

**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2022**

The Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on November 16, 2022 at 5710 E. Walnut Grove Road, Troy, Ohio at 7:00 p.m. Greg D. Dilts, President, called the meeting to order, Mary Ann Mumford called the roll and the following members were present:

President	Greg D. Dilts	EMS-Steve Trusty-Ab.	Paulette Bennett	Paul Hershberger
Vice Pres.	Randy Mott	ETCC-Nic Rice	Kristin DesAutels	Nancy Sparks
Trustee	John R. Ryman-Absent	Zoning-Sam O'Neal	Logan DesAutels	Leslie KodyszThen
Fiscal Officer	Mary Ann Mumford		David Godfrey	Michael Then
			Bill Hershberger	Candy Thompson
				Keith Thompson

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 # 2A Michael and Leslie Then

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 Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2022

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 # 1 There was no new business to discuss.

ITEM # 2 Mr. Trusty-Absent. Mr. Dilts for those present and may not know, the trustees have entered into a consultant study on forming our own Fire/EMS department. Upon this year's negotiations with the City of New Carlisle it was evident that the city will not be entering into another contract with the township. Mr. Dilts said he spoke with Randy Bridge, the City Manager, and Mr. Bridge asked why the township doesn't have their own department and blew him off when Mr. Dilts requested terminating the contract with the city early. Mr. Dilts said he presented a letter to the City of New Carlisle at their board meeting, but it is doubtful they will honor our request of terminating early. Mr. O'Neal asked the board if starting our own department will provide cost savings to the residents and the answer was no. Mr. Mott said it will be costly to get up and running, but in the long run will be comparable. Mr. Dilts said the benefit will be that the department will be manned 24/7.

ITEM # 2A Mr. Then said he wanted to discuss his neighbor's loud music. Mr. Then said they had a Halloween party with loud music, drinking and a kids corner. The music was at 80 decibels on their property. Mr. Then said they can feel the base from the music at their house. His neighbor said they moved to the country so they could do whatever they want. In August the Thens called the Sheriff's Department to report loud music. When they came out they told the Thens that they could not do anything about it, due to the township not having a Noise Ordinance in place to enforce. The neighbors are not here for agriculture purposes. They made a post on Facebook inviting friends to their Halloween party. Mrs. Then recited ORC that she feels would cover the enforcement of the disturbance. She understands trying to protect agriculture, but this is not acceptable noise. If we had a Noise Ordinance in place, then the trustees could enforce the ordinance and so could the sheriff's department. The Thens stated anything over 70 decibels is damaging to your hearing. Mr. DesAutels said he is not going to put up with this again and he is going to stop it not matter what. He

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understands what the Thens are going through, and the speakers from the neighbors is directed toward their property. Suggested all three trustees with the sheriff go over there tell them to cut it out when they do it again. Mr. Mott said there are three ways to move forward. Trustees draft an ordinance; the zoning commission drafts an ordinance or the people can draft a text amendment. The residents would make an Amendment and present it to the trustees to vote on. If 2 trustees vote one way and the third votes another way, it does not pass. All three trustees must be in agreement with the Amendment in order for it to pass. Mr. DesAutels said a lot of people in the township don't want a Noise Ordinance. Houses are getting closer together. He was always told people are courteous in the country and that's not true, there's a lot of jerks around us. He didn't have this problem before moving to the country. When he suggested people come out and help him with his problem, the complainers didn't show, they didn't have the guts to help them out. The Thens called me and I went over several times. We have to do something. All the neighbors should go over and tell them to knock it off. Mrs. Then said she is trying to do this lawfully and legally. She can't control what they do on their property, but this music has got to stop. Deed documentation indicates there are covenants on the deeds. This problem is just going to keep growing. Mr. O'Neal to look into the covenants in more detail. Mr. Then said they are flying a drone over their property taking pictures, and the drone is flying low. That's a violation of our privacy. Mrs. Then said she is scared of them and afraid for retaliation against her pets and said this has to stop. Mr. Dilts said he would be glad to go talk to them, if that is something you are interested in. Mrs. Then said to wait, because she is afraid of what the retaliation might be. Mr. Dilts suggested they work with the zoning inspector and zoning commission board for submitting a text amendment.

ITEM # 3 ETCC- Mr. Rice-\$10,000.75 was receipted in since the last meeting. There are currently 368 members including spouses and dependents. Receipt increase due to membership drive. Karen Schindler would like to volunteer teaching yoga. Member rate for yoga \$40.00 and \$50.00 for non-members. Would like to purchase 5 yoga blocks at \$17.99 from Amazon, not including shipping costs. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to allow Karen Schindler volunteer teaching yoga, approve the member rate of \$40.00 and non-member rate of \$50.00, purchase 5 yoga blocks at \$17.99 from Amazon, with additional shipping costs. VOTE: Mr. Ryman-Absent, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes. Greg D. Dilts, President, declared the Motion carried. Miami East Softball Quarter Auction committee asked for a donation. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to donate one ETCC T-shirt and a Single 6-month Membership to the Miami East Softball Quarter Auction. VOTE: Mr. Ryman-Absent, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes. Greg D. Dilts, President, declared the Motion carried.

The preschool has been offered free air purifiers, but they would have to be maintenance, and who will cover that cost? Nic to have Amy get more details on the purifiers.

ITEM # 4 Fiscal Officer submitted the bills for payment for \$85,322.55, A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott, to approve payment of the bills for \$85,322.55 as presented. VOTE: Mr. Ryman-Absent, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes. Greg D. Dilts, President, declared the Motion carried

ITEM # 5 Mr. O'Neal-Contacted by a property owner at the corner of Tipp Elizabeth and State Route 201 about a potential split that could become 7 building parcels. Mr. Mott said we purchased from the county commissioners a few years ago and put some restrictions on the land and then resold it. Would we be interested in purchasing this property and doing the same?

ITEM # 6 The Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 2, 2022 were approved as presented.

ITEM # 7 Mary Ann-Variious financial reports were shared with the board. Mary Ann presented the October balanced bank rec.

ITEM # 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Mr. Mott-Time for the annual generator service to be completed. A Motion by Randy Mott, Seconded by Greg D. Dilts to approve Ohio Cat's quote of \$845.00 for servicing the ETCC generator and \$675.00 to service the EMS generator, for a total of \$1,520.00. VOTE: Mr. Ryman-Absent, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes. Greg D. Dilts, President, declared the Motion carried. Mowing tractor check was issued tonight. Will make arrangements with Koenig for pickup. Mary Ann to add insurance

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coverage on the new tractor. Dump truck has the plow on and a partial load of salt. Cemetery signs were ordered.

Mr. Ryman-No new business to discuss.

Mr. Dilts-Now might be a good time to start getting specs for new pickup and dump truck due to availability. Britt at the engineer's office notified that the gas line depth needs to be measured and a few other items looked at for the Sanders-Adams Road project. May need to vac out the line and send a camera down to see what is going on. Britt estimated the job to cost \$2,000.00-\$3,000.00.

ITEM # 9 Mr. Hershberger commented he is glad to hear we are starting our own EMS/Fire department.

ITEM # 10 A Motion by Greg D. Dilts Seconded by Randy Mott, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

APPROVED DECEMBER 7, 2022

Greg D. Dilts, President

Randy Mott, Vice President

John R. Ryman Trustee

Mary Ann Mumford, Fiscal Officer