

**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO  
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2023**

The Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on October 18, 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-Absent
Vice Pres.	Randy Mott	EMS/Fire-Art Blackmore
Trustee	Greg D. Dilts	ETCC-Nic Rice -Absent
Fiscal Officer	Mary Ann Mumford	Zoning-Jim Cozatt

Also in attendance: Jim Powers, Kathy Nartker Limerick, Lynda Mott, Paul Hershberger, Nancy Sparks, Ben Sutherly, Jim Taylor, Bill Hershberger, John Moon, Denise Moon

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 October 4, 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

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**ITEM # 1** There was no deputy present. Mr. Mott mentioned that there have been several dumping incidents on Tipp Elizabeth Road at the bridge. Mr. Mott said it was suggested we purchase and mount Trail Cams to try and catch a license plate number of the vehicles doing the dumping. Mr. Dilts noted that this is a county road and not a township road.

**ITEM # 2** Mr. Sutherly submitted the State Application for Local Sponsorship for FRPP. Will keep trustees posted on the Federal Program. Submitted a quote of \$3,975.00 to complete the 2023 Annual FRPP Monitoring Report. There is no change in price from 2022. A Motion by Randy Mott, Seconded by Greg D. Dilts, to accept the quote from Ben Sutherly for \$3,975.00 to complete the 2023 FRPP Annual Monitoring Report. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

**ITEM # 3** Mr. Blackmore-23 total employment applications have been submitted. Mr. Blackmore and Adam Marchal, recommended the following be hired as Firefighter/EMTs and Firefighter/Paramedics: Doug Trent, Donna Clark, Jason Jasper, Sarah Trubee, Brodey Carmen, Jake Coverstone, Caleb Steggemann, Kaleb Filadelfo, Blake Williams, and Joshua Ringo, at previously approved hourly rates as certified. A Motion by John R. Ryman, Seconded by Randy Mott to hire the above, per hourly rate of certification. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

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Adam Marchal-Accountability tags coming from jeweler in Piqua, are not too expensive. Drug License transfer is in process. Would like to purchase 12 fire fighter helmets from Phoenix Safety Outfitters for \$10,500.00, and 12 helmet shields from Taylor Tins for \$1,500.00 for a total of \$12,000.00. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to allow Adam Marchal to purchase 12 fire fighter helmets, with shields up to \$12,000.00 from Phoenix Safety Outfitters and Taylor Tins. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried. Will have 2 invoices coming in from Brower's for supplies and Western Ohio Graphics for apparel.

Mr. Dilts-We did a walk-through of the EMS/Fire building. Repair items were noted and need addressed, such as cleaning, painting, duct work, roof work, vent work, etc. Some repairs will not be able to be completed by our maintenance guys. Some work will be out sourced. We will also need new mattresses, bed frames, and cots. Glacier Water will be contacted for replacement/repair of the water softener. Mr. Ryman contacted Kris Lauck about having the computers set up.

Mr. Mott noted that the current contract with the City of New Carlisle is \$390,000.00 per year. Moving forward in 2024 and beyond we will start spending more dollars than we did in 2022/2023. 2025 will be over a million dollars to run the department. Mr. Mott spoke to the Miami County Auditor's Office and the Prosecutor's Office on guidance for putting a levy on the ballot for paying some of the operating costs of running the Elizabeth Township EMS/Fire Department. Mr. Mott found out that if we want the levy on the March 5, 2024 Ballot, we need to have all documentation and Resolutions filed by the end of 2023. Several millage examples were shared and the amount of dollars each would generate. The board feels the best option would be 8 mills, which would generate approximately \$615,314.00. The levy is needed to cover the shortfall of the \$390,000.00 coming from the General Fund monies. Mr. Ryman said several Public Meetings will be held to explain the need for a Public Safety Levy. The Miami County Prosecutor's Office will prepare the Resolutions required. If we don't ask for the 8 mills now, we will be back to the residents in a short time asking for more. The levy funds will be used for operating expenses of the department. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to move forward with the Resolutions and required documentation, provided by the Miami County Auditor's Office and Miami County Prosecutor's Office seeking the implantation of putting an 8-Mill Levy on the March 5, 2024 Ballot for the purpose of a Public Safety Operating Levy, as **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-012**. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-012 passed.

