

**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 19, 2023**

The Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on July 19, 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-Steve Trusty-Absent	Zoning-Jim Cozatt
Vice Pres.	Randy Mott	EMS-Art Blackmore-Absent	Dep. Leavitt
Trustee	Greg D. Dilts	ETCC-Nic Rice-Absent	
Fiscal Officer	Mary Ann Mumford	Zoning-Sam O'Neal	

Also in attendance: Nancy Sparks, Kathy Nartker Limerick

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 Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2023

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. Mr. Mott thanked the department for staging with the recent down tree.

ITEM # 2 Mr. Trusty-Absent. Mr. Dilts shared the June EMS Report with the board. There were 10 EMS and No fire runs during the month of June. The EMS building was manned either partial or 24/7 19 days during the month. There was only one day that was manned 24 hours during the month.

ITEM # 3 ETCC- Mr. Rice-Absent \$844.00 was receipted in from July 5 - July 18, 2023. There are currently 336 members including spouses and dependents. The kitchen flooring is scheduled to be installed the first week of August. There were about 70 people who attended the softball game. There were 2 teams. The county extension agency is holding a kid's cooking program this week.

ITEM # 4 Bills submitted for payment totaled \$57,042.36. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to approve the payment of bills for \$57,042.36 as presented. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

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ITEM # 5 Mr. O'Neal/Mr. Cozatt-The sheriff made a visit to the mini farm on Walnut Grove Road. Upon arrival there were no signs of animals or abuse; the deputy closed the case. The shed has been taken down and there are no animals around. Conditional Use Permit would not pertain to a 1-acre parcel. Spoke to Debbie Skillings regarding Gearhart Road, husband has been doing the mowing, but they are dealing with her father's death. Coverstone property on State Route 201 is not too bad, but will need to be watched. Kennedy (Coverstone) property on Dayton Brandt Road needs cleaned up. Property has been bush-hogged, but not up close to the house. Weeds/grass growing up around the house. 1455 Alcony Conover Road is at condemning condition. There are three property owners involved with Sonya Reed owning 50%, Amanda Cooley owning 25%, and Sheila Swank owning 25% of the property. Mr. O'Neal suggested to follow the same procedure of the Dayton Brandt property that was recently cleaned up and assess the property taxes. Could apply for county funds to help with demolition. Mrs. Young's daughter inquired about opening a Bed and Breakfast at the corner of State Route 41 and State Route 201. Renters have been notified to move. Hopes to have it ready to go by the spring. Had an inquiry on the Mayflower property on State Route 41 for a Bed and Breakfast. Wouldn't be too bad if the landowner was living there. Ron England was contacted by potential buyer regarding questions/concerns. Would like to purchase several decals and a magnetic sign for Jim Cozatt's vehicle when he is out doing zoning work. A Motion by Randy Mott, Seconded by Greg D. Dilts to purchase decals for the vehicles and a magnetic sign for the zoning inspector's vehicle up to \$1,000.00 from Quint Creative Designs. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

ITEM # 6 The Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2023 were approved as presented.

ITEM # 7 Various financial reports were shared with the board. Mary Ann said the transfer from usbank investment to the Minster checking account was completed.

ITEM # 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Mr. Mott-Stone Hugger is not done yet, but close. The new truck is back from K.E. Rose. Government license plate was applied for through the Department of Transportation. Shared a copy of logo decal for putting on the truck doors. Deflector for the plow is on back order at K.E. Rose. The old chain saw was repaired, but is not great. Randy purchased a new MS311 Stihl chain saw, case, and oil at Koenig's for \$589.52, due to needing a dependable saw on hand.

Mr. Ryman-Three-year contract from Rumpke for trash service was presented. EMS \$77.76 per month and ETCC \$141.12 per month. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to accept the Three-year contract with Rumpke as **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-006** for EMS at \$77.76 per month and ETCC at \$141.12 per month. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-006 passed. Mr. O'Neal will ask Dusty if Rumpke will give a discount, if we go township wide for their services. Resolution can be found in its entirety in the Elizabeth Township Book of Resolutions.

Amy Hawkins at Walnut Grove Learning Center accepted the new contract, including the additional \$100.00 per month, making Walnut Grove Learning Center's monthly rent \$450.00 per month. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to accept the three-year contract as presented with Walnut Grove Learning Center, expiring on July 31, 2026, as **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-007**. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-007 passed. Resolution can be found in its entirety in the Elizabeth Township Book of Resolutions.

Amy found a Poly III Family Favorite playset at Whispering Oaks Gazebos. Cost to be Approximately \$7,760.00. Amy would like to pay half of the cost of the playset and requests that the township pay half of the cost, due to children in the township having access to play on it, as well as the preschool children and it being located on township property. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by John R. Ryman to pay up to \$3,880.00 for the township half of the Poly III Family Favorite playset from Whispering Oaks Gazebos, to be placed on the township playground area. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

Mr. Dilts-Would like Art, Cam and trustees to walk through the EMS building to get an idea of what repairs and maintenance may be needed. The board will be hiring our own part-time fire chief for up to 20 hours per week. Hiring our own fire chief allows the township to make our own vision and

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destiny. We will still work with Tipp City, but will not have to wait on Tipp City to decide if they want the Collaborative Agreement or not. Mr. Mott said he would like to get it posted ASAP. Application due date could be August 9, 2023 and hire someone at the August 16, 2023 meeting. Mr. Ryman said he feels that seems too fast and would like more time. Mr. Mott said we could move the application due date to August 16, 2023 and hire at the September 6, 2023 meeting. Art could review the applications and bring his recommendations to the board. A Motion by John R. Ryman, Seconded by Randy Mott to advertise and hire a part-time fire chief for Elizabeth Township at a salary rate of \$3,000.00 per month working 20 hours per week at chief status, and if they choose to work a shift, the rate of pay for shift work would be \$25.00 per hour. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes

Sanders Road project will be advertised on July 26, and July 30, 2023 in the Miami Valley News. It will also be posted on the township website. Bid packages will be available for pickup at the ETCC. Bids will be opened at the September 6, 2023 Township Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Each resident affected will have the opportunity to tie into the catch basin if they so choose at their own expense. Residents will be notified of the project taking place with a completion date of June 30, 2024. Mr. Mott said Holzen's quote to fix the culvert on Mill Road is \$14,708.00. The estimate is up \$5,108.00 from the county estimate of \$9,600.00. The board discussed getting a second estimate. There are other contractors who reside in the township doing the same type of work, and a second estimate would be more transparent. Mr. Dilts to reach out to a few others for an estimate, noting that the work needs to be completed this year.

Roads were mowed and there will be one or two more mows, depending on the weather.

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

ITEM # 10 A Motion by John R. Ryman Seconded by Greg D. Dilts to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

APPROVED AUGUST 2, 2023

John R. Ryman, President

Randy Mott, Vice President

Greg D. Dilts, Trustee

Mary Ann Mumford, Fiscal Officer