

**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2018**

The Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on March 7, 2018 at 5710 E. Walnut Grove Road, Troy, Ohio at 7:00 p.m. John R. Ryman, President, called the meeting to order. Fiscal Officer called the roll and the following members were present:

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

The following order of business was established:

- ITEM # 1 Meeting with representative from Miami County Sheriff's Department
- 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 Minutes of the previous Meeting of February 21, 2018
- 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- Buildings and Personnel
 - C. Greg D. Dilts-Roads
- ITEM # 10 Any other business to be transacted.
- ITEM # 11 ADJOURNMENT

ITEM # 1 There was no representative from the sheriff's department present.

ITEM # 2 Mr. Trusty shared the February EMS report with the board. There were 4 EMS runs and one fire related run during the month. P & R sent the wrong speaker mics and they are going to replace them with the right ones. Mr. Trust said Mary Ann will hold P & R's check until the right mics are received. Mr. Trusty said the hose cover would be finished next week.

Mr. Trusty asked the board to move the grain tube to Christiansburg. Mr. Trusty said they already have a trailer to haul it on and it would give them two tubes to use. Mr. Trusty said he would make sure they understood the tube belongs to us, but they could use it. Mr. Dilts asked Mr. Trusty why he wanted to move the tube to Christiansburg and leave us without one. Mr. Trusty said they have a trailer to haul it on and it is extremely heavy. Mr. Dilts asked Mr. Trusty how much it weighed and Mr. Trusty said he was not sure, but heavier than two people could handle. Mr. Trusty said it is in the battalion chief's vehicle now. Mr. Dilts said he would like to look into it before turning over the tube to Christiansburg. The board discussed the tube being placed on the engine, and Mr. Trusty said we do not get calls for our engine. Mr. Trusty said if the levy passes, he will have a battalion chief on staff 24/7 and the tube could remain in the battalion chief's vehicle. Mr. Trusty contacted Mr. Dilts during the meeting and told him two people could easily handle the tube and it will remain in the care of Elizabeth Township.

ITEM # 3 Zlata reported there are currently 394 members including spouses and dependents. \$2,363.50 was receipted in from February 17, - March 2, 2018.

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Zlata said she is researching for companies that move equipment. G&G offers that service but the person in charge is out of town. Mr. Dilts asked if we could take the weights off and move it ourselves; it would save several hundred pounds. Mr. Ryman said we could use sliders to move it.

Zlata said someone asked to have the DIRECTV box turned on in the aerobic room and it does not work. Zlata said the last time it was used was about two years ago, should we pay to replace it or just remove it. The board discussed the cost of replacement and the fact it has not been used in two years and decided not to replace it. Zlata said the carpets will be cleaned on Saturday, March 17th. Frank will fix the dry wall from the roof leak and Zlata said the area around the sign-in window needs painted and there is chipping in other places. Mr. Dilts said the building was painted last year, and if we would have known these areas needed painted, it could have been done last year when the painters were here.

ITEM # 4 Mr. Mott had no new business to report.

ITEM # 5 Mr. Hershberger said he has received multiple complaints about the Dayton Brandt Road residence. Mr. Hershberger said he sent Loretta Taylor a letter and it went unclaimed. Mr. Hershberger said he turned the junk vehicles over to the sheriff's department in the fall. Mr. Hershberger said he would follow up with the deputy who took the information. Mr. Mott said the health department may be of help, and they could come out and look at the property.

TEM # 6 The meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 21, 2018 were approved as presented.

ITEM # 7 The fiscal officer submitted the bills for payment in the amount of \$39,173.23. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by William D. Sutherly, was made to approve payment of bills submitted for \$39,173.23, per attachment. VOTE: Mr. Sutherly-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

ITEM # 8 Mary Ann shared various financial reports with the board and they were duly noted. Mary Ann said the transfers to the checking account have been completed, with the exception of \$50,000.00 that will transfer on or around March 13th. Minster Bank had maturities coming up and if we waited, we would not be penalized.

Mary Ann said that Laura Sutherly has changed Correspond In a Click to Laura Sutherly, dba Agtivation. A Motion by John R. Ryman, Seconded by Greg D. Dilts was made to continue doing business with Laura Sutherly from Correspond In a Click to Laura Sutherly, dba Agtivation. VOTE: Mr. Sutherly-Abstained, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

ITEM # 9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A William D. Sutherly-Cemeteries/Equipment
- B. Greg D. Dilts-Roads
- C. John R. Ryman-Buildings and Personnel

Mr. Sutherly said he attended the Lostcreek Township meeting. The Miami County Prosecutor and Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys were present. The question asked to the prosecutor was do we have to get involved with the Casstown Cemetery. The Prosecutor's answer was no, you do not need to get involved. There is \$200,000.00 in a cemetery endowment and the prosecutor said he is researching the option for Casstown. The prosecutor suggested we step back and see what happens. Mr. Sutherly said the Lostcreek trustees were in agreeance that it looks like Casstown is trying to keep their cemetery employee full time so he can retire with benefits. The prosecutor said he would have to agree, that if there is no deed in the township's name, we would not have to maintain it.

Mr. Dilts said he canceled having Sunset Valley Tree Service come out and clean up the fallen tree on McCandliss Road. Mr. Dilts said after looking at it; he could save the township the money by doing it himself. Mr. Dilts said it took a couple hours and he hauled one trailer load of debris.

Mr. Dilts had a report that a tree fell down in Shaggy Bark. A resident took the wood to burn and the area was cleaned up.

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Mr. Ryman said we need to look into hiring someone to do the ditch mowing. Mr. Ryman said Dan Miller might be interested.

Mr. Sutherly said he had a complaint about where Campbell's are dumping sewage. Mr. Sutherly said he contacted Jerry Tipton at the health department and asked the following questions: Can raw untreated sewage be dumped on ground that is saturated with water? Jerry Tipton's answer was yes. Do you test tributaries near dumping fields? Jerry Tipton's answer was No. Is there a certain number of loads that can be dumped per day? Jerry Tipton's answer was No. Jerry Tipton reported that Miami County has four permitted raw sewage dumping areas. Permits are given every two years. Every two years the dumping field is tested for phosphorus.

Mr. Sutherly shared an article with the board that discussed manure and the law. This article was written to give farmers an insight to what is acceptable for spreading manure on farm ground. Manure is often in liquid form and applied to the surface of fields. If manure is spread and not fully incorporated into the soil before a heavy rainfall, the manure could run off a farm field and into a nearby body of water. The article went on to say farmers need to keep watch on the weather. In northwestern Ohio, farmers are barred from applying manure within 24 hours of predicted heavy rainfall. This law went into effect in 2015 to reduce algal blooms in Lake Erie. A heavy rainfall can carry manure far from the field where it was applied, and Ohio is getting more downpours. Most of the complaints that the state's regulatory agencies receive about fertilizer application involve residents who report on someone who applied manure. They see it, smell it, and they do not trust it. Mr. Sutherly said he felt it important to have both of the above noted in the township Minutes.

ITEM # 10 The board had no other business to discuss.

ITEM # 11 With no other business to be transacted a Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by John R. Ryman was made to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

APPROVED: MARCH 21, 2018

John R. Ryman, President

Greg D. Dilts, Vice President

William D. Sutherly, Trustee

Mary Ann Mumford, Fiscal Officer