to me, I will know what you guys are thinking and I will take it with me to that meeting next week. It is questions about development, resources in Miami County and so forth.

Question from Sara Gudorf: Two weeks ago, we talked about how we would get our rates funded. And in talking to Josh, he is planning on funding all the township and county roads; all of the township roads in Elizabeth Township and that was not made clear the last time he was here. If he funds all of it, it will make it go faster. If you sign up now for Fiber Internet, in the area he is going to service, you have a 3+ year of wait before he can even start. And, it's a year out for construction. So, if we help fund with ARPA money or whatever we choose to use, supposedly the county will match that and it will bump us up higher on the list so that they start with us. A discussion ensued and agreed that communication with Josh is a little difficult.

ITEM # 10 A Motion by John R. Ryman, Seconded by Randy Mott, to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.

APPROVED OCTOBER 6, 2021

John R. Ryman, President

Greg D. Dilts, Vice President

Randy Mott, Trustee

Mary Ann Mumford, Fiscal Officer

****MINUTES TAKEN AND PREPARED BY LYNDA MOTT****

