

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SANDUSKY TOWNSHIP
SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO**

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of August 2, 2022

The Trustees of Sandusky Township met in regular session at Sandusky Township Hall at 6:00 p.m., with the following members present:

Mr. Paul Lotycz

Mr. Mike Willis

Mr. Gilbert Overmyer

Fiscal Officer was not present.

Mr. Paul Lotycz made motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Mike Willis seconded motion. Vote as follows: Mr. Overmyer - yes, Mr. Willis – yes, Mr. Lotycz - yes.

Mr. Paul Lotycz made motion to accept and pay the bills. Mr. Mike Willis seconded motion. Vote as follows: Mr. Overmyer – yes, Mr. Willis – yes, Mr. Lotycz - yes.

Ms. Zienta reported the following Revenue and Expenditures:

	7-20-2022 through 8-2-2022	Year to Date
Revenue	204,869.93	812,407.30
Expenditures	45,821.77	620,428.44

Trustees reviewed Management Reports.

Mr. Jim Gegorski, 424 White Road, attended meeting. Mr. Gegorski stated HB172 was signed by the Governor to make fireworks legal for people. He is asking the Trustees to opt out of HB172 and return the laws to the way they were in Sandusky Township.

On July 4th, Mr. Gegorski's neighbor decided to blast off fireworks 50 feet from his house. The debris was coming into his yard onto his roof. He started watering down his property to avoid a fire. Mr. Gegorski called the Sheriff and was told they could not do anything about it. He then talked to his neighbor about it and he was not concerned.

Then last Friday his other neighbor started shooting off fireworks at 10 p.m. and ended at 1:45 a.m.

Mr. Mike Willis thought the township had to opt-in to HB172 and Mr. Paul Lotycz stated the Township has to opt-out of HB172.

Mr. Mike Willis made motion to opt out of HB172. Mr. Paul Lotycz seconded motion. Vote as follows: Mr. Willis – yes, Mr. Overmyer – yes, Mr. Lotycz – yes. Mr. Willis will check with Attorney Jim Barney to make sure they get the proper paperwork.

Residents from the Stewart Drive/Winters Drive area attended meeting. Ms. Betsy Pence explained she is one of four property owners on Stewart Drive. One of the properties has been vacant since last year. Ten weeks ago, it started being rented out as an Air B&B to strangers. She provided pictures of the property along with the online Air B&B advertisement, dates it was

rented, number of people, number of cars, days stayed, estimate revenue and her personal comments.

She stated they have strangers living next to them on a weekly basis. On July 4th weekend, she stopped counting at 30 people. Three vehicles were blocking the drive so the residents that live there did not have access to their driveways. Ms. Pence had to ask the renters to move their vehicles. The drive is maintained by the residents as it is a private drive. The traffic is tearing down the road.

The renters are making their way down to the river to other property owners places on Port Clinton Road. Ms. Pence bought her property 32 years ago because it was a private drive. She does not feel safe in her yard anymore.

Mr. Mike Willis asked if anyone has contacted Mr. Farrell about the issues and no one has contacted him. It was noted the property is listed for sale.

Ms. Hedi Eickert stated there is a by-law against what he is doing. Ms. Eickert lives near the property. People have been pulling into her driveway looking for the property. She has put up cameras at her house because she does not feel safe anymore. People are floating down the river on rafts. She has even had a man walking around her yard talking on his cell phone.

Ms. Pence contacted Zoning Inspector Brian Woods and he will look into after he returns from vacation.

Trustees will call Mr. Farrell and contact Attorney Jim Barney.

Ms. Eickert discussed the dilapidated home on the corner of Northcrest Avenue and Port Clinton Road. It is caddy cornered from her property. It looks horrible, is dangerous and is falling apart. Trustees believe the Land Bank is taking care of the property.

Mr. Mark Foos asked if anything can be done about speeders on Port Clinton Road. He has called the Sheriff's department five times about it.

It was mentioned there used to be speed bumps at the curve and they were replaced with rumble strips. Trustees will talk with the Sheriff's Department and to County Engineer Carlos Baez.

Mr. Dean Schneider provided the following information:

- Unit 2 A/C is working better.
- The new pickup is at the shop. Working on obtaining quotes to stripe and letter the vehicle.
- Discuss having the truck hot oiled. Trustees recommended they wait a year to have it done.
- Obtaining quotes to install light bar and siren package.
- Will perform ladder testing at the end of the month.
- Letters on the building are up.
- Anyone wanting to use the shelter house should contact Mr. Schneider to reserve them.
- Received two quotes to replace the motor on the boat. The maximum HP on the boat is 35 HP. Quotes received as follows:
 1. Dubberts – 25 HP is \$5,529.00, 30 HP is \$5,350.00
 2. Bass Pro- 25 HP is \$4,617.00, 30 HP is \$5,307.00

Mr. Schneider recommends the 30 HP from Bass Pro. Mr. Gilbert will submit grant paperwork to the Sandusky County Communities Foundation.

