

**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2021**

The Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on October 6, 2021 at 5710 E. Walnut Grove Road, Troy, Ohio at 7:00 p.m. John R. Ryman, President, called the meeting to order and the Fiscal Officer called the roll. The following members were present:

President	John R. Ryman	EMS	Steve Trusty-Absent	Kevin Hamlin
Vice Pres.	Greg D. Dilts	ETCC	Nic Rice-Absent	Bill Hershberger
Trustee	Randy Mott	Zoning	Sam O'Neal	Kris Mick
Fiscal Officer	Mary Ann Mumford	MCSD	Chris Bobb	Jeremy Paulus

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 Presentation of Bills-Authorization for payment
- ITEM # 5 Meeting with representative from Zoning
- ITEM # 6 Presentation of the Minutes of the previous Meetings on September 15, and September 22, 2021
- ITEM # 7 Fiscal Officer's Report
- ITEM # 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - A. Randy Mott-Equipment and Cemeteries
 - B. John R. Ryman- Buildings and Personnel
 - C. Greg D. Dilts-Roads
- ITEM # 9 Any other business to be transacted.
- ITEM # 10 ADJOURNMENT

ITEM # 1 Chris Bobb said there was a suspicious Hispanic male reported in the 6000 block of Tipp Elizabeth Road going door to door and a White male was caught on a Ring Door Bell with a City of Troy shirt on in the 4100 block of E. State Route 41. The male had lost some chickens during transport and was looking for them. A theft of a mailbox was reported and Mr. Mott said there have been two dumping incidents on Tipp Elizabeth and Dayton Brandt Roads.

ITEM # 2 Mr. Trusty was absent. Mary Ann said there have been no EMS fees deposited to the Minster checking account for months. Mr. Trusty found that the fees are out there, but they have not made it to the checking account. Mr. Dilts texted Mr. Trusty about the matter, and Mr. Trusty responded that he would work on it first thing in the morning.

ITEM # 3 Nic Rice was absent and Mr. Ryman shared \$608.00 was receipted in since the last meeting. There are currently 373 members including spouses and dependents.

The board discussed that Midwest Maintenance will be submitting a quote for tuck pointing, caulking of window sills, and any other visible repairs needed at the ETCC. Bryan Brothers will also be submitting a bid. Mr. Mott said he feels long term maintenance is necessary to keep from having catastrophic problems.

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ITEM # 4 Fiscal Officer presented bills for payment for \$223,662.21. Mr. Dilts said the Buckeye Eco Care invoice is being paid and asked when was that decided? Mr. Ryman said he followed up with them, and fine-tuned the services they would be providing the township as noted on their invoice. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to approve the bills for \$223,662.21 as presented. VOTE: Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

ITEM # 5 Mr. O'Neal had a report of chickens on the road in Alcony. Mr. O'Neal said he and board members have received complaints about the bus in Alcony. Mr. O'Neal said that he met with the Miami County Health Department and Miami County Children's Services at the property. The health department took the word of the individual living in the bus that they have proper means of septic access and the health department found no exception. Children's Services had a previous report of a child burnt at the property, but found the individuals living in the bus as acceptable. Mr. O'Neal advised the individual that they are required to remove the bus from the property or apply for a Conditional Use Permit to follow Elizabeth Township Zoning Guidelines. Mr. O'Neal followed up with a letter dated October 4, 2021, and the resident has 5 (five) days to respond stating the same, and placed the letter in their mailbox, due to a gate being closed at times, with a no trespassing sign posted. Mr. O'Neal took pictures of the mailing inside the resident's mailbox for verification that it was delivered. Mr. Dilts said this is the first time to hear these details and the information has not been relayed down to him, after Sam talked to John and Randy about the matter. The board discussed having the sheriff's department serve another the letter. The resident feels they own the property and can do anything they want to on the property. The board discussed getting a written report from the Miami County Health Department, because Mr. O'Neal feels they swept it under the rug. The board agreed it is in definite conflict with the zoning code and that the health department did not verify, where and how the septic was tied in. Mr. O'Neal said the resident told him they would be going to South Dakota for the holidays, but would be returning after the first of the year. The board will find out if the Miami County Sheriff's Department will serve future correspondence, or if it will have to go through court first.

Mr. O'Neal received a complaint about the number of temporary political signs in yards. The board discussed guidelines for the number of signs in a yard, signs are not to be located in the right of way, and signs are to be 20 ft. off the roadway. No signs are to be out prior to 60 days before the election date. The complaint was duly noted.

