

**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO  
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2023**

The Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on March 1, 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	Bill Hershberger
Vice Pres.	Randy Mott	ETCC-Nic Rice-Absent	Paul Hershberger
Trustee	Greg D. Dilts	Zoning-Sam O'Neal	Nancy Sparks
Fiscal Officer	Mary Ann Mumford		Michael Then
			Leslie Kodysz-Then
			Tom Wallace

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 February 15, 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

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**ITEM # 1** There was no representative from the sheriff's department.

**ITEM # 2** Mr. Trusty-Absent-Western Ohio Truck to repair engine 3. Mr. Dilts reported the medic was out of service; Bethel Township came up. Elizabeth Township is broken into four quadrants. Mr. Dilts did a study and found that Troy is closer than Bethel Township. Cam gave different points of view to the information. If Troy is busy, the call goes through a list in three minute intervals until taken. Bethel Township may be able to come sooner possibly, but would have to change the call order. Mr. Dilts said it's already March and we need to get moving, if we are going to be ready for the change in EMS by November. Mr. Dilts said we need to have an employee in place to get our number. It could be part time for now, with no more than 20 hours per week. Mr. Dilts said it would definitely be beneficial to hire someone with knowledge in getting the admin side set up. The board is looking at hiring a third party for EMS/Fire payroll. We need to get our ground work done. It would be beneficial to hire someone separate from Tipp City, in case the merge doesn't work out. Cam and Chip look the way to go. Mr. Dilts said he contacted Steve about moving forward. A concern of his, is that Tipp City often shows out of service. It's going to take time to build staff and we will progress over the years. Mr. Dilts will move forward with the next step of looking for a potential part time employee.

**ITEM # 3** ETCC- Mr. Rice-Absent. Mr. Ryman reported \$5,225.00 was receipted in during the month of February. LVS will be at the ETCC March 6-9, 2023 updating the tv systems.

**ITEM # 4** Fiscal Officer submitted the bills for payment for \$111,831.49. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts Seconded by Randy Mott, to approve the payment of the bills for \$111,831.49 as presented. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried

**ITEM # 5** Mr. O'Neal-Received a call that someone is shooting guns on Mill Road, across property lines. Individual making the complaint was advised by the sheriff deputy who came out to put up a

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fence. Mr. Dilts said the deputy should not have responded that they need to put up a fence.

**ITEM # 6** The Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2023 were approved as presented.

**ITEM # 7** Mary Ann-Various financial reports were shared with the board. Mary Ann told the board the township audit will begin tomorrow. Mary Ann requested a draw from the usbank Investment Account in the amount of \$100,000.00, due to the Star SMA investment not having the cash available, without a loss in revenue to the township. The original approved draw from Star SMA was approved on December 21, 20023, from Star SMA in the amount of \$200,000.00. Mary Ann said \$96,000.00 of the approved draw was available as cash. The fund has not accumulated enough cash to allow completion of the original request of \$200,000. Mary Ann asked the board to allow her to make a draw for \$100,000.00 from the usbank Investment Account to the Minster Bank checking account for General Fund expenses. The payment to The City of New Carlisle has taken the General Fund checking balance down and needs to be replenished. A Motion by Randy Mott, Seconded by John R. Ryman to allow Mary Ann to draw \$100,000.00 from the usbank investment account to the Minster Bank checking account for General Fund expenses. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the 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-There was an issue with the generator at the EMS building. It was found that the charger on the wall that charges the battery didn't have the correct fuse put in the last time Cat was out. The correct fuse has been put in and has been good since. The mower is in. Koenig Equipment will take the tractor to Kalida and go back for it when the install is complete for \$980.00. It should go sometime next month. A Motion by Randy Mott, Seconded by Greg D. Dilts to allow Koenig Equipment to take the tractor to Kalida to have the mower installed and bring the tractor back for \$980.00. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

Mr. Mott said the Elizabeth Township Historical Society submitted paperwork for six Veteran Markers for the cemeteries. The markers would be the same as those at Arlington Cemetery. If the paperwork is accepted by the Veteran's Association, the markers will cost nothing. Helen at Stonehugger's recommended the stone and will help with install.