Trustees and Fire Chief discussed boat access points to the river when they have an emergency.

Mr. Overmyer asked Mr. Schneider if he had talked to the County about using the fire station for EMS. Chief Jackson stated it would be closer to the turnpike and bypass for the county but would be further from Ballville Township.

Trustees discussed the work that has been done on Riverbend Parkway with the storm drainage. Mr. Willis received two quotes to install a liner in the tile. They are:

- Insituform Technologies - \$28,931.00
- Inline - \$29,790.00

Mr. Willis made motion to accept the quote from Insituform Technologies to install a liner in storm tile in the Riverbend Parkway area. Mr. Paul Lotycz seconded motion. Vote as follows: Mr. Willis – yes, Mr. Overmyer – yes, Mr. Lotycz – yes.

Mr. Willis discussed the Cemetery Sexton position. No one has applied for it. Trustees will discuss what to do further next month in finding a replacement.

Mr. Willis stated the letter to transfer the millage was signed and sent out. He asked if anyone heard anything yet from the Budget Commission. No one has heard anything. Mr. Willis will get ahold of County Auditor Jerri Miller for status.

The Board received a sidewalk replacement application from Marilyn Kovaleski, 419 Lime Street. Mr. Brent Saionz provided a reimburse price of \$618.00 for 80' x 4'.

Mr. Lotycz reports the City of Fremont fix Lake Street.

Mr. Lotycz also reports the high grass at 545 Williams Street has been taken care of.

Mr. Lotycz stated the City of Fremont and the County are still working on developing and annexing the property on St Rt 412. Commissioner Charlie Schwochow contacted Mr. Lotycz and informed him the City of Fremont is supposed to work with the Township and contact the township by Thursday. Trustees have not been contacted.

Mr. Schwochow recommended the township negotiate a price with the city as the current contract is for a portion of the property tax. The county property does not pay property tax. Mr. Lotycz proposed \$2,000/year. After discussing, Trustees will do some research on what the property is worth and discuss at a later meeting.

Mr. Schwochow also informed Mr. Lotycz the City of Fremont has annexed several properties and have not been reimbursing the township the taxes from those property.

The City of Fremont has not contacted the Township on the letter sent to them about reimbursing the attorney fees to the township for work on the JEDD contract.

Mr. Overmyer discussed the building at the cemetery. County Building Inspector Robert Kurtz told Mr. Overmyer the township should put up the building per their specifications. When it is done, he will inspect the building.

Mr. Overmyer stated the township has not ordered the building yet and he did not have the figures with him.

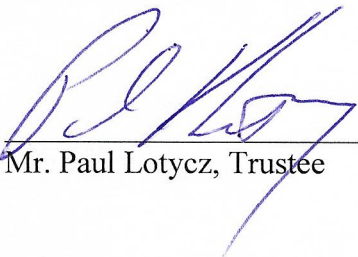
Mr. Lotycz suggested they obtain a quote for a conventional building.

Mr. Overmyer mentioned there are five Tuesdays in August and if the Board wants to move the seconded meeting on the 16th to August 23rd. Mr. Willis stated they have not done that in the past and if they did it would have to be posted. Trustees decided to keep the meeting on the 16th.

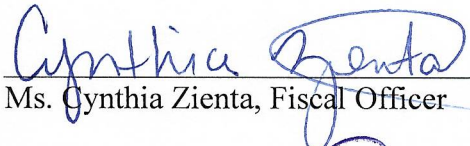
Trustees and Road Superintendent stated they did not receive the road salt contract information Ms. Cyndi Zienta emailed them all. Ms. Zienta resent the email on July 27, 2022 and then provided a hard copy of all the information to the Trustees and Road Superintendent.

Mr. Gilbert Overmyer moved to adopt the following Resolution: Declaring that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for necessary requirements and that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation. For General Construction, Reconstruction, Resurfacing, and Repair of Streets, Roads and Bridges Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5705.19(G). Mr. Paul Lotycz seconded Resolution. Vote as follows: Mr. Overmyer – yes, Mr. Willis – yes, Mr. Lotycz – yes.

At 7:38 p.m. with there being no further Business to come before the Board of Trustees, Mr. Willis made motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Overmyer.

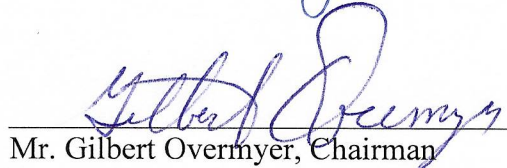


Mr. Paul Lotycz, Trustee



Ms. Cynthia Zienta, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Mike Willis, Trustee



Mr. Gilbert Overmyer, Chairman