

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Lawrence Township Trustees

Regular Meeting

September 12, 2024

The Trustees of Lawrence Township met in regular session at 7:00PM. in the Charles E. Lundenberger Memorial Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ritterbeck. All Trustee were present.

Minutes from the August 29, 2024 regular meeting were approved.

The above bills were approved by the Board and checks were written and Fiscal Officer presented Trustees with the August 31, 2024 bank reconciliation.

## PUBLIC SPEAKS

Courtney Wallace of the Tuscarawas County Library, Bolivar branch thanked Trustees and Bolivar Fire Department for their constant support. Wallace reported 180 attended their recent open house and they are experiencing a high traffic volume at the library. Shawn Lynch indicated that he thought the Dollar General would be opening soon and questioned that the turn lane on St. Rt. 212 was to be installed prior to opening. He will advise Trustees when Dollar General requests inspection from the fire department and Trustees will look into the turn lane installation. Nikki Moore thanked Trustees for their effort to get the high grass along Old Orchard mowed by the county, but it still hasn't been mowed. Trustee Ackerman advised that he spoke with the Tuscarawas County Engineer office and they had equipment issues and hoped to get it mowed soon. Kevin Anslow questioned a tree on St. Peter's Church Road and Road Superintendent Myers will look into it. Scott McCreery on French Hill Rd questioned why a hickory tree was taken down at the end of his driveway when other more dangerous trees were not that were in the township right of way. His research indicated that tree to be approximately 100 years old. Road Superintendent Myers indicated that at the very top of the tree a large branch had broken off and was just hanging there waiting to fall and it would have fallen onto the road and it was a hazard and that is why the tree was taken down. As for the other trees, there is a phone line in the tree branches and it is unsafe for the Township to remove those trees. When funding becomes available, the Township will review those trees and may be contracted to be removed. McCreery indicated that had he been contacted he would have removed the dangerous branch but Trustee Ritterbeck reminded him that that was in the Township right of way. McCreery asked that in the future he be contacted prior to any trees on French Hill be removed.

## MEETING

Myers advised that all chip & seal work and sweeping was completed. Newton Asphalt advised they will begin paving as early as next week, the lights outside the building have been upgraded and maintenance work is being done to prepare for winter. Trustee Haueter asked for a work session. Trustee Ritterbeck made a **motion** to hold a work session at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 26 prior to the Trustee meeting, seconded by Haueter. Ackerman: yes; Haueter:yes; Ritterbeck:yes. **Motion** passed. Ritterbeck asked Tuscarawas County Sheriff to watch for semi-trucks making U-turns on Gibler indicating that no U-turn signs have been installed so that the road will not become damaged. Myers indicated that they watched several trucks enter the area and not make U-turns. Trustee Ackerman met with Regional Planning regarding the Toolan's concern about the detention basin changes on Old Hill Top Development. Ackerman was displeased as Regional Planning advised that according to the deeds on the joining properties is will become a civil matter if the detention basin fails to work property. Trustees agreed to reach out to legal council to determine if the Township has any say in the matter. Fiscal Officer Ackerman presented trustees with Bureau of Motor Vehicle License Records for their review. Crazy Habanero LLC applied for a liquor license and Ritterbeck made a **motion**, seconded by Ackerman to not request a hearing regarding this license. Ackerman: yes; Haueter:yes; Ritterbeck:yes. **Motion** passed. Ritterbeck made a **motion** to accept **Resolution 14-24 Resolution Accepting Amounts & Rates Determined by Budget Commission for Tax Levies**, seconded by Haueter. Ackerman: yes; Haueter:yes; Ritterbeck:yes. **Motion** passed. Haueter made a **motion** to approve **Resolution 15-24 to Amend Appropriations to Actual**, seconded by Ackerman. Ackerman: yes; Haueter:yes; Ritterbeck:yes. **Motion** passed. Ritterbeck made a **motion**, seconded by Haueter to approve **Resolution 16-24 Resolution to Approve Budget Commission**

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**Alternate Formula for Distribution of Local Government and Local Government Revenue Assistance Funds.** Ackerman: yes; Haueter:yes; Ritterbeck:yes. **Motion** passed

A motion to adjourn was made and so ordered by Chairman.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_, Fiscal Officer  
Ann Marie Ackerman

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
Matthew Ritterbeck

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_, Trustee  
Donald Ackerman

\_\_\_\_\_, Trustee  
Michael Haueter