

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

September 25th, 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. Dunlap the following Eden Township personnel were present; Trustee Dave Baker, Trustee Leonard Laughman, Fiscal Officer Robin McKee, Citizens Jackie Laughman, Larry Finkes, Harry Farley, Mike Ballinger, David McKee, Jim Melick, Dale and Nancy Sapp and James Snedden. Randy Workman-Non citizen

Trustee Dunlap moved to waive the reading and approved the minutes from the August 28th, 2023 meeting Trustee Baker seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried

Public Participation:

Randy Workman-NON citizen of Eden Twp asked the board who was responsible for the engineering of the Baker Road north project that was completed this year, and why were 2 types of asphalt used?

Trustee Baker explained that the bid packet received from the county specified top coat asphalt because the county was under the impression that Baker Road was already hard surface. The county does not come out and look at the roads when putting together an Engineers Estimate for projects, they go by the application submitted. Since Baker Road is an existing road Trustee Dunlap did not check the box requesting new construction, therefore the county assumed it was already hard surface. Once Mid-Ohio realized the mix was not rolling properly the job was stopped and the county was contacted to find out what needed to be done. The county recommended we Chip & Seal the road or use a primer prior to proceeding with the correct asphalt mix, they were quick to let the trustees know the county would not be held responsible for the mistake they made. The township elected to go forward with primer and asphalt2, and the project was completed.

Mr. Workman stated that the township should sue the county for their mistake in engineering the project without coming out and looking at the roadway.

Trustee Dunlap explained the county is the attorney for the township, Mr. Workman said the township should then hire a private attorney.

Mr. Workman then stated that between Danny Bakers place and 586 Baker Road already has potholes and is wash boarding because the road was not stabilized prior to the asphalt being laid. Trustee Baker explained that Baker Road had been ground out years prior by Smalls Asphalt Paving. The only road within the township that was truly stabilized was Stradley Road.

Mr. Workman said the proper way to stabilize a road is to place 6"-8" of dry concrete on top and grind the roadway to 14" in depth and compact.

Trustee Dunlap explained to Mr. Workman the township does not have the funds to complete such project and that they are trying to get some work accomplished. The original estimate for the Baker Road project was over \$480,000.00 so this was the portion completed was what the township could afford to do this year.

Mr. Workman said we should just leave the roads dirt then at least they could still be taken care of, we are only making things worse and wasting money on things we can not afford to maintain. Chip & Seal is junk—if it were any good everyone would be doing it.

Why don't 2-3 townships get together and purchase a stabilizer machine they only cost around \$1,000,000.00.

Dale and Nancy Sapp asked what the trustees are planning to do with Bodle Road this winter when the water is laying in the road with nowhere to go for the lack of ditches and it then freezes and the road is ice. Dale said the road will hold lots of water from all the pot holes that haven't been taken care of. He gets the same story every time he asks when the road is going to be taken care of "We will get to it next year".

Nancy asked why we are only allowed to have Waste Management for trash collection when she sees other trash companies on our roadways?

Trustee Baker explained that we are trying to reduce as much over weight trucks from being on the roads as we can, but we are not contracted with Waste Management for commercial trash collection so if there are commercial accounts on the roads that would be why other companies are traveling them.

Nancy asked what we pay for trash collection, when she called Waste Management it was no deal at all.

Fiscal Officer McKee said she thinks her bill is \$56.07 every 3 months, and that when calling to set up collection to please let them know you are within Eden Township to get the discount.

Nancy said she had let them know but they were not very helpful at all. She went with another company at a different location outside of the township.

Dale asked the board when they are going to fix Bodle Road, he has been told for years that the township has no money to fix the roads, but we have been doing other roads the past 3 years and still his road is full of potholes. And why is no brine being put down on a regular basis the dust is horrible and he has asthma/lung problems and it very hard for him to breath with the amount of dust from the road.

