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Crosby Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2016

The regular meeting for March 21, 2016 was called to order by Mr. Dole at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Niehaus and Mr. Heis were also present.

Mr. Heis noted correction to the February 8, 2016 regular meeting Minutes to include the "second" of the motion to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting and the "second" of the motion to increase the paramedics' hourly pay. Correction was noted and Minutes amended. Motion by Mr. Heis to accept the Minutes from the regular meeting held February 8, 2016; Mr. Niehaus seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve payment of bills by Mr. Heis and seconded by Mr. Neihaus. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Mr. Dole reported his receipt of information from the "Friends of the Whitewater Shakers".

Mr. Niehaus reports an invitation to attend the Earth Day celebration on 4/23/16 from 11am-5pm at the U.C. Field Studies Center on Oxford Rd. with bird walk and wildflower walk and an archaeological program and cookout; all are welcome and activities are free-of-charge.

Mr. Heis had no correspondence to report.

**Guests and Public:**

Sheriff's report:

Sheriff's traffic detail report is as follows: Sergeant Downing reported: in February, 2016 there were a total of 24 traffic violations and 22 vacation checks and 14 criminal warrant arrests; see attached report for details. Also, six (6) cases were assigned to detectives for investigation and three (3) assigned cases were closed; see CROS attached report.

### Public at large:

Don Nowlin, on behalf of his Mother Norma Fliehman Nowlin presented an historical painting of the Crosby Twp. Bridge and a historical afghan highlighting Crosby Twp. Landmarks. Mrs. Nowlin's friend, Barbara Finch, painted the picture herself 20 years ago. The trustees were very grateful and appreciative of Mrs. Nowlin's kindness and generosity and thanked Mr. Nowlin, too for making the presentation.

Mr. Breidenbach updated the trustees on the Discover New Haven's "Pathways Project". He had met with the Harrison Planning Commission to discuss their participation in the extended pathway and then followed up with meeting with the city officials in Harrison to determine the likelihood of connecting the new subdivision to the bike trail and then, eventually, the extended bike path. This concept of extending the bike path is conducive to the Great Parks' "Connecting Communities" plans for the future depending upon the success of the upcoming levy, if approved by the voters. In furtherance of this plan Mr. Breidenbach then met with a representative from the County Engineer's office to ask if bike pathways could be established along County right-of-ways; there is no funding for this at this time from the county. Mr. Breidenbach also informed the Trustees of the Great Parks' listening sessions that are being held countywide during March and April, 2016.

Tony Torrez, President of Discover New Haven reported that in his quest to establish increased communication with surrounding communities and community leaders he would like to explore the possibility of a brochure highlighting the retail and other opportunities of New Haven. The cost will be approximately \$227.52 for 200 brochures and he is hoping for business support to defray costs. Brenda Jackson agreed to advertise the potential brochure in an upcoming Crosby Twp. Newsletter. Finally, Tony explained the Crosby Twp. Historical Society's request to display an historical marker at the old town hall, possibly in the Summer of 2016.

### **Reports:**

#### Legal:

Mr. Trenz reported his communication with Jolene Winter, of Brater-Winter Funeral home, and the death of an indigent Crosby Twp. resident, Mr. Robert Johns. Mr. Johns' cremation has already occurred. Mr. Trenz reminded the trustees of their township policy for indigent residents requiring final arrangements. The required and received notarized statement of expenses shows the total costs to be: \$806.30. Motion to approve payment of the costs presented by the notarized statement and a copy of the township indigent resident policy to be sent to Brater-Winter funeral

home by Mr. Niehaus. Motion seconded by Mr. Heis. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried.

Maintenance Department:

Harry Meyers has no report at this time.

Fire/EMS:

Chief Downard reports 48 runs; 28 were EMS, 20 fire/rescue. His complete report, including a report on 2016 fish fries , an update on fire equipment acquisitions, a report on new fee assessment for Narcan treatment and other pertinent topics is attached.

Chief Downard explained in detail to the trustees the situation of the increased charges levied upon the township by Medicount, the EMS billing management system; specifically, the newly increased (as of April 1, 2016) charge of \$100.00 for patients receiving Narcan or D50 at the scene and then refusing transport (to medical facility). Due to treatment being administered, the fee may be assessed to the person receiving the treatment and the Chief requested the township approve the assessed fee.

Motion to charge \$100.00 for on-the-scene treatment by Crosby Twp. paramedics for Narcan or D50 made by Mr. Dole. Motion seconded by Mr. Heis. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Downard asked trustees to consider the purchase of a ½ ton 4-wheel drive pick-up truck, to replace the current Crown Victoria, at an approximate cost of \$28,903.45. A discussion ensued and finally the trustees requested that Chief Downard would investigate the comparative cost of a similarly used vehicle. Discussion tabled at this time.

Community Coordinator:

See attached report for the extensive announcements from Community Coordinator Brenda Jackson.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Bibbo requested board approval for Resolution 05-2016, the Crosby Twp. 2016 Proposed Permanent Budget Appropriations. Motion by Mr. Heis to approve. Motion

seconded by Mr. Niehaus. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried.

### Zoning:

Rick Espel reported eight (8) new housing building permits issued in February, 2016.

Mr. Dole asked Mr. Espel to investigate the concerns of residents of Fort Scott, re: street completion.

### **Old Business:**

Mr. Dole: none.

Mr. Niehaus: none.

Mr. Heis: none

### **New Business:**

Mr. Dole: reports that he received an email from County Engineer Ted Hubbard that Oxford and New Haven Roads will be configured in a safer manner, specifically "more squared off", no light planned at this time and stop sign placement only. Also, an update on the parks' efforts to purchase Hesselbrock property in an effort to connect the park property with the Fernald Preserve.

Mr. Niehaus: First, Mr. Niehaus presented the "License Agreement Granting Permission For Use Of Township Roads" between the trustees and the Fort Scott Community Association(see attached). Specifically discussed was the need for the Homeowners Association to build a retaining wall adjacent to township right-of-way. Motion made to accept the Agreement of the parties by Mr. Niehaus. Motion seconded by Mr. Heis. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried.

Second, Mr. Niehaus reported his discussion with County Engineer Ted Hubbard concerning the road guard rail at Mt. Hope Rd. near New Haven Rd. and whether the rail needs to be placed closer to New Haven Rd. and its position in relation to the horse trail; also the height of the blacktop along yards on New Haven Rd. and some "bad spots" along New Haven Rd. need to be re-graded and repaired. Mr. Niehaus and Ted Hubbard discussed the completion of these important items.

Mr. Heis: reports that he doesn't believe there will be extensive road work in Crosby by county engineering department.

**Other concerns:**

Mr. Breidenbach stated his concerns about the federal government's approval of the gas compressor station that has been reported on several times over the last year. The noise decibel is expected to be rated a "55", increased from "44". Mr. Breidenbach is concerned the nature sounds will be drowned out by the compressor noise. The final plans have not received final approval by the federal government therefore Crosby Twp. trustees may still express their concerns in a written letter. Trustees indicated they will direct a letter supporting a reduction in decibel levels for the gas compressor station.

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

Next regular meeting: **April 11, 2016 at 7pm.**

ATTEST:

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Mr. Dole, 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.