

**ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2024**

The Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on December 18, 2024 at 5710 E. Walnut Grove Road, Troy, Ohio at 7:00 p.m. Randy Mott, President, called the meeting to order and called the roll and the following members were present:

President	Randy Mott	EMS/Fire-Adam Marchal-Absent/Art Blackmore
Vice Pres.	Greg D. Dilts	ETCC-Nic Rice-Absent
Trustee	John R. Ryman	Zoning-Jim Cozatt
Fiscal Officer	Mary Ann Mumford	

Also in attendance: Michael Then, Leslie Kodysz-Then. Tom and Cheri O'Malley, Laura Sutherly, Flora Rectenwald, Deputy Bryan O'Neal

The following order of business was established:

ITEM # 1 Representative from Miami County Sheriff's Department

ITEM # 2 Representative from EMS/Fire

ITEM # 3 Meeting Representative from ETCC

ITEM # 4 Meeting Presentation of Bills-Presentation of bills for payment

ITEM # 5 Meeting with representative from Zoning

ITEM # 6 Presentation of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 4, 2024

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
Executive Session-Personnel Compensation

ITEM #10 ADJOURNMENT

ITEM # 1 Deputy O'Neal from the sheriff's department had no new business to discuss.

ITEM # 2 Art Blackmore-Painting has started. Helmets were ordered. Four employee letters were sent. Two were termination letters and two were work intent letters. One responded they wanted to stay with us, one tried to schedule for work, but had already been removed. Not sure about the other two. Stryker cot in the medic is out of service, Tipp City has lent their extra to use, until ours is back in service. Cot to be fixed tomorrow.

Mr. Mott reported there was a recent card mix up on a call. The resident called 911 in Miami County. Miami County 911 sent them to Clark County, and Clark County 911 sent them back to Miami County. Mr. Blackmore to look into the matter.

ITEM # 3 ETCC- Nic reported \$3,814.00 was receipted in from 12/4/24-12/17/2024. There are currently 352 members including spouses and dependents.

Any update to hire Kevin as an employee? Hope to have a decision by the next meeting.

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A quote of \$1,544.00 from EZ Flex Sports Mats was shared with the board. A Cart Wheel A-Thon was recently held and raised \$657.00 of the cost of the mats. Would like to purchase the mats, and have another Cart Wheel A-Thon next year to finish paying for the mats. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded John R. Ryman by to purchase the new mats from EZ Flex Sport Mats at a cost of \$1,544.00. VOTE: Mr. Ryman-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes. Randy Mott, President, declared the Motion carried.

ITEM # 4 Bills submitted for payment totaled \$95,486.48, which includes noted ACH payments. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts Seconded by Randy Mott to approve the payment of bills for \$95,486.48 as presented, including all ACH payments. VOTE: Mr. Ryman-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes. Randy Mott, President, declared the Motion carried.

ITEM # 5 Mr. Cozatt-No new zoning applications have been submitted. 1555 Dayton Brandt Road has several abandoned vehicles parked on the property in over grown grass and weeds. The sheriff's department came out and the gentleman living there explained he was laid up from a broken hip. Will let it ride until Spring giving the landowner time to get on his feet. One vehicle had a valid license plate. You cannot see the vehicles from the road and would never know they are back there. Mr. Mott said we have tools in place to get the property cleaned up. There is a Junk Vehicle Policy in the Zoning Policy Manual.

Brown Township has been working with the Miami County Prosecutor's Office and they are close to having a Resolution in place regarding solar systems. We can take a look at what they have come up with to go with ours. Home roof solar panels are not a problem, but they would like to regulate expanded solar systems on farms.

Mr. DesAutels asked why does the board care if someone has vehicles parked on their property, if they can't be seen. Mr. Mott stated that if we have a complaint on a property we need to investigate it. The tools are already in place to be used. Mr. DesAutels said that's not always the case. Mr. Mott said there are no tools in place; if he's to guess what Mr. DesAutels is talking about for that particular situation. The trustees moved on to Item 6 on the Agenda.

Mr. Mott noted there is going to be a second round of funding for vacant and ran down properties. It may help the property owner on Alcony Conover.

ITEM # 6 Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 4, 2024 were approved as presented.

ITEM # 7 Mrs. Mumford- Financial reports were shared with the board. A Motion by Greg D. Dilts, Seconded by John R. Ryman to accept the increase of Minimum Wage to \$10.70 per hour as of January 1, 2025. Anyone under \$10.70 will automatically raise to \$10.70 on January 1, 2025. VOTE: Mr. Ryman-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes. Randy Mott, President, declared the Motion carried.

ITEM # 8 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Mr. Mott-Elizabeth Township Historical Society received a \$4,000.00 Grant from the Miami County Foundation for the repair of stones of the War Veteran's stones to be used in sections A-D in the Casstown Cemetery.

Batteries in the dump truck have been replaced.

Discussed using the small truck as little as possible for salting, due to the salt damaging the truck.

Mr. DesAutels asked about sand being used. The matter of sand and a 50/50 sand salt mix was discussed.

Mr. Ryman-Nothing new to report.

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Mr. Dilts-Couple of adjustments will be made to Sanders Road, involving catch basins and grates. The upgrades will cost additional funds. Paving and final grading to take place in the spring

ITEM # 9 Laura updated the board on the upcoming Newsletter and EBlast.

Mr. Mott presented **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-017** appointing Ben Sutherly as the FRPP Agent representing Elizabeth Township, for the NRCS upcoming program. A Motion by Randy Mott, Seconded by John R. Ryman to appoint Ben Sutherly as the FRPP Agent for the NRCS Farm Land Program. VOTE: Mr. Ryman-yes, Mr. Dilts-yes, Mr. Mott-yes. Randy Mott, President, declared RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-017passed. Resolution Number can be found in its entirety in the Elizabeth Township Book of Resolutions.

Tom O'Malley requested to go on record to address the board that he has always been protective in his support of the board of trustees. Mr. O'Malley said he wanted to make a public interest statement to the board, to encourage the board to continue using the township's own governmental source for the posting of township information etc. on the township website, rather than using private individuals using Face Book or other Public means for posting township information. Laura is paid by the township to maintain the township website and while the board has not used the outside private sources, be diligent to use only the official township website for posting information.

Mr. O'Malley noted if you don't know it, there is a lot of controversy revolving around Gearhart Road and Elizabeth Road area. People are going to social media to use it as a pulpit to influence others and to bring them into the controversies. There are lawsuits, bullying, and neighbors attacking neighbors on Tipp Elizabeth and Gearhart Roads. It's time for it to stop and it seems as though the individual public sites allow the attacks to continue to be posted. The way people are treating their neighbors needs to stop.

Mr. O'Malley noted he made no comment on who is right or wrong, call out anyone or The websites being used.

Flora Rectenwald noted she followed the private social media site with township information. It is clear they don't represent the township. People do look at it for information. It could have been a good tool, but it isn't and she no longer follows it. Suggested the Meetings be recorded and to post the public recordings.

The Elizabeth Township Board of Trustees have stated they are and remain Neutral on any private posting sites. Private sites are up to the individuals who operate them. Township information is posted on the township website through Laura Sutherly, dba Agtivation.

Laura Sutherly stated it is time for the annual Privacy Policy, ADA Compliance updates to the website. Laura will update and invoice the township.

ITEM # 10 A Motion by Randy Mott, Seconded by Greg D. Dilts to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7: 55 p.m.

APPROVED JANUARY 13, 2025

Randy Mott, President

Greg D. Dilts, Vice President

John R. Ryman, Trustee

Mary Ann Mumford, Fiscal Officer