Mr. O'Neal said he needs a raise. Mr. Mott said another problem is the squatters on Dayton Brandt Road living in a camper. The board discussed another family on LeFevre Road is living in a camper while their home is being built and a doctor was living in a barn on McCandliss Road, while his house was built. Mr. Dilts said it is his understanding that the family of LeFevre are living with in-laws, but a camper is parked there. There was noted clean up at the property on State Route 201. Some of the wood has been burnt and she seems to be trying. Kris Mick said he has seen attempts at cleaning up the property and has seen a straight truck there loading some stuff. Mr. O'Neal will move forward with a letter to the resident on Dayton Brandt Road.

ITEM # 6 The previous Meeting Minutes on September 15, and September 22, 2021 were approved as presented.

ITEM # 7 Mary Ann shared various financial reports with the board and they were duly noted. Mary Ann shared current fiscal standings regarding the ETCC, EMS and Cares Funds with the board. Mary Ann said that the Skinner Painting quote of \$25,489.00 was approved on September 15, 2021, but we need to vote on using the remaining CARES funds toward payment. A Motion by Randy Mott, Seconded by Greg D. Dilts, to use the remaining balance of the CARES Act Funds to pay the painting of the playground equipment, and use general fund (repairs and maintenance) for any overage. VOTE: Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

Mary Ann asked board permission to request a transfer of \$150,000.00 from the usbank Investment Account to the Minster checking account for General Fund expenses. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott, to allow Mary Ann to request a transfer of \$150,000.00 from the usbank Investment Account to the Minster Checking Account for General Fund expenses. VOTE: Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

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ITEM # 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mr. Mott said he would like to amend the previous quote from Pinnacle Flag by an additional \$115.00 from \$1,029.00 to \$1,144.00 due to extending the pole height from 20 foot to 25 foot tall. A Motion by Randy Mott, Seconded by Greg D. Dilts to approve the additional \$115.00 for a 25-foot flag pole from Pinnacle Flag for a total of \$1,144.00.00. VOTE: Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

Mr. Mott said D & D has about completed the roof replacement on the old township building. The gutter and down spout was not included in the original quote of \$10,320.00 and will add an additional \$1,080.00 to the original quote for a total of \$11,312.00. A Motion by Randy Mott, Seconded by John R. Ryman to approve the additional cost of \$1,080.00 for gutter and down spout to the original quote of \$10,232.00 from D & D for the roof replacement on the old township building. VOTE: Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

Mr. Mott said the salt truck was picked up at Howard's and taken to KE Rose. When the stainless bed was ordered, the estimate did not include a vibrator. Mr. Mott submitted a quote from KE Rose in the amount of \$2,500.00 from KE Rose for plow lights and a vibrator to be installed on the truck. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to accept the quote in the amount of \$2,500.00 from KE Rose for plow lights and vibrator to be installed on the salt truck. VOTE: Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Ryman-yes. John R. Ryman, President, declared the Motion carried.

Mr. Mott said Travis Kerg started Monday and he has been showing him around. Noah Mitchell will be finished mowing for the season this week. Mr. Ryman said the boxes at the EMS building have not been moved yet. The board discussed the LAR account at Lowe's. Mary Ann found that we currently receive the 5% discount and we pay our invoice in full on a monthly basis. These were the two incentives for changing to the LAR. There was no further action taken on opening an LAR account at Lowes.

Mr. Dilts said the next road needing paved would be South Gearhart Road for next year. Mr. Dilts is looking at applying for the ODOT grant for getting Gearhart Road paved or repairing the drainage issue on and around Mill Road. It will depend on the dollar amount received. Mr. Dilts said he would look at completing both, if the grant money would allow both projects to be completed

Mr. Mott said he would like to talk about replacing the one-ton pickup. Mr. Mott said we have no backup for the dump truck and the one ton is 21 years old. Randy said his opinion is that we need to think about replacing it. Mr. Dilts said if the dump truck goes down another township could help out or the county would come out to help. We have helped others in the past, after our plowing was done if they needed help. Mr. Ryman said we would qualify for state pricing through a dealership. The board discussed not keeping the spreader full on the one ton, so if tree limbs go down they could still be loaded on the truck if need be.

Mr. Ryman said he is still waiting on legal guidance from the Miami County Prosecutor's Office about the fiber optic. Mr. Ryman said the Prosecutor's Office did not like all the loop holes that were in the contract.

ITEM # 9 There was no other business to be transacted.

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ITEM # 10 A Motion by John R. Ryman, Seconded by Greg D. Dilts, to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

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APPROVED OCTOBER 20, 2021

John R. Ryman, President

Greg D. Dilts, Vice President

Randy Mott, Trustee

Mary Ann Mumford, Fiscal Officer