

**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO  
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2023**

The Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on March 15, 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:

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| President      | John R. Ryman    | EMS-Steve Trusty-Absent |
| Vice Pres.     | Randy Mott       | ETCC-Nic Rice           |
| Trustee        | Greg D. Dilts    | Zoning-Sam O'Neal       |
| Fiscal Officer | Mary Ann Mumford |                         |

Also in attendance: Achin Prosser, Flora Recktenwald, Tom Wallace, Tom and Cherilynn O'Malley, Kathy Nartker Limerick, Jim Powers, Greg Moyer, Mike Massie, Mike Godsey, Olivia Nicodemus, Debbie Bigos, Bill Hershberger, Paul Hershberger, Justin Hershberger, Melissa Peters, BJ Curtis, Carol Terebinski, Jeremy Paulus, George DesAutels

The following order of business was established:

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

ITEM # 2A Meeting with representative from EMS

ITEMS # 2B Michael Then/Leslie Kodysz-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 March 1, 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. Captain Wheeler informed Mr. Dilts that he stopped at 8110 State Route 41 a couple of times and no one comes to the door. Mr. Dilts stated this is the address of the individual shooting into a can and shooting across property lines, which is against the law. Mr. Dilts said a Certified Letter can be sent stating a proper backstop is required.

**ITEM # 2A** Mr. Trusty-Absent-Mr. Dilts shared Mr. Trusty's EMS Report. During the month of February there were 10 EMS and no fire runs. The Elizabeth Township EMS building was manned partially or 24/7 18 days out of the month. Mr. Dilts spoke to Chris Englert and our fire consultant and our next step is to pass a Resolution to establish our own EMS/Fire Department, in order for us to apply for a FDID Number. We also need to look at hiring a part time employee with knowledge in EMS/Fire administration setup. Looking at a maximum of 20 hours per week at \$20.00 per hour to get started. Chris Englert, from the Miami County Prosecutor's Office, prepared **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-003** for the board. After discussing the Resolution A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by John R. Ryman to Accept **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-003**, as prepared by the Miami County Prosecutor's Office for the purpose of Elizabeth Township establishing their own EMS/Fire Department. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared Resolution Number 2023-003 passed. The Resolution can be found in its entirety in the Elizabeth Township Book of Resolutions.

Steve Agenbroad is still waiting on Tipp City's Law Director on some items.

## ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2023, CONTINUED:

**ITEM # 2B** Michael Then and Leslie Kodysz-Then did not attend the meeting.

**ITEM # 3** ETCC- Mr. Rice- Mr. Rice shared the ETCC Report. \$2,668.00 was receipted in from March 1-March 14, 2023. There are currently 343 members, including spouses and dependents. LVS was in and the TV systems were installed and are working great. Was asked to attend Troy Jr. High's Career Day, would like to go for 4 hours on behalf of the ETCC. The stucco is coming loose, would like to tap it down until Midwest Maintenance could give a quote for repair. Mr. Mott was asked by a resident about the security system at the ETCC. Mr. Mott suggested LVS give a quote as to putting cameras on the second, third and fourth floors, along with looking at upgrading the router for better phone connectivity with our system for members.

**ITEM # 4** Fiscal Officer submitted the bills for payment for \$11,227.20. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts Seconded by Randy Mott, to approve the payment of the bills for \$11,227.20 as presented. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried. Mary Ann submitted Blanket Certificates for approval reflecting the approved Permanent Budget. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by John R. Ryman to approve the Blanket Certificates as submitted for approval. Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

**ITEM # 5** Mr. O'Neal-Some permits have been issued. Mr. Nicholas has the information he requested pertaining to building a fence. Mr. O'Neal addressed the residents in attendance as to the steps required, before a Public Zoning Commission Meeting can be held regarding A Noise Ordinance. Mr. O'Neal reiterated that the correct paperwork has not been officially turned in to date. Various residents had questions, comments, and concerns. The trustees addressed each individual with answers to their particular questions, comments and concerns. It was noted A Noise Ordinance was brought up about 10 years ago. The parties involved were able to resolve the matter on their own and work through the issues they were facing. The residents in attendance and the trustees, hope that this will be the case in this situation. One concern addressed was do Public Meetings actually matter, or does the trustees just make the decision in the end. Mr. Mott said yes, the Public Meetings do matter. It is a time for the residents to voice their concerns, support, or ask questions on the matter at hand. Resident's voices do matter. The Zoning Commission Board will listen to all comments, take into consideration what is discussed and make a decision. That decision is then sent to the Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees for their vote on the matter. The Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees are also required to hold a Public Meeting on the matter after the zoning board submits their recommendation, before voting. Residents were encouraged to go to the Elizabeth Township Website and read through the Zoning section for additional zoning information.

