

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
WINDHAM TOWNSHIP
October 3, 2024

Windham Township Board of Trustees met for their regular session on October 3, 2024 at 6:00 PM, Trustees Dan Burns, Brian Miller, Rich Gano and Fiscal Officer, Casey M Timmons were present. All board members received their monthly financial packets.

2024-52

Brian Miller moved to approve September minutes, Dan Burns seconded, Brian Miller and Dan Burns voting yes, Rich Gano abstained, motion carried.

2024-53

Brian Miller moved to approve September Expenditures, Dan Burns seconded, Brian Miller and Dan Burns voting yes, Rich Gano abstained, motion carried.

Guest:

Jacob Sweet, zoning inspector
Daniel Sherriff, reporter for the Weekly Villager
Todd & Becky Phillips, residents
Trish & Noah Kendrick, resident
Michael Dobran, Windham School Superintendent
Troy Rhoads, Ohio Edison

Troy Rhoads from Ohio Edison and is our point of contact for all our power needs.

He spoke about the recent storms and how he works through EMA. Rural areas are the last to get powers. He encourages residents to go online to add texting on their website to get updates and alerts. He talked about the Ohio Edison easements and how they are at the top of the trees. When street lights are not inoperable, it is the townships responsibility to contact Ohio Edison.

Mr. Rhodes is working on an LED street light conversion project. We currently have 23 street lights within the Windham Township. The conversion of the street lights to LED will help to conserve energy and cut costs. Option 1, pay the up-front cost of \$4807, Option 2 is making a monthly payment of \$102.12 for 60 months (\$6,127.20 total costs) or Option 3 to replace on failure. The replace on failure could take many years.

The trustees discussed using the Nopec fund or ARP funds.

2024-54

Rich Gano moved to approve option 1 (pay up-front costs of \$4807) of the Ohio Edison contract using the ARP money, Dan Burns seconded, all voting yes, motion carried.

Zoning:

1. 9645 Shanks down Road permit

2. Dan Morganti still moving slowly on the 9092 State Route 303 property.
3. The zoning commission sent an email:
Discussed marijuana resolution language. As soon as we receive back from Regional Planning, we will set a public hearing and get it posted in the newspaper. Regional Planning board meeting is set for October 9. We are hoping to get approval on the 10th and run the newspaper add so that we can have the hearing as soon as possible.

Zoning board is requesting the trustees add to the Zoning Inspector job description to attend zoning meetings. Our goal is to improve communication and collaboration. The board was discussing the status of two open violations (Bryant Rd. – excessive automobiles at one and excessive junk at another) and felt this would be a good example of keeping updated with the zoning inspector. Other examples mentioned were just seeing if there were any opportunities for questions or clarifications from both the board and the inspector.

The next zoning commission meeting is October 17.

4. The trustees discussed the email with Jake Sweet. Jake said he can go to their meetings as his schedule allowed. Rich Gano suggested that Jake email the trustees board an update before their monthly meetings in place of attending two meetings a month.

2024-55

Dan Burns moved to approve, that the zoning inspector, Jake Sweet attend zoning commission meetings when he is available. Brian Miller Seconded, all voting yes, motion carried.

The trustee discussed the BZA. Larry Oliver has given his resignation due to moving out of the state. Trisha Kendrick has stepped up to show an interest in the position.

2024-56

Dan Burns moved to approve the resignation of Larry Oliver, Rich Gano seconded, all voting yes, motion carried.

2024-57

Dan Burns moved to appoint Trisha Kendrick as the newest member of the BZA, Rich Gano seconded, all voting yes, motion carried.

Roads:

1. Ditching on Colton Road, Shanksdown Road and Werger Road.
2. Fixed the Berm on the side of Bryant Road.

3. Small hole on Colton road that the road crew is watching.

Cemetery:

1. Cemetery looks great.
2. Pouring 5 foundations in October.
3. There was discussion about the road in the cemetery that was destroyed during the tornado by an uprooted tree. We have received a quote from Hard Labor, Jason Kline.

2024-58

Rich Gano moved to approved the Hard Labor contract to repair the cemetery road, Dan Burns seconded, all voting yes, motion carried.

Fire District:

1. 2811 went in for service because the headlight was out. While being serviced, they found 4 oil leaks.
2. 440 calls to date
3. Covering shift well.

New Business:

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm

Next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2024, at 6:00PM

Dan Burns, Chairman

Casey M Timmons, Fiscal Officer