

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

July 29th, 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, Bill Felumlee, , Erin and Larry Finkes, Jim Melick and Harry Farley.

Trustee Dunlap moved to waive the reading and approved the minutes from the May 20th, 2024 meeting. Trustee Baker seconded the motion.

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

Public Participation:

Jim Melick asked that the trustees thank Mike for mowing Swick-Holton Road.

Jim asked if putting in culverts would fix the Rocky Fork end of Swick-Holton Rd, trustee Baker said he didn't think that anything is going to fix that end of the road. We would need a 48" culvert but homeowners do not have the money to purchase the culvert. Jim explained that himself and another resident of Swick-Holton has discussed sharing the cost of the culvert with hopes that it would fix the road.

Trustee Baker said the camp property also needs to clean their waterways.

Jim said several years ago the county engineer came out but nothing was ever done.

He asked if the trustees knew what a 48" culvert cost?

David McKee said he knew of someone that had recently purchased one and it was approximately \$3,000.00.

Baker said some of the culverts have been in there for many years.

Erin Finkes asked if the township could purchase the culvert in order to save the road?

Robin asked if it was something we could ask purchase then add to the homeowners property tax?

Trustee Dunlap said he would not be willing to do a tax assessment.

Robin-could we use any of the fire fund money to provide safe passage?

Trustee Baker said he did not think we could.

Trustee Baker said he still has not heard back from the county on the installation of the dry hydrants.

Robin asked could we possibly mount them on a small section of guardrail that we install, Trustee Baker said it would need to be mounted in the center in the of the waterway. Jared hasn't contacted him about if we can or can not use any of the bridges.

Jim Felumlee asked who else can help to pay for the culverts? Why can't we build up the roads? Baker explained that we have no right of way and are still waiting for the right of way maps from the county. Jim said the county should be able to give the township advice on what we can do to fix the problem. The county owns the camp if that is the main problem they should be able to fix. Although there are new people at the county than previous years that doesn't seem to have helped.

Old Business:

Bryce at the prosecutors office said the lot could be sold with a majority vote of yes. No set amount of money was ever offered and no drawings were ever offered as they had said would be.

Robin said she had never received an email that was supposed to be sent.

Fiscal Officer McKee started a discussion about the road work and lack of communication. Trustee Dunlap moved motion to enter into executive session. Trustee Baker seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried- at 7:07 PM

Regular session resumed at 7:26 PM

New Business:

Trash contract will expire in December- of this year.

Robin will be sure to post a bid notice on the website since we are no longer required to post in the local newspaper.

Waste Management offers a senior discount but does not offer any help with trash dumpsters.

Bill Felumlee said uses WIN Management.

Fiscal Officer McKee asked that the trustees to please move the Organizational meetings for each year to the 2nd Monday of the month allowing her more time to prepare for the year.

Trustee Baker moved motion to enter into executive session. Trustee Laughman seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried

Trustee Dunlap said he would like to remove the dilapidated fence at the Eden Cemetery and not replace it.

Trustee Baker said he believes that part of the fence belongs to Jeff Hughes

Fiscal Officer McKee asked could we at least put a split rail fence at each corner to make it look nice.

Trustee Dunlap moved motion to switch the organizational meeting to the 2nd Monday in January going forward. Trustee Baker seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried

Harry Farley asked if Mike has mentioned anything about when he plans to retire?

Trustee Dunlap said he has not given them any notice and they had asked when he was ready to please give them a 3 month notice.

Trustee Baker had mentioned that from 1960-1980 the township was split into thirds and each trustee took care of their section.

Mr Felumlee asked if we could partner with another township and use part-time .

He also asked how do we get a qualified full time employee at our rates.

Robin said we need to pay according to experience of the person. We cannot expect a person who is qualified to run all the equipment and knows how to take care of the roads to only be paid \$21.00 per hour.

Harry said at one time the township offered insurance but that it was done away with when Danny got sick and he was offered better pay to replace the cost of insurance.

Robin asked if the township offered insurance to an employee could herself and the trustees refuse it?

Jackie Laughman and Bill Felumlee said we need to be ahead of the game and know what we have to offer a new employee. Maybe we could find someone who has a spouse that already has insurance and that would not be a factor.

Trustee Baker will contact Schilling Propane to get a contracted price.

Trustee Baker wired the switch in the salt truck and it now works.

The new owner of the Heckman place on Baker Rd contacted trustee Baker about zoning, he explained we do not have zoning and he would need to contact the county to see what their requirements are.

Road Report:

12” culvert by Danny Bakers needs to be replaced.

Cold patch is done on Blacksnake Rd

Fixed the ditch on Camp Ohio Rd

Trustee Laughman 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.

78-2024
79-2024

BWC
Auditor of State

91.55
762.00

80-2024	Affordable Portable	100.00
81-2024	Affordable Portable	100.00
82-2024	Windstream	77.44
83-2024	Energy Co-op	282.18
84-2024	Park National Bank	564.34
86-2024	OPERS	2226.32
87-2024	EFTPS	1086.39
88-2024	Ohio Deferred Comp	100.00
89-2024	School District	46.14
90-2024	State of Ohio	170.21
12239	City of Newark	2817.50
12240	Licking County Engineer	360.00
12241	Mid-Ohio Paving	69374.65
12242	Glenns Market	436.20
12243	Keystone Co-op	692.28
12244	Schilling Propane	218.58
12245	Bobs Tire Service	40.00
12246	Leader Machinery	304.27
12247	Dave Baker	741.45
12248	Michael Baker	3340.75
12249	Chuck Dunlap	727.34
12250	Leonard Laughman	910.93
12251	Robin McKee	1360.00
12252-12254	Martin Trucking	VOID
12255	Martin Trucking	24873.10
12256	Martin Trucking	4361.20
12257	Asphalt Materials	26857.69
12258	Ohio Ind. Filter	<u>992.07</u>
		\$144,014.58

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 8:37 pm

Dave Baker, Chairman

Chuck Dunlap, Trustee

Leonard Laughman, Trustee

Robin McKee, Fiscal Officer