Trustee Dunlap said he always applies brine to Bodle Road each time he goes out, and the trustees have discussed trying asphalt grinding on Bodle road to see if it would hold but was not sure if that was the best way approach the issues with the road. They are very aware that

something needs done, they may try the durapatch machine on the potholes to see if that will help.

Dale said he was tired of waiting, the ruts on the hill are horrible.

Trustee Dunlap said the road grader would not tear out the ruts so it would probably not be done this year.

Trustee Baker said that when Smalls had come through and did the grinding of the roads, since there are only 3 houses on the townships portion of the road, it was not touched. Everyone they talk to has a different opinion of the best way to take care of the road so they are not sure how to fix it properly.

Dale said he would appreciate anything being done to improve the road for now. Nancy asked once it is fixed will there be something done about the lack of ditches.

Trustee Baker explained that is another problem we are facing throughout the township. We have been informed by the engineers office that we do not have a right of way on all roads within the township. We could approach the property owners for permission but if everyone doesn't want it then there is nothing we can do about it.

James Snedden approached the board and handed out a letter he said he had not gotten an answer to.

Fiscal Officer McKee explained that he knew we only meet once per month and this was the first meeting since she has gotten the letter in the mail, it is on the Agenda to be discussed at this meeting. She also asked if a copy of the minutes would be sufficient for his request? He said no because that was not the answer he was wanting, Fiscal Officer McKee explained she had read the letter and the answers he was asking for were answers that the board had given him at the August meeting. He wants to know why the board has not applied for any grants since 2018, again Trustee Baker explained we had for the community center but the grant was denied.

Mr Snedden left prior to the close of the meeting.

Fiscal Officer McKee said with the boards permission she would send a signed copy of the August minutes to Mr. Snedden since the answers to his questions were answered at that meeting, the board agreed.

She also explained that Mr. Snedden did have some great information in the letter that the board should look in to, we may be able to find help to be able to apply for some grants to help with roads.

Old Business:

The internet has now been cancelled and we are down to the basic phone service to allow 911 calls from within the building and in the elevator.

Another letter was received from Jeff Cottrell and will be sent on to Amy at the prosecutor's office since that was where Mr. Cottrell was instructed to send all future request.

New Business:

****RESOLUTION 2023-02-** Trustee Dunlap moved to add to cemetery rules and regulations that no above ground vaults will be placed at the cemeteries within the township. Seconded

by Trustee Laughman. VOTE: Trustee Baker- yes; Trustee Dunlap –yes; Trustee Laughman –yes

Motion carried

Fiscal Officer McKee had gotten an email from J&G Fireworks that they needed a letter for the fire marshal that states the township does not have any zoning. She had a letter ready for the board to sign and she would make sure it was delivered.

Road Report:

Mike was not present to give the road report-report given by Trustee Dunlap
The culvert on Baker Road south is taken care of.
Trustee Baker took care of the bee issue at Miles Cemetery
Durapatching is almost done on Baker Road South

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.

91-2023	Affordable Portable	100.00
92-2023	Windstream	175.85
93-2023	BWC	123.94
94-2023	The Energy Co-op	86.11
95-2023	The Energy Co-op	159.55
96-2023	Auditor of State	995.70
98-2023	OPERS	1976.06
99-2023	EFTPS	958.85
100-2023	Ohio Deferred	100.00
101-2023	Schools	45.31
102-2023	State of Ohio	140.24
12090	Co-Alliance	433.99
12090-VOID	Co-Alliance	-433.99
12104	Park National Bank	130.57
12105	Co-Alliance	1439.12
12106	Glenns Market	275.12
12107	Bobs Tire Service	137.00
12108	Martin Trucking	1499.19
12109	Dave Baker	726.91
12110	Michael Baker	2625.34
12111	Chuck Dunlap	707.50
12112	Leonard Laughman	895.54
12113	Robin McKee	<u>1329.93</u>
		\$14,193.84

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 7:36 pm

Chuck Dunlap, Chairman

Dave Baker, Trustee

Leonard Laughman, Trustee

Robin McKee, Fiscal Officer