

**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2017**

The Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on October 4, 2017 at 5710 E. Walnut Grove Road, Troy, Ohio at 7:00 p.m. William D. Sutherly, President, called the meeting to order. Fiscal Officer called the roll and the following members were present:

President	William D. Sutherly	EMS	Steve Trusty	Dep. Richard Manns
Vice Pres.	John R. Ryman	ETCC	Zlata Garrison	Chris Englert
Trustee	Greg D. Dilts	FRP	Randy Mott	Keith Keyser
Fiscal Officer	Mary Ann Mumford	Zoning	Paul Hershberger	Kris Mick

The following order of business was established:

- ITEM # 1 Meeting with Chris Englert, Miami County Prosecutor
- ITEM # 1A Meeting with representative from the Sheriff's Dept.
- ITEM # 2 Meeting with representative from EMS
- ITEM # 3 Meeting with representative from ETCC
- ITEM # 4 Meeting with representative from Farmland Preservation
- ITEM # 5 Meeting with representative from Zoning
- ITEM # 6 Presentation of the Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2017
- ITEM # 7 Presentation of Bills and Authorization for Payment.
- ITEM # 8 Fiscal Officer Report
- ITEM # 9 COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - A. William D. Sutherly-Equipment and Cemeteries
 - B. John R. Ryman-Roads
 - C. Greg D. Dilts-Buildings and Personnel
- ITEM # 10 Any other business to be transacted.
- ITEM # 11 ADJOURNMENT

ITEM # 1A Chris Englert presented the prepared Resolution for insurance reimbursement. Mr. Englert said he had been waiting on the Ohio Attorney General's ruling on health care reimbursement. The Opinion is based by the Miami County Prosecutor's Office. In 2015 the township had Resolution Number 2015-002 in place for insurance reimbursements, with a maximum reimbursement of \$5,000.00. Under the Affordable Care Act/Cures Act, the 2017 reimbursement amount is a maximum of \$4,950.00 for a single plan, and a maximum amount of \$10,000.00 for a family plan. Mr. Englert explained that it will increase in 2018, but does not know the figure at this time. Under the Affordable Care Act, certain criteria must be met to disburse insurance reimbursements; the township did and currently meets that criteria. Mr. Englert stated that the township had a Resolution in place for a Health Care Arrangement, employs less than 50 employees. Trustees in their term prior to 2015 qualify for reimbursement; those taking their term in 2015 and thereafter do not qualify until their next term, due to the changes in the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Englert stated that those receiving reimbursement are to receive notification about their QSEHRA coverage, and he shared a copy with the board to begin using.

Mr. Englert recommended the board adopting the Resolution Authorizing the Reimbursement of Township Elected Officials and Employees for the Cost of Certain Medical Insurance Premiums, prior to the next General Election coming up in November. Mr. Sutherly said he knows that some townships are still reimbursing for insurance premiums even though we were told to stop reimbursements, what will happen to those townships. Mr. Englert said the ACA or IRS could issue a finding, and the State Auditor's Office may also issue a finding against those townships.

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Mr. Englert reviewed Resolution Number 2017-005 that Elizabeth Township adopted on August 2, 2017. It is Mr. Englert's opinion that those eligible, may receive \$2,062.50 for a Single Plan for 2017 and \$4,166.60 for a Family Plan for 2017 using Resolution Number 2017-005.

Mary Ann asked Mr. Englert if Medicare payments qualify for reimbursement and Mr. Englert said he would research the matter and get back with her. Mary Ann asked Mr. Englert if she is to take out Federal, State, and Local taxes as done in the past. Mr. Englert said he will research the matter and get back with her. Mary Ann said the previous reimbursements were given previously in the month of December as a lump sum, and asked if there were any stipulations on monthly, quarterly, or annual disbursements. Mr. Englert said he sees no stipulation on the distribution of the reimbursement, as long as the individual is eligible to receive the reimbursement.

Mr. Englert will send Mary Ann updated digital copies for the Resolution and Notification About Your QSEHRA Coverage for township use for 2018.

ITEM # 1 There was no new business to discuss.

ITEM # 2 There were 8 EMS and 4 Fire calls during the month of September. The roof at the EMS building was checked and the small piece of material that was found on the ground was used under the gutter to prevent rubbing.

Mr. Dilts shared an email written by Anthony Cooper, Assistant Fire Chief, that was sent to Scott Donaldson, Athletic Director, of Miami East Local Schools. Mr. Dilts asked Mr. Trusty if he authorized or discussed having Mr. Cooper send an email to the school. Mr. Trusty said he and Mr. Cooper did not discuss the matter and he did not ask or know that Mr. Cooper would be sending out an email to the school. Mr. Dilts said the email is totally unacceptable, unprofessional, and implies that Mr. Cooper is speaking on behalf of the township board. Mr. Dilts said he and Mr. Trusty had a conversation that the medic would continue going to the home football games, but would remain in service while there. Mr. Dilts told Mr. Trusty if the medic received a call they were to leave the game and go on the run. If the call was in the southern section of the township, they should call for mutual aid and if mutual aid arrived, they could return to the game. This discussion took place due to an accident a couple of weeks ago on State Route 41 when the township medic was attending a home football game at Miami East out of service. Troy was dispatched to cover the accident and they weren't happy about it. Mr. Dilts said he and the fire chief at Troy have not found anything in writing that requires a school to have a medic present at home football games. Mr. Trusty said this past Friday he received a testy call from the school asking if the medic was coming, because the medic wasn't there yet. Mr. Trusty couldn't hear the name of the person calling, but he told them the medic was on a call and would be there, if they get back in time. Mary Ann said that she was notified by Dr. Rappold, Superintendent, of Miami East Local Schools, that the township medic services would no longer be needed for the remainder of the 2017 season, due to them finding coverage elsewhere.

