

**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

The Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on February 16, 2022 at 5710 E. Walnut Grove Road, Troy, Ohio at 7:00 p.m. Greg D. Dilts, President, called the meeting to order the Fiscal Officer called the roll and the following members were present:

President	Greg D. Dilts	EMS-Steve Trusty	Randy Bridge	Ronda Hershberger
Vice Pres.	Randy Mott	ETCC-Nic Rice	Dale Grimm	Kris Mick
Trustee	John R. Ryman	Zoning-Sam O'Neal	Bill Hershberger	Neil Paton
Fiscal Officer	Mary Ann Mumford -Absent		Josh Luthman	Jeremy Paulus

The following order of business was established:

- ITEM # 1A Meeting with representative from Miami County Sheriff's Department
- ITEM # 1B Josh Luthman, Imagine Network
- 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 for the previous Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2022
- ITEM # 7 Fiscal Officer's Report/2022 Permanent Appropriation Budget/Revenue Budget
- 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 # 1A There was no representative present from the sheriff's department.

ITEM # 1AA Zoning was moved to Item 1 AA. Mr. O'Neal said he was contacted about placing a storage container in Alcony next to a building. The storage container would be painted and landscaped around. Mr. Ryman said he didn't see a problem with it, if it was presented nice. Mr. O'Neal said there is something in the Zoning manual that addresses storage units. Mr. O'Neal said he would have to take a look at it, and asked if this was a direction we would want to go. Mr. Mott said if there are stipulations, they could go before the Board of Appeals for approval.

ITEM # 1B Josh Luthman was present to answer trustee and public questions, regarding Imagine Networks fiber optic internet. Mr. Ryman asked how do people sign up and show interest in the service. Mr. Luthman said go to the Imagine Networks website. At the website you can sign up, give your email address and express interest in getting hooked up. People can call Imagine Networks to get signed up. Mr. Luthman said if people don't contact him, he won't know who wants service. It was discussed that the board has already signed a Letter of Intent of using the American Rescue Plan funds to get Imagine Networks fiber optic service to all residents. Mr. Paton stated that Spectrum wanted \$30,000.00 to connect and reach him back his drive for service. Mr. Paton said he would pay tonight if he could get service. It is needed and willing to do just about anything to get it up his road. Mr. Luthman said he can Mr. Luthman said the top two things is, one get signed up and two watch the website for the progress. Ronda Hershberger said she can echo what Mr. Paton said. Mr. Ryman said it is the intent that the ARP funds would speed up the installation process. Mrs. Hershberger said Mr. Luthman told her she could get service within two years. Mr. Luthman said things have changed and it could be sooner. Mr. Luthman said the goal is to get the most people in the shortest distance. Discussion of getting an Agreement

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drawn up between Elizabeth Township and Imagine Networks. The treasury is infamous on using the funds for the last mile. Mr. Dilts said that makes sense, because they want the funds to go to the residents, which would be the last mile. Mr. Dilts told Mr. Luthman you were coming out here, before the ARP funds became available and when the ARP funds became available you showed interest and came to our meeting. Mr. Luthman said his bank is extremely slow in fronting the funds. The ARP funds would expedite him ordering supplies without interruption. Mr. Luthman asked where the township banks, and if they might be interested in getting behind the fiber project. Mr. Ryman said he didn't know if they would want to or not. Mr. Luthman said 225 locations have been installed and there is about 700 more addresses and 24 miles of access cable to be installed. Mr. Dilts asked what it would cost a resident to get service to their home. Mr. Luthman said residents get 300 feet from the right of way and every foot there-after would be \$1.00 per foot. Mr. Dilts said that the goal is to get every resident service and the last mile money going to the people. Mr. Luthman said he is trying to get the most people in the shortest distance. Mr. Luthman said install speed depends on how much rock they go through. The drill and plow are used for the install of pipe and wire. Mr. Paton asked how far down LeFevre Road Imagine was going. Mr. Luthman said they are going to Sayers Road. Mr. Paton asked if he was going up Children's Home Road, Mr. Luthman said yes, but not yet. Mr. Luthman said they are installing the main artery and will branch off once that is completed. Mr. Luthman said those that are complete with road installed now could go live by the end of March. The board discussed getting a contract stating all residents in the township could get service, with the use of the ARP funds. Mr. Luthman said 30 miles have been installed in the ground, since November, with another 24 miles to go. There should be no reason it would take 2 years to get everyone in the township service. Mr. Luthman said he anticipates the entire township will be serviced using 4 strands rather than 2. Going with 4 now rather than increasing it later. The board indicated to Mr. Luthman there would be two payments of ARP funds paid, one midstream and one when the project is completed. Mr. Mott said the next thing is to get it in black and white. We provide the ARP funds and what Imagine will provide for the funds. Mr. Paton said take the plunge and more people will want it. Mr. Dilts said we will get together with a contract, ensuring all residents will get service for the money. Mr. Mott said there could be more funds from the county, but there is no guarantee.

