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Crosby Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

**January 14, 2019**

The regular meeting for January 14, 2019 was called to order by Mr. Heis at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Niehaus and Mr. Dole were also present.

A motion was made by Mr. Dole to accept the Minutes from the regular meeting held December 10, 2018. Mr. Niehaus seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Niehaus to accept the Minutes from the Organizational Meeting held January 7, 2019, with the change of Mr. Heis, not Mr. Niehaus taking Vice-President nominations. Mr. Dole seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Niehaus to approve payment of bills. Mr. Dole seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

Mr. Dole: none

Mr. Niehaus: none

Mr. Heis: Stated that the Hamilton County Public Library is inviting the public to their main branch on 800 Vine Street on February 1, at 7:30 a.m.

**Guests and Public:**

Sheriff's report: the sheriff was not present.

Public at large: Byron Lewis wanted to talk about WestJad. He discovered that the advisory board has not met in the last 3 months. He related a personal story from this past weekend. Byron had to call 911 (ALS protocol). Crosby had 3 staffed members on duty (all were basics). There were 2 WestJad medics. He reported that in 2018 WestJad did not have a medic in Crosby Township for 185 hours. He is

asking that Crosby work to start making forward movement in the Crosby/WestJad situation. Byron said he is willing to go over data with the Trustees. He feels there is room for improvement. Mr. Heis said he had asked the reps to get together and stated he would pursue that further. Mr. Heis also said Crosby has 2 to 3 part timers in medic school and that the Trustees are looking into the possibility of 2 to 3 getting hired full time. Jim Corbin, a captain with WestJad paramedics stood up to answer questions. Byron Lewis stated he thought all full time firefighters would be paramedics, but he believes that is not currently the case, so, in his view Crosby Township needs to develop a plan B for the current predicament. Mr. Corbin said the next scheduled WestJad meeting will be Thursday, April 4 at 5:30 p.m. at WestJad headquarters. Jim Breitenbach spoke next. He advocated for online monthly Trustee minutes reports to be posted timely and suggested April special meeting minutes need to be approved and posted. He pointed out that non full-time employees need to be paid biweekly rather than monthly – a change that Crosby Trustees recently implemented. He mentioned that he had sent Crosby an email instructing how to report burnt out street lights and asked whether the township is paying for lights that have gone out or aren't there. He also wondered how Crosby is invoiced from Duke on those lights. Mr. Bibbo happened to have the most recent Duke bill and shared the provided breakdown. Further, Mr. Breitenbach was concerned about Crosby's 2016/2017 audit, which noted a 2017 "material weakness." Mr. Bibbo said each audit issue was addressed to the satisfaction of the auditor. Finally, Mr. Breitenbach wanted to talk about the Storm Water District decision. He pointed out that Crosby could have been eligible for a waiver, so the \$49,000.00 cost to residents could have been avoided. Trustee Niehaus felt it was time for Crosby to pay its share due to the amount of farming done here and the money the government has spent on the Fernald cleanup.

### **Reports:**

Legal: Regarding litigation over water rates, continuation has been postponed to March 12 thru March 14. Byron Lewis said there is a high pressure line on East Miami River Road that could solve Crosby's water pressure issues.

Maintenance Department: Harry thanked Scott and Tony for helping over the weekend with snow removal.

Fire/EMS Department: December run totals were 29 EMS and 23 Fire. 2018 year totals were 224 EMS details and 326 Fire details – 550 total compared to 556 totals for 2017. There was a 2017 life squad recall for door locks, which were fixed by Braun at no cost.

Community Coordinator: Chris Dole reported that a grant request has been submitted and word should be received within the next couple of months. A CPR certification class for girl scout leaders will be held January 27 and February 9.

Fiscal Officer: no report.

Zoning: Mr. Espel reported that 5 zoning permits were issued last month. Also, the zoning commission organizational committee meeting will be on January 23 at 5:30 p.m.

### **Old Business:**

Mr. Dole: none

Mr. Niehaus: Reported that he and Mr. Bibbo met with a Republic representative regarding recycling charges. They learned that recent overcharges were not for contamination as was reported to them but were charged to all customers to compensate for higher costs of recycling. For now, overcharges were removed. Cardboard only recycle dumpsters were suggested as a Crosby option if costs remain high.

Mr. Heis: Expanded on the recycling issue, reporting that Michelle Balz from Hamilton County Recycling will host a meeting at Crosby on January 24 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Heis is hoping Crosby can combine with surrounding locations to get a trash/recycle discount.

### **New Business:**

Mr. Dole: none

Mr. Niehaus: Mentioned a smell in the Fort Scott vicinity. Residents think it's the treatment plant. It is not a daily thing, but it was suggested contact with MSD regarding the smell might be a good idea.

Mr. Heis: Informed us that the Ohio Township annual meeting is January 30 thru February 2.

Other Concerns: none

**There being no further agenda topics and no further comments by the public in attendance, at 8:45 p.m. p.m. Mr. Dole moved to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. niehaus. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.**

Next regular meeting: **March 11, 2019 at 7pm.**

ATTEST:

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Mr. Heis, President, Board of Trustees

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Mr. Bibbo, Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Board of Trustees of Crosby Township concerning and relating to adoptions or resolutions and or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.