**REILY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**JANUARY 20, 2021**

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

**MOTION**

**MINUTES:** Mr. Conrad made a motion to accept the minutes of January 6, 2021 as read. Seconded by Mr. Schwab. Motion carried.

**MOTION**

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

**MOTION**

**WARRANTS:** Mr. Conrad made a motion to approve payment of Warrants (#24243-24267) totaling $34,942.70. Seconded by Mr. Schwab. Motion carried.

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE:** Thomas Hall was present to introduce himself as a newly-elected State Representative and to answer any questions. He noted that the Volunteer Tax Credit bill and the Fuel Quality bill are going to be reintroduced in February for consideration. Jeff Willoughby is his replacement as Trustee for Madison Township.

**OXFORD LITERACY TEAM:** Rebecca Howard, a former 29-year Reily Township resident, reported that the 2019 Super Summer Readers program was very successful, and she is very optimistic that there will be a 2021 program in late June. She also noted that the Little Free Library needs to be updated, and asked if anyone, or possibly an Eagle Scout group, might want to build a new, larger housing for the books. As a member of the Talawanda Board of Education, she is doing further outreach in the area, and asked the Trustees to let her know of any needs that might arise. She also noted that they are waiting for more vaccines to arrive so they can be offered to all the school staff.

**RUN REPORTS:** Sonia Lightfield said the system still has issues, and that the 4th Quarter Report is finished except for 8 or 9 runs that were kicked out after entered. She questioned what her future role will be now that the Department has begun using the new iPads; Chief Conrad said it’s all still too new to answer that at this time.

**EMS TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT GRANT:** Emerson Adkins reported that all of the grant allotment has been used and a check is forthcoming.

**BARN CONSTRUCTION COMPLAINT:** Mr. Conrad noted that Doug Peter questioned him about a barn being built on Peoria Reily Road that is in front of the house and possibly too close to the property line. Emerson Adkins said if it’s in Agricultural Zoning and is 10 feet from the property line, nothing can be done about it. He suggested that Mr. Peter call Jim Fox with the Butler County Development Department.

**ROAD REPORT:** In John Burgess’ absence, Jeremy Sears reported that Signs are up and in place for January. All new signs and posts are up on Gates and Fye roads, and Imhoff Road will be done next. Pickup Truck #5 has had the tires, brakes, wheel bearings, exhaust, gaskets, etc., replaced and is back in service. The Huffman Road sign and bracket were stolen and have been replaced. The Crew sanded and painted the bed on the 2006 Red International Dump Truck, which was in bad shape, causing the salt to stick in the bed when salting roads. 100 tons of salt were delivered and there are around 175 tons now on hand. John Burgess had surgery on his arm today, January 20, and will return to work when released by his doctor. Klayton Smith has been out on Sick Leave for three days and will return tomorrow; he tested negative for COVID. Mr. Sears disinfected the truck cabs and buildings today. He noted that they are about halfway finished with replacing all of the reflective signs and posts in the Township. Mr. Schwab reported that Dawn Frick with PERSO advised that John Burgess should not answer any questions from Elk & Elk, and to refer them to the attorney instead.

**MOTION**

Mr. Schwab moved, seconded by Mr. Conrad, to accept the January Sign Report. Motion carried.

**MOTION**

Mr. Conrad moved, seconded by Mr. Schwab, to accept the Road Report. Motion carried.

**FIRE REPORT:** Chief Conrad reported 9 Runs for the current period, including 1 Mutual Aid.

The Firemen’s Dependency Board met remotely and completed the forms, and they have been submitted. The second COVID vaccines will be given on February 3rd from 2-8 PM for those members who have received their first injections. The Turnout Gear for Travis Ross has been received. DJ Curtis has been assigned by the State as Administrator over the Training Program for Reily EMS. Mr. Schwab noted that the $1,000 from OTARMA for the Expanded Police and

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Fire Grant would cover most of the EMS jackets purchase, the cost of which will be $1,078 for twenty jackets. Emerson Adkins will find out if that purchase is eligible for the Grant.

**MOTION**

Mr. Schwab moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to accept the Fire Report. Mr. Conrad abstained. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SOFFIT REPLACEMENT:** Mr. Miller reported on three bids of $4,200, $3800 and $2700.

**MOTION**

Mr. Conrad moved, seconded by Mr. Schwab, to accept the Soffit repairs by Hartman’s Construction at the cost of $2700, with the understanding that additional work might be necessary, depending on possible unseen damage, and will be negotiated if the need arises. Motion carried.

**ZONING PUBLIC HEARING:** The Fiscal Officer submitted the Legal Ad to the newspaper to be posted 10 days before the February 3rd Hearing at 6:00 PM.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AUDIT:** After discussion on the Draft from the CPA firm regarding the Audit for 2018 and 2019, the Trustees would like an in-person, post-Audit meeting with a representative. The Fiscal Officer will make the request.

**CEMETERY DEED:** Christy Wesselman sent a letter to the Trustees, along with a court order, claiming the deed to the graves purchased by the late Sally Wesselman, and demanding a new deed processed in her name only, even though the Transfer on Death of the original deed is to “her heirs”.

**DONATION:** The Talawanda Bantam Football Association donated $500 to the Township in appreciation for the use of the Community Center grounds for practice.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence was reviewed from Talawanda Bantam Football Association, PERSO, BC Emergency Management Agency and Mercy Health.

**9:06 PM** – With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Schwab moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Conrad. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

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**Dianne Halcomb, Fiscal Officer Timothy E. Miller, Chair**

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**Dennis H. Conrad, V. Chair C. Nicholas Schwab, Trustee**