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Elkrun Township Board of Trustees
March 13, 2024

Chairman Sweeney called to order the regular meeting of the Elkrun Township Board of Trustees meeting at 7:00 pm. The following trustees were in attendance:

Andy Sweeney
Randy Perrino
Kurt Seachrist

The minutes shall reflect 3 visitor (s) present. The previous meeting minutes from the February 28, 2024 were accepted on motion of Trustee Perrino, Trustee Sweeney gave the second. Chairman Sweeney recognized the visitor (s) and fiscal officer as the following business was discussed:

Michael Cusick SR 154 was present for the meeting. Mr. Cusick explained a 911 call he had made to the county about a month ago it had taken an ambulance over 15 minutes to respond. His property is located in both Elkrun Township and the Village of Lisbon. He wanted to bring to the trustee's attention how antiquated the 911 system is in the county. He also ask if the township had submitted an ambulance call list? The county did in March of 2023, asking West Point EMT be the first call for all township residents.

Columbiana County Assistant Prosecutor Brett Hartup was present at the meeting for his spring round of visits. He reported on the County Final 911 plan resolution which is to be back to the County EMA prior to March 27th. He also reported on how Elkrun Industries located on SR 7 who currently has a landfill which dumps in Elkrun Township has purchased land in Middleton Township. Middleton Township has requested a portion of the dumping fees. Mr. Hartup has spoke to the Ohio EPA, who has jurisdiction over both CD&D (Construction Demolition and Debris) and solid waste. Elkrun Industries is a CD&D category landfill. The director has ruled on dumping fees for joint jurisdiction landfills for solid waste but nothing for CD&D. The EPA has suggested the townships meet to agree on which works best for them a 50/50 split or split by percentage of what is dumped in each township. The EPA told him that this rule is not up for review anytime in the near future. Mr. Hartup does not agree with this since the statue says the EPA shall rule on the distribution of dumping fees. Mr. Hartup for the time being would like to have one trustee from Elkrun, one trustee from Middleton, himself, and an EPA representative meet to discuss this issue. Mr. Hartup also mentioned that if this would happen to move past discussions than each township may have to hire outside legal representation since as the Asst. Prosecutor, he represents all townships. He will send a follow up email regarding the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There has not been anything received on the bond needed from the company on Elkton West Point Rd, Ms. Wonner stated since it is being mailed back and forth from the company to the insurance broker than to the township. The township does have the unsigned copy for reference.

The trustees ask Mr. Hartup his suggestion on the adult use cannabis operators and the medical marijuana cultivation, processing, and retail dispensing within the township. The state is in the process of finalizing rules but does not have a date. Mr. Hartup suggested that each be prohibited at this time, once the rules are out if the township would want to change, they can pass a resolution to that affect.

Trustee Seachrist made the motion to approve Resolution 03132024A, a resolution to prohibit adult use cannabis operators within the unincorporated are of Elkrun Township, Trustee Sweeney gave the second. With a roll call vote of all ayes the resolution passed.

Trustee Perrino made the motion to approve Resolution 03132024B, a resolution prohibiting medical marijuana cultivation, processing, and retail dispensing within the unincorporated are of Elkrun Township, Trustee Seachrist gave the second. With a roll call vote of all ayes the resolution passed.

Road department employee Jake Anderson reported that he had met with Gary Dailey regarding the dry hydrant to be installed on Fairfield School Rd near the Neville Dairy Farm. Mr. Dailey would like to meet with Mr. Neville on the exact location. Mr. Anderson also talked with Mr. Dailey regarding the culvert to be repaired near Bell School Rd.

Trustee Perrino reported that he had met with Columbiana County Asst. Engineer Bill Herschel, the work on Fairfield School is tentatively set to be completed in August. The township will need to complete the dry hydrant and some other work on the road prior to this. The funding is still estimated to be the same as discussed earlier in the year.

NEW BUSINESS

The following correspondence was received by standard mail and email, presented for review than retained for filing as required:

1. Ohio Township Association Notices
2. Notice from Middleton Township on sale of personal property

Mr. Anderson reported the manifold is cracked on the 1 ton truck; he is unable to reach it to make repairs. He will get an estimate for the next meeting.

Trustee Perrino made the motion to approve Resolution 03132024, a resolution approving Columbiana County's 911 final plan, Trustee Seachrist gave the second. With a roll call vote of all ayes the resolution passed.

Fiscal Officer Wonner and Tourism Board member Linda Eells updated both the trustees and Mr. Hartup on the ongoing park area discussions with FEMA and the Columbiana County ODNR representative. FEMA would like the township and the tourism board update the leases they have; a sample lease was sent to use. Mr. Hartup will review the current lease updating what needs to be updated per FEMA. Ms. Eells reported that Mr. Ferryman who represents FEMA has said once this is complete FEMA will give final approval on the work that has been completed, he also mentioned that ODNR will have to approve. This brought on some discussion by the trustees on how nice this area looks and the work the tourism board has done, they see no reason that ODNR should tell them to take it out.

Trustee Sweeney mentioned that RAA Services, the internet service provider, had been sold to Smart Ways. He also ask if there was any update on employee Tim Strobel employment? Mr. Anderson reported he is back to work; however, he thinks that he will be leaving in April. All trustees agreed it would be nice to know what is exactly going on.

The following financial reports were submitted for review: February bank reconciliation, appropriation and revenue status, payment register, fund status, month end fund summary, receipt report, payment listing payment warrants with the relevant invoices attached and orders. Other reports and items were reviewed, signed, and approved as Trustee Seachrist made the motion to pay the bills and Trustee Perrino gave the second.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Sweeney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm, Trustee Seachrist gave the second.

Chairman _____ Trustee _____

Trustee _____ Fiscal Officer _____