

Regular Board Meeting - Olive Township Board
110 S. Arch St, New Carlisle, IN 46552
Wednesday, July 17, 2024 @ 10:00 AM EST

Attendance: Josh Schweizer, Tina Scott, Will Miller, Bob Middlebrook, Tom Keen, Tim Creason, Keith Batzel, and Chad Hess

Others present: Diane Melady and Carol Middlebrook

Community Members requesting permission to address the board on a specific agenda item are requested to complete a registration form for each item prior to the conclusion of Item III. Individuals will be permitted to speak at that time or during the specific agenda item excluding Consent Items. Any questions on the Consent Items shall be addressed to the Trustee by contacting his office. Persons will be restricted to one appearance per item and limited to three (3) minutes.

Call to order 10:02

I. Adopt Agenda motion made by Bob; 2nd by Tim; motion passed by body 3/0

II. Consent Items motion made by Bob; 2nd by Tim; motion passed by body 3/0

A. Reconciliation of accounts- No questions

B. Approving meeting minutes 6/19/2024- had to make some changes on the minutes, will sign at next meeting

III. Joe Thomas-

1. Joe talked to Brandy from Amazon, and she stated that Amazon doesn't build community Centers. Joe talked to Carl, and he stated that the county will spend money on a Feasibility study for the community center. Joe stated that tax dollars don't start until 2027. He stated that they will give one-time hits. He brought up the Fire Marshall, they stated they would pay for something like that but not indefinitely. A lot of the funds will come from tax dollars. Joe mentioned grant writing, Frank Fotia, would be a good source to reach out to. Will wants to make sure we know where the tax dollars, like LIT and the other county taxes are going to go.

2. Joe asked about the Fire Study. Josh said the fire study is done. Mike Wilbur did the study. Josh would like to have it presented here. Josh sent over the cost for Amazon to pay for a Fire Marshall, for a short time, not indefinitely. Brandy from Amazon is pretty open about the cost of the Fire Marshall. Josh submitted for Public Safety money, \$215,000, for 2025. Josh asked Joe if any other fire department had requested that money. Joe said he will have to ask, he wasn't sure. Josh just wants to capture our share of those funds.

IV. Fire Territory Meeting Updates- The main update is the Union Negotiations. The financial piece of it was approved. At the next meeting the Collective Bargaining should be approved. For 2025 they will switch to the 77-pension plan. For 2025 there will be a 10% increase in pay and for 2026 will be a 14% increase. Josh stated that we are looking for other townships that are similar to what we have, Greene township is an option. They are meeting with the financial team in August.

V. Additional Appropriations- Josh stated we have continued projects that we would like to do. We are paying off the tanker and Tahoe. That will free up some money in our leasing funds. The air hawk tanks need to be replaced. He wants to buy a station lift, put an outside area by the fire station and move Susie to the Fire Station. **Motion made by Tim; 2nd by Bob; motion passed by body 3/0**

VI. Cemetery Discussion Updates/software-

1. Request to purchase the SIM software. Keith explained what services the company offers and the pricing. Diane explained there would be two users/licenses for the software. The cost for the software is \$3,200.00. We are going to do an additional appropriation for purchasing the software. **Motion made Keith; 2nd by Tim; motion passed by body 3/0**
2. Chisel Chest Quote and Stonehugger- Will spoke to both companies to get some clarification of the estimates. Bob said that Chisel Chest is currently putting up monuments in the other cemetery in town, and they did a decent job. Will stated that as a community we should give him a chance at the job. The board decided to give Chisel Chest the job. **Motion made by Bob to use Chisel Chest; 2nd by Tim; motion passed 3/0**
3. Bob asked if we could get trash can or bin at the cemetery. Will said it is something that we can discuss for next year. Tina will talk to Mark about hauling off any brush away.
4. Keith brought up painting an arrow instead of a one-way sign.

VIII. Township Budget 2025- Will discussed the changes he would like to make on the budget for next year. Josh stated he would have his portion of the budget done by the end of the week. Will discussed the budget changes for 2025. We went over the salaries for the board members, Trustee and Office Assistant. **Motion made by Bob; 2nd by Tim; motion passed by body 3/0** to increase the salaries. Tina asked to get a Mac desktop, instead of working off the laptops. **Motion made by Bob; 2nd by Tim; motion passed by body 3/0** to purchase the desktop.

IX. Reach Alert- tabled for the next meeting, **motion made by Bob, 2nd by Tim**

X. Assistance Report- Tina presented the report, no updates or questions asked.

XI. Community Center Update- Will said that they are having a meeting on the 31st with Tim, Marcy and the town engineer and himself. Will said that Pete is going to explain what a letter of intent entails. Will also said that they are also going to let them know what the land amount would cost. The engineer will need to know what our wants are for the Community Center.

XII. Hometown days- Hometown days are Friday- Sunday and the shift coverage was discussed. Tina to get two tablecloths for the event and print off a map of Olive Township with our website address.

XIII. Health care Agency Change- Josh asked the board to approve a change in our agent for next year. **Motion made by Bob; 2nd by Tim; motion passed 3/0**

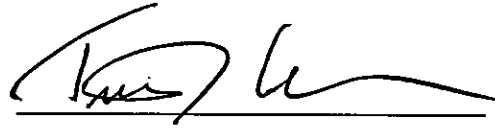
XIV. New Business/Old Business- Bob and Tim met with the guys that started the community ambulance service. They want to put a memorial at the park. Bob said that they aren't sure how they are going to get the funds for the memorial.

XV. Next meeting date: August 28, 2024 @ 10 am at the Trustee's office, 110 S. Arch St. New Carlisle, IN 46552

XVI. Adjournment: 12:44; **motion made by Bob; 2nd by Tim; motion passed by body 3/0**



Bob Middlebrook, Board Member



Tim Creason, Board Member



Will Miller, Trustee



Keith Batzel, Board Member