

Elizabeth Township Quarterly

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES UPDATE

Township trustees currently are in negotiations to secure better emergency medical services for the township. Look for more information in future newsletters.

LAND-USE MEETINGS HELD

Teater-Gebhardt & Associates held public meetings June 26 and Aug. 28 at Miami East South Elementary School as part of an ongoing effort to develop a comprehensive land-use plan for the township.

Look for updates on the township's developing comprehensive land-use plan in future newsletters.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS' PAY: WHOSE SAY?

The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) spells out the maximum amount of money the township trustees and clerk may receive each year. This maximum amount is determined by the size of each township's budget.

Elizabeth Township's budget places it in the top tier of townships – those with budgets greater than \$10 million. Trustees in townships with budgets greater than \$10 million are entitled to compensation of up to \$90 per day for not more than 200 days, or \$18,000 per year (ORC 505.24). Clerks in those townships are entitled to compensation of \$20,900 per year (ORC 507.09).

In 2002, your township trustees are being paid a total of \$47,705. Two trustee positions pay \$18,000; the third trustee position, which currently pays \$11,705, also will pay \$18,000 after the fall election. In 2002, your township clerk is being paid \$19,809. That position will pay \$20,900 after the fall election.

All positions will pay 3 percent more in 2003 than in 2002.

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 retaining Troy Fire Chief Robert Counts to work out a concept plan with New Carlisle Fire Dept.

Administrative

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

- 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

- Craycon Homes, to build a house at 1001 Children's Home-Casstown Road
- Shane and Angie Traylor, to build a house on Gearhart Road
- Charles L. Crider, 8355 Mill Road, to build a 2,548-square-foot garage
- August S. Clark, 4375 Tipp-Elizabeth Road, to build a garage and pole barn
- Donn Hellinger, 572 S. Dayton-Brandt Road, to build a pole barn
- Mona Taylor, 333 N. Hufford Road, to add a porch
- Harry and Betty Yoshida, 7710 Walnut Grove Road, to build a garage
- Ed Bauman (Red Investments), to tear down an existing garage and build a new one at 6320 E. State Route 41

- Tom Clayton, 10 N. Dayton-Brandt Road, to build a pole building
- Mark and Brenda Coverstone, 505 N. State Route 201, to add more living area to a home
- Eric Cahill, 77 N. Children's Home Road, to build a work shop and storage area
- George Wittman, to build a house at 8718 Casstown-Clark Road
- Michael Smith, 1676 Knoop Road, to add a bedroom and family room

The township's zoning inspector approved all applications.

HISTORY NEXT DOOR: HOW ELIZABETH TWP. GOT ITS NAME

Elizabeth Township was the original name given to one of Montgomery County's four townships, the others being Dayton Township, German Township and Washington Township.

Organized in 1803, Montgomery County's Elizabeth Township comprised all of the area north of Dayton Township to the Michigan border and west to the Indiana border. The township included the few people then living in present-day Miami, Darke and Shelby counties, 62 of whom voted in the June 21, 1803 U.S. Congressional election.

Montgomery County's Elizabeth Township was set up as a "temporary" township, with the expectation that it would split off to form additional counties to the north. Consequently, township residents were not taxed for the purpose of financing any Montgomery County public buildings.

When Miami County was first formed on March 1, 1807, it was divided into two townships. Named after Montgomery County's old Elizabeth Township, Miami County's Elizabeth Township included all of Miami County east of the Great Miami River, while Randolph Township included all land west of the river.

Both large townships were soon parceled off, and on July 21, 1807, the Elizabeth Township we know today was officially recognized as Miami County's fourth township. It is the only township in Miami County that retains its original name.

For seven years, the township's boundaries took in all of present-day Elizabeth Township, as well as Staunton and Lostcreek townships as far north as Peterson Road (a total of about 77 square miles). On June 11, 1814, county commissioners moved the township's north boundary three miles south when Springcreek Township was created. On January 25, 1819, the township's present boundaries were set when Staunton and Lostcreek's boundaries were altered. Today, the township includes 19,125 acres, or about 29.9 square miles.

— Taken from *A History of Elizabeth Township (1998)*

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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