Mr. Trusty said he doesn't want the township getting the backlash of the matter, but the residents of the township is his number one priority. Mr. Dilts requested that Anthony Cooper be reprimanded for the email that was sent to the school. Mr. Trusty said he will be reprimanding Mr. Cooper, and he doesn't want to state how he feels about the email, due to it being inappropriate. Mary Ann said she would like to say that the medic leaving the game for an accident is understandable; the email that followed to Mr. Donaldson at Miami East is not.

A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by John R. Ryman was made to waive the EMS fees for providing EMS services to Miami East Local Schools during the 2017 season. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes, Mr. Sutherly-yes. William D. Sutherly, President, declared the Motion carried. Mary Ann said she would notify the school regarding the board's decision to waive the 2017 fees.

ITEM # 3 Zlata reported receipts of \$1,177.50 from September 16, - September 30, 2017. There are currently 389 members including spouses and dependents.

Zlata requested water testing supplies from USA Blue Book in the amount of \$79.08 and supplies for the fitness class from Power Systems in the amount of \$302.31 that includes shipping. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by John R. Ryman was made to allow Zlata to purchase water testing supplies from USA Blue Book in the amount of \$79.08 and fitness class supplies in the amount of \$302.31 from Power Systems. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes, Mr. Sutherly-yes. William D. Sutherly, President, declared the Motion carried.

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Zlata said raises were given to Carmony Goecke, Jackie Koble, and Hannah Wilson (resigned) at the September 20th meeting and she would like to request raises for the rest of the ETCC employees and herself. The board discussed the fact that current employees are being paid over the maximum amount as set in the Elizabeth Township Personnel Manual. The board tabled the request.

ITEM # 4 Mr. Mott said the ODA applicant has an attorney now and they are working together toward a closing. Mr. Mott said the survey and legal description are completed.

Mr. Mott said that one of the applicants is delinquent on their property taxes; Mr. Sutherly said that two are currently delinquent on their property taxes.

ITEM # 5 Mr. Hershberger said he sent a letter to the Campbell's on Walnut Grove Road. The Campbell's contacted him and were up front that they are planning on a home at some point, but are working on trying to get the parcel out of the flood plain.

ITEM # 6 The meeting Minutes of September 20, 2017 were approved as presented.

ITEM # 7 The fiscal officer submitted the bills for payment in the amount of \$21,309.40. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by John R. Ryman, was made to approve payment in the amount of \$21,309.40 for the payment of bills as presented. VOTE: Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes, Mr. Sutherly-yes. William D. Sutherly, President, declared the Motion carried.

ITEM # 8 Mary Ann shared various financial reports with the board and they were duly noted. Mary Ann presented the balanced September 2017 bank reconciliation for approval.

ITEM # 9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Mr. Sutherly said the blades need sharpened on the bush hog mower. Frank will find out if Robert Oakes wants to service the tractor.

Mr. Ryman said he and BJ Curtis drove the roads looking at what needs mowed. Mr. Ryman said BJ is doing better than he was with the mowing. Mr. Ryman said he is still working on getting the ditches sprayed.

Mr. Dilts said the carpet in the ETCC office needs replaced and maybe we could look at staining the floor like the halls. Mr. Sutherly said he thinks it's too late to stain, because of the adhesive that was used to lay the carpet in the office. The board discussed the floor in the strength room could use a thinner rubber matt, like the weight room. Mr. Dilts will look into it and report back.

Mr. Keyser said he and his wife are looking at real estate in the township. His realtor told him that the Children's Home was looking for an alternate location. Mr. Keyser said he was not bringing it up to start a rumor, but wanted the trustees to know what was going on, in case it involved the township board.

Mr. Sutherly said at the time the county commissioners and trustees met several years ago regarding repair of the barn on the property at the children's home, the trustees would pay for the barn repair at approximately \$63,000.00, but in turn would be given only the land back. The commissioners said they would contact the prosecutor and get back with the township, but never did.

Mr. Dilts said the south side of the barn has been repaired. Mr. Sutherly said the board made it clear that the township did not want to take over the care of the children's home. The board discussed the possibility of receiving the children's home back to the township, if it should close. The facility where the kids are living is in desperate need of repair. Mr. Sutherly said the county commissioners are getting \$225.00 per acre for land rent that provides some income.

ITEM # 10 There was no other business to be transacted.

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ITEM # 11 With no other business to be transacted a Motion by William D. Sutherly, Seconded by John R. Ryman, was made to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

APPROVED: OCTOBER 18, 2017

William D. Sutherly, President

John R. Ryman Vice President

Greg D. Dilts, Trustee

Mary Ann Mumford, Fiscal Officer