

## REILY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 6, 2024

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

### MOTIONS

**MINUTES:** Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of February 21 2024.  
Seconded by Mr. Schwab (as corrected) Motion carried.

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

**WARRANTS:** Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Schwab to approve payment of Warrants (#26028 - 26060) totaling \$28263.18. Motion carried.

### Zoning:

Alan Hermann notated the following;

- asked board of Trustee about corrections on Solar & Marijuana, ready to go to BC Zoning Board

#### Members of the RTFD were in attendance to address concerns:

Michael Schwab  
Julie Schwab  
Klayton Lightfield  
AJ Schwab  
Michael Schwab Jr.  
Brad Owens

- Captain Michael Schwab and other RTFD members addressed the following concerns to the Board of Trustees;

- Status of Roy Wesselman
- Large Animal Rescue – who decides when Task 131 responds? (Mutual aid)
- What RTFD personnel - respond on to Large Animal Rescues
- Task 131 going to OSU Large Animal Training
- Concerns about the general morale in of the dept.

### Roy Wesselman

- Chief Conrad notated, Mr. Wesselman, has no duties, for the Fire dept., and provided his verbal retirement to Chief Conrad

- Roy Wesselman is currently a Chaplain- at a Fire Scene – Large Animal Rescue, (or any other run), he must be a bystander,

- AJ Schwab, Any Member of the Dept. that retires, is allowed to stay on the assoc. as long as desired.

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### Dispatch of Task 131, (mutual Aid)

- Chief Conrad notated, that he decides if Task 131 will respond to mutual aid calls
- Mr. Conrad, stated, that any request for Large Animal Rescue Unit, needs to come through the Fire Department, and be approved by Chief, or if Chief is not available then next officer in command.
- Mr. Schwab notated that at a recent Colerain Twp, Live Animal Rescue, RTFD members were at the scene before Task 131 was dispatched
- Mr. Sears, notated that the veterinarians are contacting Roy & Jackie, about going to Large Animal Rescue,
- Klayton Lightfield, notated that – the Wesselman’s, have given all the Vets their phone number to call about large animal rescues

### What RTFD personnel - respond on to Large Animal Rescues

- Chief Conrad, notated that, a mutual aid – Live Animal Rescue, - EMT, only goes, if not enough Fire Fighters,
- Michael Schwab, Klayton Lightfield, Large Animal Rescue, have 36 hours of training –

### Task 131 going to OSU Large Animal Training

- At the fire meeting – it was shared ( by Roy or Jackie) - Demonstration – not training, but a demonstration... for Veterinarians to see the equip. & how the it worked.
- RTFD Members, pointed out that it was indeed a training and – Jared Dwiggins, Jackie Wesselman, on earning NFPA – Large Animal Technical Rescue Standard Certification & Roy Wesselman NFPA Awareness,  
  
NFPA – 2500 – Chapter 9, Technical Large Animal Rescue Certification (posted on Facebook after the event)
- RTFD – expressed if know that it was a training- other members would have attended
- Julie Schwab shared photos posted on Facebook, showing Roy Wesselman in RTFD apparel, retrieving equipment from Task 131, and setting up tri – pod and climbing in and out of the Task 131  
  
To those in attendance – it appeared as though Roy Wesselman was an active member of the Department (Perception is Reality)
- Jeremy Sears, notated concerns about insurance if Mr. Wesselman was injured, Michael Schwab agreed

### **Motion:**

Mr. Schwab, moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, that any request from Dr. Rebecca Gimenez- OSU for RTFD - Large Animal Rescue, training, demonstration etc. must go through chief Conrad,  
Motion Carries, Mr. Conrad, abstain

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### Fire Department morale

- Michael Schwab, notated that the items mentioned above and other events are contributing to an overall low morale among RTFD
- Trustee Schwab, notated, tearing FD Apart - addressing issues at Christmas RTFD Recognition Dinner
- Chief Conrad notated - issues within several – departments and addressed the concern with transitions in Franklin County, IN, too having only 2 life squads for the county and Reily and other bordering Ohio Townships, being called for Mutual Aid
- Michael Schwab mentioned that morale in the RTFD, is not good at the moment.
  - Some members of the RTFD, feel that they can't go to chief with their concernsMr. Schwab continued that RTFD has a great department
- Jeremy Sears notated, that we are fortunate, with the numbers on the dept., .... Need to be held accountable...
- Chief Conrad notated, that there will be mandatory squad checks assigned and that we are fortunate with the RTFD membership and the number of members who respond on runs, and most of the time RTFD is able to have two squads respond if needed
- RTFD members, in attendance, commended Sonya Lightfield for her efforts in getting the CEU's back on track
- Sonya was recognized nationally for maintaining her registry for 20 continuous years.
- Sonya could teach at Butler Tech, because she has maintained her natl. registry at certain levels
- Brad - Few online companies that offer online training, Cleveland State University, \$20 person, for unlimited CEU's annually
- Trustee Schwab notated that the trainings are better due to Sonya, .... Increased attendance... has plenty of courses basic EMT and First Responders.
- Trustee Schwab, notated that we are fortunate – Positive comments – EMA, BC Sheriff,

