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Crosby Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2016

The regular meeting for May 9, 2016 was called to order by Mr. Dole at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Niehaus and Mr. Heis were also present.

Mr. Niehaus and Mr. Heis request amendments to the April, 2016 official meeting minutes. Motion by Mr. Niehaus to accept the amended Minutes from the regular meeting held April 11, 2016; Mr. Heis 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. Niehaus and seconded by Mr. Heis. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Mr. Dole reported he has received the CMHA annual report and the Miami Conservancy annual reports for anyone's viewing.

Mr. Niehaus had no correspondence to report.

Mr. Heis had no correspondence to report.

Guests and Public:

Sheriff's report: for April, 2016, Sergeant Robert May filling in for Sergeant Downing reported 3 detective cases assigned and 2 of those were quickly closed; no theft; traffic detail report shows 5 speeding tickets and 19 others; vacation checks and business calls and other details; total 8 reports, including theft and identity fraud, as well as information report.

Public at large: Concerns expressed by Mr. Dennis Heyob about dirt piling up on St. Rt. 128 in the light industrial use-area. Mr. Espel will be asked about his understanding of this situation.

Reports:

Legal: Mr. Trezn had no report.

Maintenance Department: Grant of \$500.00 has been received for the truck lights; the Trustees praised the maintenance department for an extremely effective and efficient clean-up of Crosby Township on "Clean-Up Day".

Fire/EMS: see attached "run" reports and update on personnel for March and April, 2016; the department is requesting the trustees to consider options for new life squad. The department has received final specs/cost estimate on the new squad and Chief Downard asks for a meeting with the trustees in the near future to discuss these specs and the township's options concerning this potential purchase. Meeting dates and times were discussed. All agreed to meet at 6pm on June 13, 2016 before the June board meeting.

Community Coordinator: Coordinator Brenda Jackson referenced her official report (see attached). Brenda reminded everyone of the upcoming Crosby Days at Stricker's Grove. Also, she gave an update on our Cincinnati Bell phone system and the substantial cost savings. Also, an update of the Memorial Day parade and Mr. Niehaus asked Brenda to coordinate with Larry Smith for speaking at the Memorial Day cemetery service this year.

Fiscal Officer: Mr. Bibbo informed the board that he has received approval "notice" of the "less intensive and less expensive audit" by the State of Ohio, submitted by this board, and it is to be scheduled at the end of May, 2016.

Zoning: Rick Espel reported six (6) new housing building permits issued in April, 2016, see attached Zoning Department report. Rick reports that the owner is placing a driveway at the site of the dirt piled up on St. Rt. 128. Discussion ensued concerning the ongoing monitoring of the project by the County.

Old Business: Mr. Dole spoke with Fred Schlimm, County Engineer's Office, concerning the railroad crossing. The railway commission will contribute some financing, hopefully by summer, 2016.

Mr. Niehaus reminded everyone that the Paddy's Run railroad stop sign is only partially visible from many types of vehicles, i.e. work trucks and vans.

Mr. Heis reported that he attended the WestJad meeting on April 14, 2016 and no business concerning Crosby Twp. was discussed. The next WestJad meeting will be on July 7, 2016 at 5:30pm.

New Business:

Mr. Dole: Reports that he met with a representative from the County Health district, Jenny Palicki, concerning the County "point of dispensing plan"; she wanted to formally introduce herself to him as the President of Township Trustees; also with the Principal of Crosby Elementary School concerning the pod and the plan. No action necessary at this time. Also Chris Dole met with Jennifer Vater, from JMA, and NatureWorks grants and possible patio project at Community Center, particularly for the seniors' usage. Discussion ensued concerning processing of the grant and details of grant requirements. Chris also met with Emily Garlock from

Congressman's Chabot's office to meet each other and discuss township issues and potential grant money. Also, an email concerning Cincinnati "13.1" marathon race that will occur on June 4, 2016 through Miami Whitewater Park and through both Crosby and Harrison Townships; portion of marathon benefits American Cancer Society. We need to be sure the police department is aware of this event because several Crosby Twp. roads will be affected.

Mr. Niehaus: Mr. Niehaus has two issues for new business:

1. He has received several calls concerning stop signs with flashing solar lighting at intersection at New Haven and Oxford Roads. Jim met with county officials and helped coordinate the best placement.
2. He questioned the most recent liquor license approval letter and if no action, then it is automatically approved.

Mr. Heis: Mr. Heis reports on the UC Center for Field Study Open House on April 23, 2016; also the next meeting in June the discussion will be on the "center house". Also, he attended the Hamilton County Township Association meeting the week before; House Bill 302 and its impact on townships was addressed to State Rep. Jonathon Dever by our Crosby Twp. trustees at this meeting. Rep. Dever will investigate and report back to us. Hamilton County Homeland Security representative also addressed issues to the group; Hamilton County EMA representative will also be at Crosby Days. A streetcar discussion also ensued with the group, Mr. Heis reports.

Ohio Township Association also reminded everyone that "a pre-arranged email meeting among trustees to discuss public business" could also qualify under sunshine law and "notice" requirements under Ohio Open Meetings Act. Mr. Trezn informed the trustees that the Ohio Supreme Court has recently ruled on a case concerning this topic and the dissent, in particular, addressed this very topic. Mr. Trezn will continue to monitor this developing area of the law and continue to advise the board accordingly.

Other Business:

Motion by Mr. Niehaus to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing potential purchase of property, seconded by Mr. Heis. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes;

Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried. At 8:30 pm motion by Mr. Niehaus to return to general public meeting, seconded by Mr. Heis. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further agenda topics and no further comments by the public in attendance, motion was made by Mr. Heis and seconded by Mr. Niehaus to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Mr. Dole, yes; Mr. Niehaus, yes; Mr. Heis, yes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Next regular meeting: **June 13, 2016 at 7pm.**

ATTEST:

Mr. Dole, 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.