Mr. Ryman-said the fuel level at the ETCC should be checked in the generator, because it has been running a lot with the recent power outages we have had. Mr. Ryman said our current electric contract is up at \$.499 cents per KW. Mr. Ryman is working on securing the best possible pricing.

Mr. Dilts said he purchased a weed eater from Koenig for cutting back honey suckle; it works pretty good. Received a text from a resident on Mill Road to have a culvert looked at. The culvert is leaning and Dan Baker will take a look at it when he is out for the Sanders/Adams Road project. Mr. Dilts asked about the ditch mowing for the upcoming season. The board decided to try it in house, before having seasonal help return. Mr. Mott said it would be a good idea for the trustees and maintenance men to learn how to operate the new equipment.

**ITEM # 9** Mr. Then said he has been working on a Noise Ordinance. Mr. Then said he called Mr. O'Neal on February 15, 2023 to follow up with him and hasn't heard from Mr. O'Neal. At the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting it was discussed the steps required to move forward. Mr. Mott said it is fairly simple. You will need to provide a clean copy of the application, without the word draft across it, Names and addresses of neighbors, \$750.00 for the application fee, all to be submitted to the Zoning Inspector, Sam O'Neal. After that is completed, a Public Meeting with the Zoning Commission Board can be set up/advertised regarding the matter. Mr. Then said he has not heard from Mr. O'Neal. Mr. Ryman said an email to the trustees and Mr. Then was sent on February 17, 2023 regarding the matter. The trustees each stated they received their emails, and suggested Mr. Then check his spam mail because he was listed with his email address in the same email they received. Mr. Then asked the board to enforce what is currently in place. Mr. Mott said we don't have a Noise Ordinance to enforce. Mrs. Then stated article 19 of the zoning manual under General Provisions can be enforced, such as fence height, lot size etc. To enforce turning down music is difficult. As the sheriff deputies have said in the past, what is loud to one person is not the other. Mr. Ryman suggested to the Thens everyone who is experiencing the same problems be present at the Zoning Commission Meeting when held. If the Zoning Commission Board and Board of Trustees both turn it down, you would have the option to collect signatures, and if approved by the board of elections it could go on the ballot. Mr. Ryman said he would contact Sam O'Neal to resend the email of February 17, 2023 to Mr. Then.

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Paul Hershberger asked if he heard correctly that there is a three-minute wait time before a call is dispatched? Mr. Hershberger said did you guys fail us, we pay over \$87,000.00 per quarter, you guys have failed us. We have little to no coverage for our \$87,000.00. We could have no coverage and you're still spending \$87,000.00 for nothing. How is the new program going to be paid for? Mr. Mott said it looks like the General Fund would pay for a year or two, and then a levy would be needed. Mr. Mott said when faced with the new contract with The City of New Carlisle we hired a consultant to find a better solution. It was sign or no service. The best option we had was to sign and be able to leave the contract in November 2023, if we found another solution. Mr. Mott said up until the pandemic we were pretty well covered.

Mr. Hershberger asked why is it when someone contacts Sam O'Neal he doesn't get back with them in a timely manner? The Thens should have had their paperwork by now. My daughter waited and waited for Sam to contact her. Mr. Dilts said Sam has a full time job. Paul said yes, but that is the job he is being paid to do. That doesn't make it right. Mr. Then said Sam gave him the wrong advice on another matter. Sam pushed the work off his plate to another direction and it was wrong

**ITEM # 10** A Motion by John R. Ryman Seconded by Randy Mott, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

**APPROVED MARCH 15, 2023**

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John R. Ryman, President

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Randy Mott, Vice President

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Greg D. Dilts, Trustee

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Mary Ann Mumford, Fiscal Officer