

Eden Township

Licking County, Ohio
10431 Purity Road St. Louisville, Ohio 43071

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chuck Dunlap, Chairman

Dave Baker

Leonard Laughman

FISCAL OFFICER

Robin McKee

August 28th, 2023

This meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, by Chairman Chuck Dunlap, with all present standing to recite the pledge of allegiance. In addition to Mr. Baker the following Eden Township personnel were present; Trustee Chuck Dunlap, Trustee Leonard Laughman, Fiscal Officer Robin McKee, Citizens Jackie Laughman, Larry & Erin Finkes Colby Perkins, Harry Farley, Bill Felumlee and James Snedden

Trustee Dunlap moved to waive the reading and approved the minutes from the July 31st, 2023 meeting Trustee laughman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Trustee Baker -yes; Trustee Dunlap -yes; Trustee Laughman -yes

Motion carried

Public Participation:

Colby Perkins asked could we please clean the ditch, the culvert is now full.

Trustee Dunlap responded that we can get that taken care of.

James Snedden explained he has talked to Kim Christian with the Licking County Engineers office and with Nichole Lawhorn with the State of Ohio, OPWC planning and has found out that Eden Twp has not applied for any grants since 2018.

Trustee Dunlap replied that we have not seen any grants that we would qualify for.

Mr. Snedden presented the board with OPWC's 10 narrative guidelines.

Trustee Baker told Mr. Snedden about that the one grant we did apply for, for the improvements to the grounds at the community center/twp. house. Unfortunately, we did not get the grant.

We do have some money but no grant writer. We did reach out to the grant writer for a neighboring township but was informed she was no longer writing grants. The board has never written a grant and is not sure how to go about doing so.

Mr. Snedden said we can file for grants through the Engineers office.

Trustee Baker said he has talked to the Engineers office only to be told that they only work on grants for the county. He also explained that there are training programs for grant writing. Mr. Snedden is going to run for Licking County Commissioner again in hopes he wins and will have the ability to help small townships as it seems the only townships getting grants are those who already have plenty of money.

Mr. Farley asked about the large pine tree at the end of Tarlton Road, has it been trimmed back yet so you can see the stop sign?

Trustee Dunlap said the tree has been trimmed and the stop sign is now visible.

Mr. Felumlee asked the board about the roads, Harmon Road in particular. He thought they would have been graded and in decent shape before the buses starting running again. Why has the township never fixed the ditches along the roads, can we not fix the ditches?

Trustee Dunlap said Harmon Road is so narrow that it is hard to pass in the salt truck.

Mr. Farley asked how wide is Harmon Road?

Trustee Baker said that if we ditched Harmon Road it would make that road even more narrow because we do not have a right-of-way on Harmon Road.

Mr. Felumlee asked who do we contact to find out about what roads the township has right-of-ways and how to acquire for the roads we do not.

Trustee Baker explained the only thing we have is a map that was given by retired Trustee Hall when he was in office. There are not to many people willing to give up property for the township to put in ditches.

Mr. Snedden asked if we could use the same right of way that Energy Co-op has?

Mr. Felumlee asked did he need to contact Jared with the County since we do not know right-of-ways?

Trustee Baker explained again, we do not show on the paperwork we have from previous trustees that many of the township roads do not have a right-of-way.

Mrs. Finkes asked do we not even get 8' from center of road?

Trustee Baker showed her the map we were given.

Mrs. Finkes explained that their property in Hebron over the years had moved a total of 16' due to right-of-way.

Trustee Baker said that some roads we have up to 60' from center of road and some roads we have nothing at all.

Mrs. Finkes asked how if there is no right-of-way is the township expected to construct or maintain a proper roadway.

Mr. Farley said that when the roads were constructed years ago they were not thinking of modern traffic.

Mr. Felumlee said the county should be providing guidance on what the township can or cannot do in regards to right-of-way to properly maintain the township roads. Maybe it is time for the trustees to go door-to-door and ask property owners to see if we can put in ditches along the front of their property to be able to maintain the roads.

Trustee Baker said when he was ditching on roads before that a property owner came out and yelled at him telling him to get off their property and we have no right to take their property for ditching. It is a never-ending battle with some township citizens- they want to complain about the roads but then complain when we try to do things to help fix them. We could try a ditch with oversize stone as to not narrow the roadway to much but that will only hold on slight grades and not along hills when there is a heavy rain.

