

REILY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 7, 2023

7:00 PM Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present: Dennis Conrad, Nick Schwab, Tim Miller.

MOTIONS

MINUTES: Mr. Schwab made a motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2023 Seconded by Mr. Miller, Motion carried.

PURCHASE ORDERS: Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Schwab to approve the Purchase Orders as presented. Motion carried.

WARRANTS: Mr. Schwab moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve payment of 29 Warrants (25580- 25608) totaling \$49,924.20. Motion carried.

FIRE REPORT OF May 17, 2023: Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Schwab, to accept the Fire Report for May 17, 2023. Mr. Conrad abstained. Motion carried.

ZONING:

Emerson Adkins, Zoning meeting next wed.

ROAD REPORT: Jeremy Sears reported the following:

Alan Herrmann expressed concern about paving at the end of Hart Rd. Mr. Sears, explained, to his understanding from the paving contractor, they cut & rebased with a thicker material.

- Mr. Sears received a complaint from the resident at 5143 McCoy road. That the resident received a letter from the USPS that the mail box was placed too far off the road and, the mailbox should be 6 – 8 inches off the curb.

-Mr. Sears, took photos, and documented, with measurement's and photo that the mailbox at 5143 McCoy Rd., as documented by the photo's and measurements meets the specifications of USPS and is inline with the Neighbors mailboxes.

- Note: Earlier this year, the resident called and notated that during a snow storm their mailbox was displaced. The Trustees, voted to approve a new mailbox and post was installed by the road crew at the above notated address.

- Picked new mower, at South Eastern Equipment Monroe and it runs well

- Met with Operations Manager at South Eastern Equipment about electrical draw issues with the NH Tractor and Boom Mower, (Zimmer Tractor diagnosed and repaired, Alamo switched wires at factory installation)

- South Eastern Equipment will apply a credit to the Township account for cost that the Township incurred, with battery replacement and Zimmer Tractor's bill. In addition, Mr. Sears, notated that having issues with the control buttons on the Joy Stick. South Eastern, sent a Technician out that evening and replaced the control buttons at no cost to Reily Township.

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Road Report Continued;

- Cemetery Grave Headstone Foundations are completed

Mr. Sear suggested that any burials after Nov. 15 – that the headstone foundations are installed after March 15th the following year.

Motion: (Headstone Foundation's) Mr. Conrad, moved, and Mr. Schwab Seconded. Any burials after Nov. 15 – the headstone foundations are installed after March 15th the following year.

Motion carries

- Continued Mowing, string trimming, string trimming road signs, spray road signs. Two more weeks, road mowing, and will start berming of newly paved roads with berm box, using b-19 or unwashed crushed limestone,

- Culverts completed last Friday, signs up, and delineators, to not drive in ditch.

- Pine Tree, in front yard, at Historical house, need to get bids to remove

- Mr. Sears, notated that the road crew will not need to purchase a transit until fall. He proposed using transit funds towards a 95 – gallon fuel tank that mounts behind the cab of pick up to fuel the road mowers. The fuel tanks he has looked at, come with a pump.

Motion: Mr. Miller moved, to purchase, seconded, by Mr. Schwab to purchase a fuel tank and pump.

Motion Carries

Mr. Sears, also suggested that the with additional mowing crew, and the age of the current string trimmers, that the Township consider purchasing new string trimmers.

ROAD: Mr. Schwab made a motion to accept the Road Report, seconded by Mr. Miller

Motion carried.

Sign report, Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Schwab to accept May 2023 sign report.

Motion carries

FIRE REPORT: 10 runs, 4 mutual aid since last meeting. Chief Conrad reported,

- pump testing 6/26/2023 – 1 truck every hour,

- Remove Tony Ditullo, from Fire Department, resigned, (not able to run for other departments per Fire Union

- EMT Class, still on, pay for 10, starts, 6/14/2023,

Mr. Miller moved seconded by Mr. Schwab, to accept fire report.

