**REILY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**JANUARY 19, 2022 – REGULAR MEETING**

**7:00 PM** Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present: Dennis Conrad, Nick Schwab, Tim Miller.

**MOTIONS  
MINUTES:** Mr. Schwab made a motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2022 as read. Seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion carried.

**PURCHASE ORDERS:** Mr. Schwab moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the Purchase Orders as presented. Motion carried.

**WARRANTS:** Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Schwab, to approve payment of Warrants (#24769 – 24789) totaling $21,543.86. Motion carried.

**RESIDENT REQUEST:** Matt Conrad, property owner at the east end of Dunwoody Road, noted that people are dumping trash at the end of the road which is on his property (he owns the land on both sides of the road). He plans to build a home on the property, and asked to put up a gate across the road at the beginning of his property. He also presented a map of the property, and a written notice of the problem with two proposed solutions. Each of the Trustees will meet with him separately on January 20 to determine exactly what his plans are, and then present the information at their scheduled meeting with the County Engineer at 10 AM on January 21, 2022. Matt then made his contact information known. (phone 513-907-6508, email address matt.conrad@meangreenproducts.com)

**WIND AND SOLAR FARMS:** Jim Fox, of Butler County Building and Zoning, reported that the Trustees need to make a resolution stating whether they are for or against wind and solar farms, including a vote, and suggested that they use the Prosecutor’s office to write the resolution. He also suggested that they meet with Judy Boyko, County Administrator, before meeting with the Commissioners. Maria Fagin noted that there are currently eleven easements in Butler County, but was unsure of the total acreage of those easements. Any CAUV has to be repaid if the land is used for solar panels. The ground is exempt from tax but the solar units are taxed. It creates very little funds for the Township, but a lot for the County. More information can be found on the Ohio Power Siting Board website at opsb.ohio.gov.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mr. Burgess reported that the Crew put the snow plows on all three trucks, removed the plows from the two single axle dump trucks, cut up downed trees on Pierson Road and at St Charles Cemetery, put the snow tires on Medic 132, installed the loader on the John Deere tractor, rearranged the shop for better accessibility during snow emergencies, removed the trash from both fire houses, replaced both toilets at Station One due to leaking issues, dropped off the drill for Task 131 for repair. John presented the contract for the Crack Seal machine from DJL Materials and Supply, the annual Road Mileage form from the County, and the Resolution RE the speed limit on Kehr Road which needs completed and turned in to the County on Friday. Mr. Burgess inquired about raises for the Road Crew employees; they will be discussed in Executive Session later in the meeting.

**RESOLUTION 22 – 0119.1 CRACK SEAL MACHINE**

Mr. Schwab moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to use the Crack Seal machine from DJL Materials and Supply in 2022. Vote was as follows: Mr. Conrad, yes; Mr. Schwab, yes; Mr. Miller, yes. Motion carried and Resolution adopted.

**MOTIONS**

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Schwab, to accept the Sign Report. Motion carried.

Mr. Schwab moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to accept the Road Report. Motion carried.

**FIRE REPORT:** Chief Conrad reported 16 runs for the current period, including 2 mutual aid. Pagers have been ordered by the County, ETA is unknown. EMS supplies have been coming in. Training was done last night on some of the new equipment. The Chiefs Meeting will be in Trenton on January 20. Mrs. Halcomb will check with Unication on the antennas order. Chief Conrad needs to order a backup battery for the Power Cot.

**MOTION**

Mr. Schwab made a motion to accept the Fire Report, seconded by Mr. Miller. Mr. Conrad abstained. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ODOT TOWNSHIP STIMULUS PROGRAM UPDATE:** No update.

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**CELL PHONE SERVICE:** Mrs. Halcomb is still waiting on a serial number for the sixth tablet.

**SOLAR FARMS:** Covered previously in Wind and Solar Farms.

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** Dan Egbert agreed to take the position vacated by the resignation of Julie Venter.

**MOTION**

Mr. Schwab moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to appoint Dan Egbert to the Zoning Board of Appeals to finish out the term until May 2022. Motion carried.

**EICH CEMETERY DEED:** Mr. Conrad reported that he spoke with Diane Eich, who said she isn’t owed any money, but she needs the cemetery deeds.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NEEDED FOR ENGINEER:** Completed.

**ROAD MILEAGE FORM:** Completed.

**NUISANCE PROPERTIES:** Mr. Schwab asked about funding availability for demolition of nuisance properties, and Mr. Fox noted that there is plenty available. Mr. Schwab will contact Seth Geisler for more information about how to proceed with the Butler County Land Bank to get two nuisance properties demolished.

**SOAP DISPENSERS IN RESTROOM:** Replacements are needed because current ones are defective.

**RESOLUTION 22 – 0119.2 ROAD PAVING**

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Schwab, to have Hart Road paved from Dunwoody to Peoria Reily at the cost of $204,569 and Indian Creek Road paved at the cost of $66,506 in the year 2022 through the County bid. The vote was as follows: Mr. Conrad, yes; Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. Schwab, yes. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence was reviewed from Butler County Recorder and Department of the Treasury.

**9:05 PM**  Mr. Schwab moved to go into Executive Session to discuss employee raises. Seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion carried.

**9:40 PM** – Mr. Miller moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Schwab. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE RAISES:** After a brief discussion, it was determined to give each employee a raise for 2022 as noted in the following motion.

**MOTION**

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Schwab, to approve the following employee raises for 2022: raise Klayton Smith’s hourly rate to $19, Jeremy Sears’ to $21, John Burgess to $25.50, and Darrell Staarmann to $17.50. Motion carried.

**9:42 PM** – With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Miller moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Schwab. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

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**Dianne Halcomb, Fiscal Officer Dennis H. Conrad Jr., Chair**

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**C. Nicholas Schwab, V. Chair Timothy E. Miller, Trustee**