

# 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

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 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, Citizens Jackie Laughman, Larry Finkes, MaryAnn Twp Fire Department, Newton Twp Fire Department, Harry Farley, Kyle Broseus, Jim Melick, and Patrick Conner  
If others were there and did not sign in I apologize for not including you on this list.

Trustee Dunlap moved to waive the reading and approved the minutes from the February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting. Trustee Laughman seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried

### Public Participation:

Kyle Broseus asked how long before a decision is made in regards to the Fire/EMS Services. Trustee Dunlap answered all residents have until the April meeting to return their opinion cards or to email Fiscal Officer McKee.

Pat Conner introduced himself and was concerned with the cards that were sent out only explained the money savings and not more detail. Any community paying for a service would have priority with a contract in place, but mutual aid will always be provided.

Randy- explained there is a shortage of firefighters everywhere and they cannot guarantee that it wouldn't happen again.

Trustee Dunlap explained the township had offered a \$5,000.00 increase but Newton would not accept. Once our 1 mill levy expires we would not be able to handle a \$10,000.00 increase/

Pat said he had enjoyed running out here, it was a great job, but in many cases more than one department is needed. He was not aware of Bladensburgs cards. There are leadership changes being made at Newton. He also said he has friends and family in this area. He explained that Newton and MaryAnn have always complimented one another.

He thanked the board for letting him speak, with the cost of business the community expects the departments to come, but there are not many volunteers anymore. He expressed he is concerned about losing a great part of his career. He wished there was a reset button for the bad demands on Newtons part.

Trustee Dunlap explained Newton was not backing down on the \$10,000.00 increase.

Harry Farley explained to Pat Conner that Newton Township had gone as far as pilling public information to see what Eden Township had held over in the Fire/EMS fund and said that according to the funds we had more than enough money for the increase. Mr. Farley also said that we have a fiscal officer who takes care of the funds in this township and she does an excellent job.

Robin thanked Mr. Farley for his support in her abilities to do her job.

Pat said maybe he would run for Newton Township. Newton will be here for mutual aid regardless of the outcome.

Trustee Dunlap said that is why we asked the citizens for their opinion, whatever the cards come back as is what the trustees will accept and a resolution will be made.

Pat again thanked the board for listening and he appreciated the time.

Jim Melick commented that nobody out here will pass a levy.

Randy said that the Knox County joint fire had failed recently but the Licking County passed.

#### Old Business:

Fire & EMS responses are at 82 opinions for 1 department and 35 opinions for 2 departments and 1 for Trustees should decide.

Raymie Carr was not present to sign the contract for the mowing. Fiscal Officer McKee had the trustees sign and she will send to Raymie via email for his signature.

A short corner split rail fence was installed at the Eden Church Road Cemetery on the southwest corner.

#### New Business:

We received the insurance renewal information sheet so any items could be added or removed prior to renewal.

Both the new back-hoe and truck were not listed and we will need to make sure they are before signed yearly renewal.

Fiscal Officer McKee presented the board with the pricing from Ohio Filters.

Trustee Baker said Mike told him the prices were better only took a little longer to get but that would not be a problem.

Fiscal Officer McKee stated she had seen on the citizens Facebook page there was mention of a community yard sale and she was wondering if there could be people setting up at the

community center outside. The trustees were worried with trash being left behind and people leaving their belongings there overnight, the township would not be responsible for any items. Trustee Baker thought if it were a one day sale and everyone would clean up after themselves before leaving, it would not be a problem. All trustees agreed a waiver would need to be signed by all that the township is not responsible for any items or damage and all trash and belongings would need removed by days end. Fiscal Officer McKee said she would note that on the citizens Facebook page.

Road Report:

Ditches cleaned out on Graceland and Swick-Holton

The road grader is being used, and it is helping a lot.

Spread 57 limestone around the school

Propane is at 65%

Mike would like to thank the trustees for all of their help, and to the Yarnelli brothers for their help with the tree.

Trustee Dunlap moved a motion to pay bills. Trustee Baker 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.

27-2024	BWC	91.55
28-2024	Windstream	106.74
29-2024	Energy Co-op	47.68
30-2024	Energy Co-op	103.39
31-2024	Energy Co-op	110.34
33-2024	Park National Bank	425.21
35-2024	OPERS	2015.12
36-2024	EFTPS	955.27
37-2024	Deferred Comp	100.00
38-2024	Schools	46.14
39-2024	State of Ohio	143.89
12185	Broseus Services	250.00
12186	Action Supply Products	80.08
12187	Medical Mutual	192.00
12188	Ohio Filters	351.44
12189	Co-Alliance	662.43
12190	Glenns Market	357.25
12191	Martin Trucking	1519.20
12192	Ohio Filters	79.04
12193	Dave Baker	741.45
12194	Mike Baker	2693.43
12195	Chuck Dunlap	727.34
12196	Leonard Laughman	910.93
12197	Robin McKee	1360.00
12198	Sedgwick	<u>405.00</u>
		\$14,474.92

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

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Robin McKee, Fiscal Officer.

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

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

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 7:11 pm

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Dave Baker, Chairman

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Chuck Dunlap, Trustee

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Leonard Laughman, Trustee

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Robin McKee, Fiscal Officer