### ROAD REPORT: Jeremy Sears reported the following;

- February 22 – Continued work on small room, picked up new mowers at Butler County Equipment
- February 23 – Matheson Tri-Gas delivered compressed gas, picked up GMC, pick up and Freightliner at Best General, and had keys made at Baker for Storage room
- February 26 – filled potholes on Weaver, Decamp, Pierson, Hart, continued work on small room, marked for 811 for ditching, (Decamp / Stillwell, S. Weaver / 129, and N. Pierson
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Road Report Cont.

- February 27 – Continued work on small room, E-131 to Best General for check engine light, graded 2 – graves and hauled dirt to Reily Cemetery, Ordered signs from Kleem
- February 28 – Picked up supplies at Gillman’s for small room storage area project, drove Twp. roads, inspecting for storm damage from last night’s storm, no trees or limbs down, picked up welding cart at Harbor Freight

Road Report Cont.

- last Thur. – Ohio State Fire Academy – Driver Simulation - - main thing get out of it, is awareness of intersections –

- Columbus Number – Jerry Rampfeld for use of Comm. Ctr. June 19 th, Part of – 501c3 – riding for 7 days, camping in Eaton, Oxford, Hamilton, - Comm. Ctr. For stopping point – 200 – 400 bicycles –

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

**FIRE REPORT:** 12 runs, 6 mutual aid since last meeting. Mr. Conrad reported,

- 3/14 – meet with Legal Shield
- 3/16 – 17 Grain Bin Rescue Training – then going grain bin of corn
- AJ, Michael Jr. & others working on Hot Box, heat & Smoke Training
- Compressor to refill SCBA’s
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Mr. Schwab moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to accept fire report.

Mr. Conrad abstained, motion carries

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Community Center Improvement Project –

### **Motion:**

Mr. Schwab moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to appoint Fiscal Officer as the Designee, for the BC ARPA Project,  
Motion carries

- Electric Sign
- Playground Mulch
- Tables & Chairs – (Plastic) –
- Basketball Court –

1. Playground, wood chips, - plastic borders, Handicap ramps, - \$tbd
2. Basket Ball Ct - \$15,100
3. Tables & Chairs – Small Room - \$3,500
4. Sign - \$6100 –
5. Paving parking lot – tbd
6. Restroom upgrade

2.

### **RESOLUTION – 24 – 0306.1- NO POLITICAL SIGNS POSTED ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY**

Mr. Schwab, moved, seconded, Mr. Miller to not allow any political signs in the ground or attached to any Township buildings or Community Center Property for the Primary Election on 3/19/2024

Roll Call: Mr. Conrad, yes, Mr. Miller, yes, Mr. Schwab

Motion carries, resolution adopted

## **NEW BUSINESS**

3. OTARMA More Safety Grant – Increase from \$500 to \$1000, in 2024
4. Township Resident Complaint – Mr. Josh Pruitt, Nichols Rd – 4734 Nichols Rd, lot to west
5. **RESOLUTION – 24 – 0306.2 – PREMIER ENERGY**  
(Invoices: 972603, 972604, 972605, 951568, 951569, 951570, 933562,933654, 933655, 933659, 951779, 951780, 951781)

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Schwab to pay Premier Energy \$6,595.53 for Diesel, Gasoline, Heating Oil and Propane.

Roll Call: Mr. Conrad, Yes, Mr. Miller, Yes, Mr. Schwab yes,

Motion carries, resolution adopted

### **Motion:**

Mr. Miller, moved, seconded by Mr. Conrad to post for sale on Gov Deals, the following decommission – surplus items;

- Etnrye Chip Sealer
- 2016 – Ferris Zero turn mower
- 2018 - Scag – Tiger Cat – Zero turn mower

Motion carries

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**6. Executive Session - Personnel**

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Schwab to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters at 9:46 PM

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Schwab to come out of Executive Session at 10:02

10:15 **PM** – With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Schwab moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Miller

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**Ronald Tilford, Fiscal Officer**

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**Dennis H. Conrad Jr., Chair**

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**C. Nicholas Schwab, V. Chair**

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**Timothy E. Miller, Trustee**