**ITEM # 4** ETCC- Mr. Rice-Absent-No Report

**ITEM # 5** Bills submitted for payment totaled \$20,971.52. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to approve the payment of bills for \$20,971.52 as presented. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

**ITEM # 6** Mr. Cozatt-A Permit fee of \$150.00 was submitted on March 31, 2023, for a pole barn to be used for cold storage on Tipp Elizabeth Road. When following up on rumors of a much larger scale barn, it was found that the use for the barn is more extensive than the permit that was applied for. The permit states the barn is for cold storage. Rob England has already issued a Stop Work Order on the property and will be enforcing it. Mr. Dilts asked Mr. Cozatt if he had issued our Stop Work Order, and he said he has not. It appears a plumbing permit for 5 bathrooms was submitted, this is far more than a barn being used for cold storage.

Mr. Moon spoke on his behalf, that he had not seen the permit paperwork the contractor had submitted. It appears all permits have been submitted and completed with the county for the plumbing, leach field, and septic system. Mr. Moon assured the board he moved out here to get away from people and would not be operating a wedding venue as rumored. We're building a house with a barn, that has living quarters in it for our son. Our grown son currently lives with us and the living quarters in the barn will be his home. Mr. Moon noted he has medical issues and wanted his son to live close, without having to live with him. Mr. Moon said if there is an issue we can work around it, Tipp City has by-laws and there's ways around it. Keystone Builders built our home and it is almost completed. Mr. Mott told Mr. Moon Elizabeth Township Zoning does not allow 2 residences on 1 parcel in the township. Suggested to Mr. Moon that he work with Mr. Cozatt to schedule a meeting with the Elizabeth Township Board of Appeals on the matter. Mr. Mott told Mr. Moon the tract of land he owns has covenants on it, one being that only 1 residence is allowed on the 10-acre parcel. If the Elizabeth Township Zoning Appeals Board were to approve it, the residents of Country Time Estates could file a Civil Suit against it. We have good zoning regulations in the township and people want to live here.

Mr. Cozatt had a report of trash on a porch at 8355 Adams Road. Hasn't heard anything regarding the barn on Walnut Grove Road, where the cows were.

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**ITEM # 7** The Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2023 were approved as presented.

**ITEM # 8** Various financial reports were shared with the board. The balanced September Bank Rec was duly noted. Mary Ann updated the board on the Star SMA account. Since the opening of the SMA account, correspondence has not been a strong point. The account rep at the treasurer's office has been replaced, so hopefully there will be better communication. As previously noted, a larger cash reserve with SMA, is needed, in order for both investment accounts to be drawn on in a fair manner when General Funds are needed. Currently exploring possible solutions on how to generate a larger cash balance and will keep the board updated.

**ITEM # 9** COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Mr. Mott-Stone cleaning in the cemeteries is finished for the year. Going to start moving the equipment around and get ready for snow removal. Ditch mowing is caught up. Mower salesman asked how we like the new mower.

Mr. Ryman-Plants have been replaced. Trees have been trimmed. Mr. Mott said the guys have been working on the walk in door at the old township building. Will be power washing the windows and sills to hopefully paint before the weather changes.

Mr. Dilts-Culverts on Gearhart and Mill Road are done. The hole on Gearhart was also fixed. Parking lots will need done soon. Mary Ann noted that the General Fund may have to cover some road costs, depending on the projects the board is looking at completing next year.

**ITEM # 10** There was no other business to be transacted.

**ITEM # 11** A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

**APPROVED NOVEMBER 1, 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