

**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 6, 2023**

The Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on December 6, 2023 at 5710 E. Walnut Grove Road, Troy, Ohio at 7:00 p.m. John R. Ryman, President, called the meeting to order Mary Ann Mumford called the roll and the following members were present:

President	John R. Ryman	EMS/Fire-Adam Marchal
Vice Pres.	Randy Mott	EMS/Fire-Art Blackmore
Trustee	Greg D. Dilts	ETCC-Nic Rice
Fiscal Officer	Mary Ann Mumford	Zoning-Jim Cozatt

Also in attendance: Jim Powers, Kathy Nartker Limerick, Jim Taylor, Tom O'Malley, Cheri O'Malley, Nancy Sparks, Jason Jacobs, Kristen Jacobs

The following order of business was established:

ITEM # 1 Meeting with representative from Miami County Sheriff's Department

ITEM # 2 Farmland Preservation Report

ITEM # 3 Meeting with representative from EMS

ITEM # 4 Meeting with representative from ETCC

ITEM # 5 Presentation of Bills-Presentation of bills for payment

ITEM # 6 Meeting with representative from Zoning

ITEM # 7 Presentation of the Minutes from November 15, 2023

ITEM # 8 Fiscal Officer's Report

ITEM # 9 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

ITEM # 10 Any other business to be transacted

ITEM # 11 ADJOURNMENT

ITEM # 1 There was no deputy present.

ITEM # 2 Annual Monitoring Reports are in process.

ITEM # 3 Mr. Blackmore/Mr. Marchal- 9 New employees for approval as follows: Kendra Havenar, Chris Scott, David Grantonic, Kevin Stephens, Anthony Faulkner, Kayla Miller, Brayden Matthieu, Daniel Davenport, and David Force. We are at a total of 25 part-time employees and will be losing one, due to taking a job in Columbus. Coverage is at 100%. A Motion by Randy Mott, Seconded by Greg D. Dilts to approve the above nine part-time employees at the hourly rate per their certification as previously set. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried. The department has been up for 30 ½ days, during that time there were 120 man hours not covered. There have been 17 EMS calls and 3 Fire calls so far. Monthly EMS/Fire Reports will be shared with the board. The City of New Carlisle has offered to give the township their old fill tank and compressor. There may be some maintenance expenses that need done, but a new one would cost around \$60,000.00. The maintenance costs per year will run close to \$1,700.00 per year, we have 10 cylinders. It will need moved from New Carlisle to our department. A Motion by John R. Ryman, Seconded by Greg D. Dilts, to accept the donation of the City of New Carlisle's old tank and compressor. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

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Mr. Marchal said the cooking utensils/cookware, copier/printer need replaced. Winter coats are needed and would like to purchase enough for the department. IT is complete and the security of the building is great. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to allow Adam to use the township credit card to purchase new cookware/utensils up to \$500.00 and to purchase winter 3 season coats for the department from a vendor of choice up to \$6,000.00. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried. Mr. Marchal to research the cost of a copier/printer/fax/scanner from Woodhull and report back to the board.

ITEM # 4 ETCC- Mr. Rice-\$2,081.00 was receipted in from November 15, - December 6, 2023. There are currently 339 Members including spouses and dependents. Need Breakfast with Santa supplies, gift cards for employees, and a new flag. A Motion by John R. Ryman Seconded by Greg D. Dilts to allow Nic to use the township credit card to purchase Breakfast with Santa supplies up to \$200.00, purchase fourteen \$50.00 gift cards to Texas Road House for ETCC employees, on Nic's merit recommendation using the township credit card. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried. Mr. Mott will take care of the new flag.

ITEM # 5 Bills submitted for payment totaled \$126,248.19 A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to approve the payment of bills for \$126,248.19 as presented. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

ITEM # 6 Mr. Cozatt-There has been no contact regarding the Conditional Use Permit Hearing on November 13, 2022, regarding the property at 6550 Tipp Elizabeth Road, Troy. 1455 Alcony Conover Road still has junk laying around. The board advise Mr. Cozatt to send a letter to the land owners Declaring the Property a Nuisance, and setup a time line for having it cleaned up.

