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Crosby Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2019

The regular meeting for March 11, 2019 was called to order by Mr. Heis at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Niehaus and Mr. Dole were also present. Mr. Niehaus requested a moment of silence for Don Roessler, who recently passed.

After asking that why trustees went into executive session be added to the last page of the February 11, 2019 minutes, which Mr. Bibbo agreed to do, a motion was made by Mr. Dole to accept the Minutes from the regular meeting held February 11, 2019. 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 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: none

Guests and Public:

Sheriff's report:

Lieutenant Keith Boeing (who is taking over for Sergeant Koo) reported 87 February calls, 3 cases assigned to detectives, 3 criminal reports, and 7 accident reports. Traffic detail worked 12 days and issued 4 warnings, 16 vacation checks, 12 school checks, and 16 business checks. He encouraged residents to call 513 825-2280 or 911 when they encounter suspicious situations.

Gwen Lawhorn following up on the lieutenant's statements told the story that a man came to her house at 1:15 a.m. recently claiming to be selling steaks. The lieutenant stated anything that early in the morning is a 911 call. Mr. Breitenbach reported another recent incident regarding a sex offender apprehension in the

township. Chief Deputy Mark Schooner wanted to give an update on the sheriff's budget. They went on a hiring freeze in July of 2018. The sheriff's office cut \$ 5.5 million for 2019. They've made a commitment to be here for Crosby Township, but he believes Crosby, Harrison, & Whitewater townships should band together for law enforcement. The bottom line is we get 1 deputy in Crosby Township 24/7 (they can be called away when needed elsewhere). Mr. Dole asked if we pay taxes, why don't they have to patrol here? The answer is there is more to it than patrols (additional mandates exist). Mr. Dole suggested Crosby may choose to double its current police personnel. Mr. Niehaus asked what is the obligation of an off duty officer (several live in & around Crosby)? The answer was if he knows about it, he should respond. Mr. Heis stated that the estate tax & the intangible tax are now gone (which combined were more than \$ 100,000.00 per year), and he agreed with Mr. Dole about adding more police details.

Public at large: Melba Guard from the Historical Society brought 2 board members and stated that awhile back she had asked for a written contract (currently there is a verbal contract). She has been working with our attorney, Mr. Trenz to get a lease contract. They have almost a final draft. There were a few specifics that were discussed. Mr. Trenz suggested the Society go with their own liability insurance policy, the cost of which yearly is under \$ 300.00 with \$ 1,000,000.00 coverage. The trustees stated they would vote on the contract with changes at the next meeting. Melba pointed out that it is a bicentennial year for New Baltimore and asked the trustees if they would consider doing the same as they did last year for New Haven, which is to appropriate up to \$ 500.00 to purchase signs. Mr. Niehaus made a motion to purchase bicentennial signs for New Baltimore with a \$ 500.00 cap. Mr. Dole seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried. It was decided to do the formal Proclamation at the next hearing. Ray Sauer just moved to Parks of Whitewater and asked where he can vote. He can vote in both Crosby & Harrison because of their type 2 annexation, which provides dual citizenship. Kiersten Rogers from Crosby Elementary was here to extend an invitation to Crosby Township to participate in the final piece of their history/pride wall (the idea for it is a 2-D flat design). The help meeting is Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. Brad Updike a Morgan Township Trustee was here because of a 3 township union that he was not adequately informed about and that he believed locked in ALL his township residents. Mr. Heis explained that his township and others had been invited to attend a January 2019 meeting hosted by Michelle Batz from Hamilton County Recycling who explained how a county waste collection/recycling program would work. The meeting was simply informative and no final decisions were made. Attendees were to report back to their townships for input.

Reports:

Legal: Mr. Trenez reported that the raising water rates issue is to date unresolved. The 2 parties continue to negotiate.

Maintenance Department: No verbal report was given.

Fire/EMS Department:

Of the 40 total runs for February, 26 were EMS and 14 were fire. The fire chief talked about a sensors issue that was resolved and the department's participation in the new Crosby Elementary plans. Mr. Heis reported on the February 28, 2019 WestJad Advisory Board meeting: It was originally thought WestJad would be short \$ 80,000.00 by the end of the year, but now the deficit appears to be down to between \$ 20,000.00 and \$ 10,000.00. There is an April 4 meeting coming up, so he will share the new figures. Mr. Heis further stated that the original 2019 Real Estate Taxes numbers for Crosby did not include Texas Gas money, so they appear to be low. A higher figure could result in the possibility of sustaining additional full time fire fighters.

Mr. Heis stated that the Executive Session at the February 11, 2019 meeting was called in error for the wrong reason (staffing). The items discussed were actually the Revised Real Estate Taxes and the increased estimated costs of full time versus part time fire fighter-medics.

Community Coordinator:

Brenda Jackson submitted her report. Some highlights are the Seniors March meeting is March 12 and at 1:00 the guest speaker will be Dr. Jeremy Warden who will speak on the health benefits of acupuncture and chiropractic work. March 13 the seniors will do volunteer work to receive vouchers for Crosby Elementary teachers to "shop" for free classroom supplies. The Crosby Township Community Health Fair will be Saturday, April 27 at the Community Center. She has submitted 3 grants and is waiting to hear if they will be successful.

Fiscal Officer: none

Zoning: Mr. Espel reported that 9 zoning permits were issued last month.

Old Business:

Mr. Dole: none

Mr. Niehaus: He made a motion to “get out of the recycling business” which means have the recycling dumpsters removed from the firehouse lot. Mr. Dole seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Heis: none

New Business:

Mr. Dole: none

Mr. Niehaus: none

Mr. Heis: stated that the township’s credit card policy needs to be looked at and hoped to sync that by the next meeting. The trustees went to the Annual Hamilton County Engineer’s Meeting on March 7. He and Mr. Niehaus went to the Annual Hamilton County Public Health Meeting today at noon. Paperwork is available here if residents want to look at it.

Other Concerns: none

There being no further agenda topics and no further comments by the public in attendance, at 8:50 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: **April 8, 2019 at 7pm.**

ATTEST:

Mr. Heis, President, Board of Trustees

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.