

Eden Township

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dave Baker, Chairman
Chuck Dunlap
Leonard Laughman

FISCAL OFFICER

Robin McKee

November 25th, 2024

This meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, by Chairman Dave Baker, with all present standing to recite the pledge of allegiance. In addition to Mr. Baker the following Eden Township personnel were present; Trustee Leonard Laughman, Fiscal Officer Robin McKee, Trustee Chuck Dunlap was out for personal reasons. Citizens, Bill Felumlee, Larry and Erin Finkes, Harry Farley, Michelle Swigert, and Brian Lattimer.

Trustee Baker moved to waive the reading and approved the minutes from the October 28th, 2024 meeting. Trustee Laughman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Trustee Baker -yes; Trustee Dunlap -XXX ; Trustee Laughman -yes
Motion carried

Public Participation:

Harry Farley wanted to say thank you and noted that the Blacksnake Rd mowing looked very nice.

Michelle Swigert asked why Mike was mowing Stradley Rd in November? Trustee Baker explained that the mower was down for some time and Mike was trying to catch up on mowing for the season. She said she understands that but was curious why he was repeatedly going up and down a road that was a muddy mess and making it worse when there was absolutely nothing more than leaves to mow.

Bill Felumlee said he was thankful that Mike has mowed his part of the road, he did a good job on the banks.

Michelle said she understood that the township is supposed to mow the roads but still wasn't sure why it was being done so late in the year when it wasn't needed now. Trustee Baker said other parts of the road did need mowed and that was why Mike was there.

Harry said the reasoning for the back and forth was that 3 passes are needed to help with being able to see the wildlife along the roads.

Michelle explained she wasn't there to ask that Stradley Rd be fixed but only to be reasonable and not mess it up more than it already is by running heavy equipment up and down the road several times when there is no need for it to be done.

Brian Lattimer said he sees that several roads in the township are needing fixed. He asked if Facebook was a way to respond to legal issues for the township. Fiscal Officer McKee explained they are not allowed to respond to issues on Facebook and that the Eden Twp Facebook page is ran by a citizen of the township and has nothing to do with the township board. Brian said when he purchased his home on Camp Ohio Road that his relator told him that the road was to be paved. He has already had to have his vehicle aligned twice since living out here and if it needs done anymore the township will be responsible for paying for it. Trustee Baker said no relator can make promises of roads, Camp Ohio has never been discussed for pavement so he is not sure where this person got their information. The township is not responsible for any auto repairs and would not be paying for anything. Trustee Baker also said they are checking into closing Camp Ohio hill for good since it is not easily maintained. We are aware of the condition of the roads. Brian said he was aware the hill is closed from November to March but this year it did not get opened until May. Where he is from the twp/county was responsible for repairs incurred due to road conditions, he asked for the prosecutors name and number. Trustee Baker explained that when the roads were tilled Camp Ohio was not included on that project so it is hard to try to maintain since you cannot use the grader on that road.

Michelle said that the township did a great job at dust control this year, Thank you.

Old Business:

The Waste Management contract was returned signed and has been filed.

Robin received a notice about the 1mill levy renewal. The 1 mill levy will expire and not need to be renewed since we are now contracted only with MaryAnn Twp.

Trustee Baker said the International will need to be sent somewhere because it will only go in 1st/2nd gear. The hydraulic pump is on barrowed time. In 2015 the twp paid \$120,000 for the mower and tractor.

Maybe it is time we look at loans to purchase a new tractor.

Bill Felumlee asked what about the mower? Trustee Baker said we would need a new mower also.

Robin said maybe we should consider getting rid of the tractor/mower and contract with a company to have the roads mowed twice per year and save ourselves the hassle of maintaining a tractor and mower and the insurance for both. Maybe we could contact QuickCut or some other companies that we could contract with and get some pricing.

Bill Felumlee asked if there are other neighboring twps that contract, maybe we could all go together.

New Business:

Amber Schleiger is wanting to put a take one/leave one book box at the township house with the trustees permission. Trustee Baker and Laughman agreed that they would be ok with her doing so and the township could even purchase the post and dig the hole for her.

No issues were discussed.

BWC will be \$93.93 per month for 2025.

The organizational meeting will be held January 13th 2025 at 7am. Robin will contact Joel and have him post on the township website.

Road Report:

Eden Cemetery fence is gone except for the post cemented in.

2 roads are left to finish the mowing

We need to get cold patch

RKO needs new tax exempt

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

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

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

128-2024	BWC	91.95
129-2024	The Enery Co-op	297.67
130-2024	Windstream	77.56
131-2024	Park National Bank	744.08
133-2024	OPERS	2017.76
134-2024	EFTPS	956.91
135-2024	Ohio Deferred	100.00
136-2024	School District	46.14
137-2024	State of Ohio	144.22
12298	Keystone Co-op	213.97
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12306	8Up with graphics	318.00
12307	Glenns Market	128.75
12308	Martin Trucking	2571.87
12309	City of Newark	612.50
12310	Dave Baker	741.45
12311	Mike Baker	2701.52
12312	Chuck Dunlap	727.34
12313	Leonard Laughman	910.93
12314	Robin McKee	1360.00
12315	Keystone Co-op	<u>968.89</u>
		\$15,303.57

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 Laughman –yes; Trustee Dunlap –XXX

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 7:47 pm

Dave Baker, Chairman

Chuck Dunlap, Trustee

Leonard Laughman, Trustee

Robin McKee, Fiscal Officer