ITEM # 7 The Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2023 were approved as presented.

ITEM # 8 Various financial reports were shared with the board.

ITEM # 9 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Mr. Mott-Mowing is finished. Equipment has been cleaned for the season. The pickup window was reprogrammed and works fine.

Mr. Ryman-Tree Care will be out to cut down the 2 township trees. The stump of the front tree will be ground down, but the back tree will not. Mr. Ryman read a Letter of Resignation from Lynda Mott, Zoning Secretary. A Motion by John R. Ryman, Seconded by Greg D. Dilts to accept Lynda Mott's Letter of Resignation and to hire Nancy Sparks as her replacement, as Zoning Secretary for both the Board of Appeals and Commission Board at \$150.00 per meeting, with Nancy being paid for the Board of Appeals Meeting that was held on November 13, 2023, as she subbed for Lynda Mott taking the Minutes. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-Abstain, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

A Motion by John R. Ryman, Seconded by Randy Mott to increase Jim Cozatt, Zoning Inspector monthly rate to \$500.00 per month, beginning January 1, 2024. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

Mr. Dilts-No new business to discuss on roads.

Mr. Mott reported that Mark Lawson a township resident, and plumber came over to the EMS/Fire department to find what was causing a wet spot on the ceiling on the 1st floor. It was found the shower stall on the second floor had a leaky gasket. Mr. Mott will meet with Eric Walters for updating the wiring of the fuel pumps and installing a light above the key pad at the EMS/Fire department.

Mr. Mott will meet with Jamie Geurige at Midwest Maintenance about completely sealing the West and South side of the EMS/Fire building. The proposal will include sealing and tuck pointing.

ITEM # 10 Jason Jacobs asked the board if the Thens have submitted a Noise Ordinance. To date, no formal Noise Ordinance has been submitted, nor have any fees for such been paid. A draft copy was shared with the board, but was still in draft form when it was submitted. Mr. Jacobs asked if the trustees have received any complaints from the Thens regarding the Jacobs music. Mr. Ryman stated it has been a couple of months. Mr. Dilts said the last he was contacted was on September 21, 2023 at 7:22 p.m., which was also a township meeting night. He and Mr. Ryman went to Tom O'Malley's

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after the meeting to see if music could be heard. Both trustees said they didn't really hear anything, but as you walked back toward the Jacob property you could hear Taylor Swift playing. It was a crisp night so you could hear it, but it was nothing that both Mr. Ryman or Mr. Dilts felt in their opinion was loud and excessive. Mr. Mott said he and Mr. Ryman stopped by the Thens on a complaint. It was the same thing, as long as you were walking around you couldn't hear the music. When you could hear the music, we were not able to make out word for word what was playing. Mr. Mott said when he and Mr. Ryman went to the Thens' front door to tell them they couldn't hear word for word, the Thens said it was just turned down. Mr. Jacobs asked if there have been other complaints from neighbors, and Mr. Dilts said yes, Mr. Jacobs asked who, and Mr. Dilts said he would refrain from commenting during the public meeting. Mr. Cozatt, said his records indicate the original Noise Ordinance the Thens drafted was February 7, 2023.

Kathy Nartker-Limerick said there is a hole on Gearhart Road where a utility pole was removed. Nic Rice said there is one on Widener Road too. It appears the poles are AES and they will be contacted to have the holds filled in.

Mr. Mott submitted Resolution Number 2023-015 as the final RESOLUTION required to enact on for Declaring It Necessary to Levy a Tax as prepared by the Miami County Prosecutor's Office. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by John R. Ryman, to accept **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-015** as prepared by the Miami County Prosecutor's Office DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX per attachment. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-015 passed. The Resolution can be found in its entirety in the Elizabeth Township Book of Resolutions

ITEM # 11 A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by John R. Ryman to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

APPROVED DECEMBER 20, 2023

John R. Ryman, President

Randy Mott, Vice President

Greg D. Dilts, Trustee

Mary Ann Mumford, Fiscal Officer