

Carlisle Township Board of Trustees

Minutes of the September 3, 2024 Regular Meeting

Attending: Trustees Jared Smith, Berry Taylor, Jim Wright, Administrative Assistance Bill Oliver, Zoning Inspector Tim Erhke, Road Superintendent Paulk Sniezak, Fire Chief Steve Higgins and fourteen (14) township residents.

Call to Order: Trustee Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Public Participation: Five (5) residents spoke concerning excessive noise and speeding vehicles during the hours just before and well after midnight along both East River Road and the Grafton Road/Indian Hollow Road area. It was suggested that the source of the noise was loud/no mufflers and racing of engines. Several residents have contacted either the Lorain County Sheriff's Office or the Ohio State Patrol but there has been no resolve of the complaints. Trustee Smith will contact the Sheriff's office requesting the need for additional Sheriff presence in the area during the identified hours.

Trustee Comments: Trustee Smith contacted the Honor Wreaths program as a result of their presentation to the board at recent meeting. The Honor Wreaths program informed Trustee Smith that they will place six (6) wreaths at the Carlisle Township Veteran's Memorial, two (2) wreaths at both Laporte and Murray Ridge Cemeteries and four (4) wreaths sponsored by the 103rd OVI in Sheffield Lake for Civil War Veterans of Carlisle Township.

Fiscal Officer: The minutes of meeting held on 02/20, 03/04, 03/18, 06/06 and 06/17/2024 were approved by the trustees. Checks/Warrants numbers 15666 and 15667 totaling \$6,147.32 were approved. Electronic payments numbers 4709-2024 through 504-2024 totaling \$40,945.04 were approved. Trustee Smith motioned for the approval of PO 45-2024 in the amount of \$10,000.00 for supplies for road repairs and maintenance, seconded by Trustee Taylor and unanimously approved.

Administrative Assistant: Administrative Assistant Bill Oliver stated the on the agenda was a tabled resolution concerning permitting Adult Use Marijuana Dispensaries in the township. Trustee Smith stated that he had spoken with a trustee from Sheffield Township about any problems with the dispensary in their township. The trustee stated that they have had no problems or resident complaints and suggested that he visit the dispensary for a tour. Trustee Smith went to the dispensary and was given a tour of the facility which he described as very high tech and the staff were courteous, knowledgeable and professional in their explanations of the operation. Trustee Smith said that he was required to show his ID before he could enter and before a purchase can be made the buyer must again show an ID to assure the buyer is of legal age. Trustee Smith stated that if the township is to consider permitting a dispensary it should be in a GB-1 zone specifically in the area on Oberlin-Elyria Road in the Entertainment District. Trustee Wright expressed his concern that although he opposes a dispensary in the township, if the board is to consider such an action that township zoning should look at the compatibility with current zoning regulations already on the books and whether additional zoning language is needed in order to identify a specific designated area (Entertainment District). Trustee Taylor stated that although he has not been in a dispensary in Ohio, he has been in one in California and gave a similar description of the operation described by Trustee Smith. The resolution was again tabled for referral to Zoning for review.

Bill Oliver stated that there will be an informational Zoning Seminar the last week of September and urged all Carlisle Township zoning personnel and trustees to attend.

Zoning Inspector: Zoning Inspector Tim Erhke reported his department collected \$348.00 in fees in August. He has also been in contact with Scott Carpenter of the Lorain County Public Health Department concerning several properties with hoarding concerns. He also stated that there has been no movement in the several court cases concerning pending zoning citations.

Road Department: Superintendent Paul Sniezak stated that this summer's Chip/Seal projects have been completed in cooperation with LaGrange and Elyria Townships. He then reported that a Robert Lane resident had contacted him about a dead tree issue in the township's Right-of-Way. Upon further inspections he determined that there are numerous other

trees along the roadway that should also be addressed also in the Right-of-Way. He asked the trustees to consider removing several more which should open up the roadway for sunlight which will help with drying them after rains in order to preserve the roadway as much as possible until it is feasible to repair the road surface. He questioned whether roadway repair dollars could be used for tree work and asked if the prosecutor can be contacted to give an answer. Trustee Smith said that he will contact the prosecutor's office. Superintendent Sniezak reported that the #5 truck plow's "table" is broken on the snow plow and requested \$3,177.40 for the purchase on a new one. Trustee Wright asked if the broken one could be also fixed to use as a back-up if needed. Superintendent Sniezak stated that it could and will look into fixing it up as a back-up.

The tabled discussion on the possibility of closing Mardun Road was renewed, Chief Higgins stated that he visited the roadway and concluded that the current Right-of-Way that has been marked is insufficient to provide a turn-around and would need at least a 150' turnaround in order to comply with Fire Code regulations. A Mardun Road resident in attendance was asked if he would consider granting a variance on a 120' area on his property. After a short deliberation the resident stated it would not be possible. The issue was again tabled for more consideration. The tabled Cold storage Building was discussed again and Trustee Smith stated that he had confirmed with a representative from the Ohio Department of Commerce/Division of Industrial Compliance concerns about a appropriate regulations concerning construction and was given approval to move forward using ARPA funding monies. Trustee Smith reviewed the recommendation from the submitted bids and motioned to approve the construction of the Cold Storage building by Yost Construction of Elyria for \$138,900.00. Superintendent Sniezak then requested an Executive Session concerning the hiring of personnel.

Fire Chief: Chief Higgins reported 99 calls were responded to in the month of August. He then presented his request for ARPA funds for the purchase of the following: Air Hose Dryer (\$11,015.00), Twenty (20) Scott Air Bottles/Tanks (\$28,700.00), Five (5) sets of Turn-Out Gear (\$21,270.00) and Ice Machine (\$3,400.00) totaling \$64,385.00. Trustee Smith motioned for approval, Trustee Taylor seconded it and the motion was passed. Chief Higgins also requested from the Fire Department Operating Fund \$4,342.50 for door seals on all of the fire stations overhead doors as they have worn and are in need of replacement. Trustee Smith motioned for approval, seconded by Trustee Taylor and the motion was passed. He also requested funding for three (3) Ipads for \$4,342.50. Trustee Taylor motioned for approval, seconded by Trustee Wright and the motion was approved.

Executive Session: At 8:10 PM trustee Smith made a motion to go into executive session to address hiring in the Road Department. Trustees went back into general session at 08:42 PM

Adjourned: At 8:42 PM Trustee Smith motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Taylor, motion approved.

Trustee Jared Smith

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Date: 11/18/24

Trustee Berry Taylor

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Trustee Jim Wright

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