

**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2022**

The Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on January 19, 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	Dep. Tabitha Thompson
Vice Pres.	Randy Mott	ETCC-Nic Rice	Bill Hershberger
Trustee	John R. Ryman	Zoning-Sam O'Neal-Absent	Paul Hershberger
Fiscal Officer	Mary Ann Mumford	Dep. Warren Edmondson	Matt Landes Laura Sutherly

The following order of business was established:

- ITEM # 1A Meeting with representative from Miami County Sheriff's Department
- ITEM 3 1B Laura Sutherly, Agtivation LLC
- 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 from The Organizational, Inventory, and Regular Meeting on January 10, 2022
- 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 # 1A Deputy Edmondson said there has not been any issues in the township. Reminded the board to be mindful, if you see something call it in. There was a report of road rage on Walnut Grove and Dayton Brandt called in last Saturday.

ITEM # 1B Laura Sutherly from Agitvation was present to discuss SEO (Search Engine Optimizer). A quote of \$325.00 per month and a one-time set up fee of \$500.00 was presented. The goal of the optimizer is to allow individuals searching the internet to see the ETCC in their search as the number 1 hit to pop up when searching certain criteria, such as fitness, conference rooms, gym rental, rental spaces, etc. Agtivation will monitor how people are searching and get the top 20 ways they are looking at our site. Mr. Dilts said he felt it would be a good idea to try it. Mr. Ryman said he felt we need to try it to boost the ETCC. Laura noted there is a one-year contract commitment, that could be cancelled after one year without penalty. A Motion By John R. Ryman, Seconded by Greg D. Dilts to approve the one-year contract with Agtivation LLC for Search Engine Optimizer for \$350.00 per month with a one-time set up fee of \$500.00. VOTE: Mr. Ryman-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes. Greg D. Dilts, President, declared the Motion carried. Laura and Nic will be working together on the set up.

ITEM # 2 EMS-Mr. Trusty reported there were 30 EMS and no fire runs during the month of December 2021. Mr. Trusty said he continues to work with Medicount to resolve the issue of Elizabeth Township not being reimbursed for runs. Mr. Trusty said when the City of New Carlisle receives payments from Medicount they are not broken down by City and Township. According to the State Fire Marshall Elizabeth Township Fire Department does not exist. When run reports are generated, there are none for the township, even though we may be first on scene. Mr. Dilts asked how can we get reimbursed from the City of New Carlisle for our fees. Mr. Trusty said they don't see the run numbers.

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Mr. Dilts said it would seem that you would see an increase in funds coming from Medicount. New Carlisle should be able to look at their runs and know the extra runs go to Elizabeth Township for payment. Mr. Dilts said we need to get this resolved. Mary Ann said we have not received any fees since April of 2021. Steve said Medicount has had a lot of change over in employees and both Mary Ann and I have been in contact with Medicount about the issue. Mr. Dilts asked Steve to get with his people at New Carlisle to get this made right with the township. Mr. Trusty said the state looks at Station 45 as New Carlisle with a second station. Mr. Trusty said our contract is due for renewal and the City is looking at it going up to \$600,000.00. Mr. Dilts said we are just under \$400,000.00 now, asking to go to \$600,000.00 is a huge increase. The contract will be looked at and negotiated. Mr. Trusty said getting personnel is difficult. The board discussed having a workshop meeting with Mr. Trusty, Mr. Bridge, the City Manager, and the board to discuss the contract. Mr. Mott asked if Mr. Trusty could run our reports for a period of time and give them to the City to figure the amount owed to the township. Mr. Dilts wished the best to Randy Bridge and Mr. Trusty's wife.

ITEM # 3 ETCC- Mr. Rice reported \$1,442.00 was receipted in since the last meeting. The health department level II teacher had to be tracked down, so he can sign off on the level II class waiver. There has been no word back yet. Working on evaluations.

ITEM # 4 The Fiscal Officer presented the bills for payment for \$10,442.48. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by John R. Ryman to approve payment of the bills for \$10,442.48 as presented. VOTE: Mr. Ryman-yes, Mr. Mott-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes. Greg D. Dilts, President, declared the Motion carried.