ITEM # 2 EMS-Mr. Trusty said the engine had a leak on the main intake valve and it has been repaired. Mr. Dilts asked Mr. Mott if the tires have been ordered for the engine. Mr. Mott said he is holding off due to the cold weather, but will get on it. Mr. Mott said Shannon Johnson has been working on the heating at the EMS building.

Mr. Trusty said losing the ID# has been the issue of the township not getting any ems fees from Medicount. Mr. Trusty said he contacted the State Fire Marshall's office and they told him our ID# should never have been issued. Mr. Trusty said Medicount is currently holding all fees for the township until this is resolved.

Mr. Bridge: It's calculated that the City of New Carlisle has around \$40,000.00 that belongs to the township. The auditor's office has been notified on guidance on how to pay the township the money back. The City will discuss possible payback methods to the township. Mr. Bridge said the reason for the contract increase falls on the hard times we are facing with staffing. Counsel said the City needs to move in the direction to take care of their own people first. The contract price the City is looking at is \$600,000.00, which would go toward changes in hours and administrative fees. Paramedics currently make \$16.00 per hour and EMTs make \$14.00 per hour and the rest would go to administrative fees. Elizabeth Township's call volume is at 200-250 and New Carlisle's is significantly higher. On the advice of the City's counsel they do need to move in the direction to take care of their own first. New Carlisle would be manned first and then Elizabeth Township would be serviced, from their facility to our facility. New Carlisle residents pay taxes for service and they come first.

Mr. Dilts said Troy and Tipp City have reached out to us. It would be high to have Troy Station 2 people out here. Mr. Bridge said the contract expires on the 31st but if we need to extend it we could. Mr. Mott asked Mr. Trusty if there was any reason to go back to the old medic. Mr. Trusty said it could be used as a back-up, but that would mean repairs and keeping insurance on it.

ITEM # 3 ETCC- Mr. Rice -\$1,910.00 was receipted in since the last meeting. There are currently 376 members including spouses and dependents.

Mr. Rice said July 14, 2022, has been set for the Elizabeth Township Historical Society Softball Game. The historical society asked if the township would want them to carry the insurance for the day and a waiver could be signed by those participating in the game. Mr. Rice said he can work after 11:00 doing maintenance with Travis. Mr. Rice requested the Fitness Dr. to come in to maintenance the equipment. Some of the equipment has high hours on it. Mr. Dilts told Nic we usually rotate the equipment periodically. Mr. Rice said he and Travis moved some around, but there is a definite static issue. Mr. Brennan is checking on the issue. Mr. Rice requested the After Hour Rate go from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per hour, Deposit Fee go from \$35.00 to \$50.00, Gym Rent Fees go from \$30.00 for 2 hours to

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\$50.00 for 2 hours for ETCC members, and Non Member Gym Fee from \$40.00 to \$60.00 for 2 hours. Mr. Rice said he needs water testing supplies and can get them from Hach for \$625.00. Meeting with Laura to go over the website and she would like to know our number one priority. We will have 20 top words, but would like to know the number one. Mr. Mott said he thinks the increases are fair. Mr. Rice said if someone is already in contract they would not be raised. Mr. Dilts asked what was the purpose of having a deposit. Mr. Rice said it saves the date and if someone cancels at the last minute, we keep the deposit rather than losing the whole rental. Mr. Rice said he and Kim are making the agreements friendlier and easier to use.