Motion Carries, Mr. Conrad abstained

OLD BUSINESS

ENERGY ALLIANCE – Mr. Tilford, with the Board of Trustee's direction, signed a 24 - month contract with AEP Energy, scheduled to start on 6/23/2023 at \$0.06411 per kWh

FEMA GRANT - Meeting with Will Anderson scheduled for 6/23/2023 at 1 pm, Fiscal Officer will publish in Hamilton Journal News, as Special Meeting

Tim Miller attended, EMA, Matt Haverkis resigned, appointed, Jim Bolen, EMA DirectorMitigation meeting from 10 – 12, with Jim Bolen.

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NEW BUSINESS

REBECCA HOWARD –

Oxford, Literacy - purchased, Composite barn, Little Free Library, Proposing, post and bench.

Valued Community Asset,

Motion: Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Schwab, to continue support Oxford Literacy and install a new Composite Barn, Little Free Library as indicated by the literature that Ms. Howard provide to the board of Trustees.

Motion carries

Talawanda School District -

Mr. Conrad, notated his concern, about not having a resource officer in each building.

Ms. Howard responded, that the resource officer at Bogan and Marshall are hired through the BC Sheriff Office. Kramer, Middle School and High School through OPD. Haven't had a resource officer at Bogan for several months.

Additionally, with the district financial shortfall and current cuts, a resource officer is not a state mandated, item.

Buses, Bus garage, older facility at Old High School, location. Going to be rebuilt. Site cost for TSD, in building a new bus garage at Chestnut Field (Current location) would be \$2.7 Million.

This is the reason for building the new bus garage at the High School.

Current district bus contract with Peterman, requires district to provide location for maintenance of, and maintain Peterman's buses used to transport district students.

Bus Kindergarten, through 8th grade, and special needs. Extending walking distance in town from one to Two miles. No Busing for High School. State Mandated

Mr. Schwab, notated, that CAUV is proposed to increase by 120%, and residential 142% property tax increase. Talawanda School District, is at 20 mill, rate. What is TSD going to do with extra monies?

Ms. Howard deferred the answer, and notated that this would need to be discussed with the District Treasurer, Shaunna Tafelski

Mr. Schwab and the board addressed their concerns about the future plan to cut FFA and Butler Tech's contributions to the FFA Program.

Mr. Tilford notated, that it was his understanding that it is the largest program at the high school. Talawanda FFA is consistently recognized at the State Level in Ohio as a Top 10 Chapter and is recognized Nationally as a Chapter of Excellence.

Ms. Howard notated, that FFA is not required by the state and deferred funding questions to be addressed by Talawanda School District Treasurer Shaunna Tafelski.

Ms. Howard also notated;

-School board, meetings are regularly scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Thursday and are on the school district website Talawanda.org,

- Increasing Security at Middle School. Replace doors & Windows. Through Grant.

- Would be happy to schedule a special meeting to talk about School District issues, though cannot have more than two board members in attendance.

2024 BCEO PAVING – Erich Ziegler, Trustees need to submit 2024 paving request to BCEO by August 1, 2023.

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New Business Continued;

OTARMA INSURANCE -- renewal of insurance, needs to be sent in by 7/20/2023

CHRIS HANNON -- asked to place a sign up for Grandma's Fire Works, place on other side of fence. State Right of Way.

Motion: Mr. Conrad moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to allow Chris Hannon to place sign, until July 5th on the State of Ohio Right of Way near 732, on the other side of chain link fence.

Motion carries

RESOLUTION – 23 – 0607.1 – PURCHASE OF ALAMO FLAIL MOWER

Mr. Schwab made a motion, Seconded, by Mr. Miller, to pay South Eastern Equipment, in the amount of \$30,574.65.

Pursuant to a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Schwab, on 9/21/2022 to purchase a 74" Flail Mower for state government pricing as quoted by South Eastern Equipment \$30,574.65 (price includes shipping)

Pursuant to R.C. 5705.41(D)(1), obligations in the amount of \$3,000 or more.

Roll Call; Mr. Conrad, Yes, Mr. Miller, Yes, Mr. Schwab, Yes

Motion carried and Resolution adopted.

9:20 PM, with no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Miller, moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Schwab, Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Ronald Tilford, Fiscal Officer

Dennis H. Conrad Jr., Chair

C. Nicholas Schwab, V. Chair

Timothy E. Miller, Trustee