**ITEM # 6** The Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2023 were approved as presented.

**ITEM # 7** Mary Ann-Variou financial reports were shared with the board. Mary Ann told the board the auditor came last Thursday and viewed requested documents. A draft of the audit could be received as early as this week. Mr. Ryman stated that the township is audited every two years. Mary Ann noted the balanced February Bank Rec 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-Koenig's took the JD tractor to Kalida for the mower to be put on. Koenig will go back and get it once the install is complete. The 227 Grasshopper mower is cleaned and ready to go on Govdeals.com. Bonham will be here to do the annual check/maintenance on the township building generator.

Mr. Ryman-No new business to discuss.

Mr. Dilts-No new information on the Sanders/Adams Road project. Dan Baker stopped by to check the culvert on Mill Road. The engineer's office will give a final course of action. The standing water was not an issue until a pond was put in on a property on Mill Road. According to neighbors, the property owner said he probably hit some tiles when the pond was dug. Mr. Dilts let the residents involved know that the township's responsibility is to address water standing on the roadways, and suggested they get together to address standing water on their property with the individuals affected by the situation.

**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2023, CONTINUED:**

Mr. Dilts said another township has committed their ARPA funds to Imagine Networks. Imagine has given them a completion date of 2024 as well. All township residents who want service are to have service by the close of 2024. Installation has been a challenge due to getting supplies. Mr. Mott thought the date for spending the funds has been changed to 2025.

**ITEM # 9** Mr. Mott said there is a survey at the ETCC from the Miami County Commissioners regarding transportation and child care. If you have a minute, please stop by and complete a survey. The Miami County Commissioners are having problems regarding annexation. The recent Bethel Township annexation of 260 acres will create up to 1,145 homes. It will change many things along with the demographics in voting. The commissioners are in the process of trying to get the Annexation Laws changed to give the commissioners more say. We need to keep an eye on our southern portion of the township. The township is right at 30% being protected under Farmland Preservation.

**Public Comments:**

Tom O'Malley-Will the township be protected from annexation, due to it being designated a Historical Rural Township? Mr. Mott said that is yet to be determined. It may be a court issue.

Debbie Bigos-There have been 3 accidents recently on Children's Home Road at the curve and Casstown Cemetery. Can the township put up a warning sign? Mr. Dilts suggested the Miami County Engineer's Office be contacted, due to Children's Home Road being a county road. Mr. Dilts said he would follow up with the county too.

Tom O'Malley-Is it staffing issues causing the EMS building not being covered 24/7? Mr. Dilts said staffing issues are facing many departments at this time. Starting our own EMS/Fire Department will help us build to being covered 24/7. We hope to be fully staffed within a couple years and hope to provide the residents better service with having our own department.

Tom O'Malley-Will the cost be about the same or increase? Mr. Ryman said it will start out initially more and then be substantially more. Mr. Mott said we will fund the first year or two from the General Fund, and will then offset costs with a EMS/Fire Levy.

Tom O'Malley-Could the trustees roll in the Sheriff's Department and market it as a Public Safety Levy? The trustees gave input that Elizabeth Township is fairly a quiet township, without a lot of criminal activity. When the sheriff's department visits the township meetings, they comment that besides some speeders, the township has been quiet. It was also commented that in the past when we had extra patrol by the Sheriff's Department, time was spent in Bethel Township, and in Troy completing paperwork. The extra patrol was not necessarily being spent in Elizabeth Township patrolling our roads. It just doesn't seem feasible to spend the extra money for extra patrol at this time. It could definitely be looked at, if things change.

Will the millage be straight, as in a fixed amount, or will it change as inflation goes up? The trustees were in agreeance that it is yet to be determined, and all options will be explored.

It was noted that Mr. O'Malley said the board has done a superb job.

**ITEM # 10** A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

**APPROVED APRIL 5, 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