Mr. Felumlee said his suggestion of speaking to the property owners along Harmon Road would help with being able to ditch along the roads and not have to narrow it any more than it already is.

Fiscal Officer McKee stated we would have to check with the prosecutors office to see if there is something we would have to have the property owners sign off on for us to be able to ditch on their property.

Old Business:

NONE

New Business:

Phone and internet—Fiscal Officer McKee explained that the rates for the phone and internet have again went up- (\$159.10 before and now \$175.85) the phone and internet are not used at the township house, should we cancel the service and save the township \$2,110.20 per year at the new price.

Trustee Baker reminded everyone that we still need the 911 service for the phone in the elevator. Fiscal Officer McKee will contact the phone company to see if we can just keep the 911 service and cancel everything else.

Trustee Dunlap moved to cancel Windstream service if we can keep only 911 service. Trustee Laughman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Trustee Baker -yes; Trustee Dunlap -yes; Trustee Laughman -yes

Motion carried

New schedule A/B for 2024 was emailed from the county along with the Resolution for the trustees to accept 2024 numbers.

Trustee Baker received a call from a citizen who drove through the tar while work was being completed on Baker Road North, not only once but twice this citizens knowingly drove through the tar. After talking to the prosecutors office and sending in the bid packet and the contract with Mid-Ohio Paving Trustee Baker was informed we are not responsible but Mid-Ohio Paving is. Mid-Ohio Paving asked that the resident get 3 estimates for cleaning, but he claims nobody will give him an estimate to remove the tar. Jim and Charlie with Mid-Ohio Paving are going to see the resident to get the problem taken care of. Jim had told Trustee Baker they have had the same problem in the past and it was fixable.

Trustee Baker reported that the urinal in the men's restroom is now fixed.

The floors are done.

Road Report:

Mike was not present to give the road report-report given by Trustee Dunlap

The tractor is now fixed

Mowing for the first time this year is about complete and Mike will start on the second round.

We are low on 411 limestone and 57 limestone.

The culvert is completed at the Finkes residence is done.

Steve Bullock let us run a ditch through his property to elevate the water running down the road and causing wash outs.

Bob Buckingham is going to purchase a culvert for the township to install.

Trustee Laughman has been cold patching spots on Tarlton Road, Blacksnake Road and Baker Road South.

Fiscal Officer McKee asked why Mike has yet to run the grader since he didn't want to run it before because of the brake issue, the brakes are now fixed and he still hasn't been in it.

Trustee Baker said he himself has been running the grader.

Trustee Dunlap moved a motion to pay bills. Trustee Laughman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Trustee Laughman –yes; Trustee Baker –yes; Trustee Dunlap –yes

Motion carried. The following bills were examined, approved and signed by the Board.

80-2023	BWC	134.94
81-2023	The Energy Co-op	219.22
82-2023	The Energy Co-op	129.14
83-2023	Windstream	175.85
85-2023	OPWC	1976.06
86-2023	EFTPS	958.85
87-2023	Ohio Deferred Comp	100.00
88-2023	School District	45.31
89-2023	Ohio State	140.24
12085	Wilson,Phillips,Agin	660.00
12086	Kleem	177.40
12087	Mid-Ohio Paving	283798.35
12088	Affordable Portable	100.00
12089	Nice Carpets	8234.89
12090	Co-Alliance	433.99
12091	Bane-Welker	1719.74
VOID 10291	Bane-Welker	-1719.74
12092	Bane-Welker	1719.74
12093	Park National Bank	885.26
12094	Glenns Market	326.42
12095	Hysong Tree Service	300.00
12096	Shelly Materials	127.80
12097	Dave Baker	726.91
12098	Michael Baker	2625.34
12099	Charles Dunlap	707.50
12100	Leonard Laughman	895.54
12101	Robin McKee	1329.93
12102	Mow-tivated Mowers	1215.00
12103	Medical Mutual	<u>192.00</u>
		\$308,335.68

I certify there are sufficient funds on deposit for the payments of foregoing bills when obligated and funds are now on deposit to pay the above expenditures

Robin McKee, Fiscal Officer.

Trustee Dunlap moved a motion to adjourn. Trustee Baker seconded the motion.

VOTE: Trustee Baker –yes; Trustee –yes; Trustee Dunlap –yes

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 7:51 pm

Chuck Dunlap, Chairman

Dave Baker, Trustee

Leonard Laughman, Trustee

Robin McKee, Fiscal Officer