ITEM # 5 Mr. O'Neal was absent. The Zoning Organizational Meetings were held on January 17, 2022.

ITEM # 6 The Meeting Minutes of the Organizational, Inventory and Regular Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2022 were approved as presented.

ITEM # 7 Various financial reports were shared with the board. Mary Ann said the usbank investment average yield was 1.97% and the Star SMA average yield was 1.15%.

ITEM # 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mr. Mott:-KE Rose safety lighting will be added and headlights to be adjusted. Working on quote from Best One Tire for Michelins for the engine, and the truck is here in the garage emptied due to salt lumps and was washed out.

Mr. Ryman-No new business to discuss.

Mr. Dilts-Turned in contract with Buckeye Eco Care for the ditch spraying that was previously approved.

ITEM # 9 The board discussed that the CDL requirements are changing on February 7, 2022. Nic said he has the book but has not looked over it yet. If a permit is obtained by February 7, 2022, you are grandfathered in to the old requirements. If not, you will be required to get 160 credit hours in. The cost goes to \$6,000.00 for a Certified Class to get your 160 credit hours, One DOT test, One Physical. If the written test is taken and passed by February 7, 2022, you are locked in for one year to take your driving test and pass it. Mr. Dilts said he encourages CDL permits to be obtained by the February deadline. Mr. Mott said the requirement changes are due to the number of 18-21 year old truck drivers on the roads. Changing or adding a category also needs done by February 7, 2022.

Paul Hershberger said he heard the township may be giving funds to Imagine Network for fiber optic for internet. Mr. Ryman said no money has been spent yet, and we are waiting on word from the Miami County Prosecutor what we can and cannot do. Mr. Dilts said he and Mr. Mott attended a meeting and Richard Osgood, from the Miami County Department of Development was present. Eric Carey from Lostcreek Township asked if townships should hold off spending their ARP money for fiber optic and Mr. Osgood said yes, hold off. Mr. Osgood said a survey was going to be sent out after the first of the year and the county may match or pick up the costs. Mr. Hershberger said his wife was told they were coming down their road and they're not. They are just covering the highly populated areas. Mr. Hershberger said there are at least four houses on his road that want it. If they don't come down his road, he said he would be against township funds being used on the project. Mr. Dilts said they are trying to get the main line to as many houses as possible. Mr. Ryman said its on a three year build out. Some of the fiber lines are hard to get, as well as other materials. Mr. Dilts said Josh came to one meeting,

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but, we have so many more questions to ask, he needs to come back to answer the questions. Mr. Ryman said he's sure he would come to answer questions. Imagine has gone farther than originally planned. Mr. Mott said it's in the beginning stages and may take months to a couple of years. Mr. Dilts said Metro Net has no plans of coming out here. Mr. Landes said it's infrastructure like our roads, get the money back on our investment. Mr. Mott said the goal is to get it in front of as many homes as possible in the township. Mr. Dilts said Imagine is currently paying \$50.00 per month for rental space, to have their internet equipment mounted on the building. Josh said we could build a tall (five-hundred foot) tower, and it still wouldn't reach every house in the township. Mr. Ryman said the signal is beamed out here from Upper Valley. Mr. Mott said there is no easy answer. Mr. Dilts said the ARP funds could possibly be used, but not before we get a Legal Opinion from the Miami County Prosecutor. Paul Hershberger said he lives on a county road in the township, why can't the township help the county pay for road repairs. Mr. Dilts explained that the township cannot pay for any repairs for anything that the township does not own. A county road belongs to the county, so they have to take care of it, even though it may be in the township. Paul said if the road is wet and you stop fast, you will slide. When the county fixes it, they put down the minimum amount to repair it.

ITEM #10 A Motion by John R. Ryman, Seconded by Greg D. Dilts, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

APPROVED FEBRUARY 2, 2022

Greg D. Dilts, President

Randy Mott, Vice President

John R. Ryman Trustee

Mary Ann Mumford, Fiscal Officer