

Elizabeth Township Quarterly

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TRUSTEES VOTE TO BEEF UP EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Township trustees on September 18 voted 2-1 to beef up emergency medical services in the township. The township currently is exploring two options: 1) develop a contract with New Carlisle, whereby New Carlisle would staff an EMS building to be put up beside the township building at 5710 Walnut Grove; 2) staff the building with the township's own part-time employees.

The project would cost an estimated \$750,000 to \$1 million initially, with annual costs of \$250,000 to \$300,000 thereafter.

Paul Gearhardt and Dave Wagner voted for the project. Ron Swallow voted against it, saying he wasn't against improving emergency responses if he knew that the majority of township residents backed the idea. He had suggested getting input from residents on the township's EMS options through the newsletter.

The township has begun the process of selecting an architect to draw up plans for an EMS building. Bid opening is scheduled for Nov. 6.

LAND-USE MEETING HELD

Teater-Gebhardt & Associates held a public meeting June 26 at Miami East South Elementary School as part of an ongoing effort to develop a comprehensive land-use plan for the township.

Teater-Gebhardt officials discussed preliminary survey findings, provided a strategic update and reviewed possible land-use options.

At least one more meeting meant to gather public input is planned for later this year. Look for updates on land-use planning in future newsletters.

NOTES FROM RECENT TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Though taken directly from the township clerk's minutes, the following notes represent highlights – not a comprehensive account – of recent township trustee meetings:

Fire and Emergency Medical Service

- Trustees approved paying the New Carlisle Fire Department \$12,000 a year for fire and emergency medical services through December 31, 2004.
- Trustees approved hiring retired Troy Fire Chief Robert Counts to negotiate a contract with New Carlisle Fire Dept.

Administrative

- Trustees voted to increase compensation to \$12 from \$8 for labor, and approved hiring Bob Oakes to mow township roads.

- Trustees approved having Bruce Eliason represent the township on the Miami County Bike Trail Task Force.

Capital Improvements

- Jay Shield proposed the following compensation for resetting headstones in township cemeteries: \$2,105 for the cemetery on Walnut Grove Road; \$2,105 for Kyle Cemetery on Tipp-Elizabeth Road; and \$1,205 for the cemetery on Widener Road. Trustees approved letting Shields do the Walnut Grove Cemetery work, with authorization to do the other cemetery work hinging on how satisfied trustees are with the Walnut Grove work.

Roads

- Trustees approved a contract with Excel Contracting Inc. of Enon for \$245,649 to straighten out curves on Rudy Road between Walnut Grove and Tipp-Elizabeth roads.
- Trustees received a request to extend Adams Road in the Havenview plat off Mill Road.

Of interest

- The township is receiving an additional \$20.6 million from the estate of John W. Berry Sr. The township already has received 75 percent of that money, or \$15.5 million, and will receive the rest once a settlement is finalized in probate court. The \$15.5 million was put in a 6-month certificate of deposit yielding 1.9 percent interest at StarOhio. The township received \$16.2 million from Berry's estate in 1999.
- The township's general fund had \$33.6 million as of May 2002.
- Trustees received an opinion from the county prosecutor stating that public monies could not be donated to organizations.
- The Miami East Local School District proposes transferring ownership of Miami East South Elementary School (formerly Elizabeth Centralized and Elizabeth Elementary) to the township on Aug. 1, 2004.

BILLS GREATER THAN \$5,000

- New Carlisle Fire Department (fire protection, 2002): \$12,000
- Casstown Volunteer Fire Dept. (fire protection, second half 2002): \$9,142.50
- Christiansburg Fire Dept. (fire protection, second half 2002): \$11,142.50
- Ron Hartrum Trucking & Excavating (commercial fertilizer, seeding and mulching, change order): \$12,191.32
- Freisthler Paving (sealing Weddle Road): \$7,519.23

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- W.S. Electronics (equipment for Miami County Sheriff's Office): \$5,113.30
- Choice One Engineering (survey on Rudy Road, easement right-of-way): \$6,516

BUILDING PERMITS/VARIANCES

- Tony McCuiston, 7685 Walnut Grove Road, to build a pole building
- Rick Copeland, 7404 LeFevre Road, to build a storage building

- Amy Eidemiller, 6385 Walnut Grove Road, to add a dining room and sun porch
- Michael Swisher, to build a house at 4105 McCandliss Road
- Walter Braun, 1996 Shaggy Bark Road, to add a room

The township's zoning inspector approved all applications.

CONTACT US

Quarterly newsletters are mailed to registered township voters. If you know of a resident who is not registered to vote, but who would like to receive the next newsletter, please contact the township trustees by phone (335-1920), fax (335-1927) or e-mail at eliztshp@voyager.net

Township officials meet at 8 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the township building, 5710 Walnut Grove Rd. Your trustees are Dave Wagner, Paul Gearhardt and Ron Swallow. Your clerk is Larry Lavender.

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