The board discussed having the participants of the softball game to sign a waiver. When the underwriters are prepping insurance for the historical society for the softball game, they could include or prep a hold harmless for the township to be covered. Mr. Rice said if this was Lost Creek or Staunton Township we wouldn't be talking about this.

Mr. Rice asked what the board thought about the open gym. Mr. Dilts said you know what works. Mr. Rice said if he doesn't rent it no one will come in, if he rents it then they will come in for open gym. The board discussed going back to closing at 9:00, and Mr. Rice said by 7:30 it's slowed way down. Mr. Mott said he contacted Holder about the tank for the kitchen.

A Motion by John R. Ryman, Seconded by Greg D. Dilts to have Fitness Dr. come in to inspect and repair the equipment, as needed at the ETCC. VOTE: Mr. Ryman-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes. Greg D. Dilts, President, declared the Motion carried.

A Motion by Randy Mott, Seconded by John R. Ryman to approve the rate increases as follows: After Hour rental from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per hour, Deposit Fee from \$35.00 to \$50.00, Gym Rental for Members from \$30.00 to \$50.00 for 2 hours, and Non Member gym rates from \$40.00 to \$60.00 for 2 hours. VOTE: Mr. Ryman-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes. Greg D. Dilts, President, declared the Motion carried.

ITEM # 4 The Fiscal Officer prepared the bills for payment for \$90,344.01. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to approve payment of the bills for \$90,344.01 as presented. VOTE: Mr. Ryman-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes. Greg D. Dilts, President, declared the Motion carried.

ITEM # 5 Moved to Item 1AA

ITEM # 6 The Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 2, 2022 were approved as presented.

ITEM # 7 Various financial reports were shared with the board.

Mr. Dilts presented the 2022 Permanent Appropriation Budget as prepared by the fiscal officer. A Motion by John R. Ryman, Seconded by Randy Mott to pass **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-001** for the approval of the 2022 Permanent Appropriation Budget as follows: General Fund \$4,786,962.00, Motor Vehicle License Tax \$11,000.00, Gasoline Tax \$897,000.00, Road and Bridge \$202,525.00, Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax \$16,000.00, American Rescue Plan \$179,929.18, and Shaggy Bark Lighting \$8,800.00, for a total Appropriation Budget of \$6,102,216.18. VOTE: Mr. Ryman-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes. Greg D. Dilts, President, declared **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-001** passed. A copy of the 2022 Permanent Appropriation Budget can be found in its entirety in the Elizabeth Township Book of Resolutions.

ITEM # 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mr. Mott: -Thanked everyone who helped with the ice and snow 2 weeks ago. Shannon Johnson is working at the EMS building on the heating system. Holder filled both generators, dump truck to go to KE Rose on March 1st for the light bar and step. Charles Brennan rolled email to his server. Working on quotes for updating some equipment and services.

Mr. Ryman-Had a couple inquires on the EMS rental.

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Mr. Dilts- A Motion by Mr. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott to replace the last 6 culverts in Shaggy Bark at \$2,000.00 each for a total of \$12,000.00 with Mr. Cozatt completing the work. VOTE: Mr. Ryman-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes. Greg D. Dilts, President, declared the Motion carried.

ITEM # 9 Mr. Ryman said Mr. O'Neal was going to look into the storage unit request.

ITEM # 10 A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by Randy Mott, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

APPROVED MARCH 2, 2022

Greg D. Dilts, President

Randy Mott, Vice President

John R. Ryman Trustee

Mary Ann Mumford, Fiscal Officer

Minutes typed by Fiscal Officer from recording