

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
WINDHAM TOWNSHIP
August 7, 2023

Windham Township Board of Trustees met for special session on August 7, 2023 at 5:20PM for the proposed budget hearing for 2024 which was advertised according to law. Trustees Brian Miller, Dan Burns, Rich Gano, and Casey Timmons, Fiscal Officer are present. Noah & Trisha Kendrick, Ryan McLean, Craig Alderman and Alvin Sweet were present.

Windham Township Board of Trustees met for regular session on August 7, 2023 at 5:30PM Trustees Brian Miller, Dan Burns, Rich Gano, and Casey Timmons, Fiscal Officer are present.

All board members received their monthly financial packets.

2023-36

Rich Gano moved to approve the proposed 2024 Budget Dan Burns seconded all voting yes, motion carried.

2023-37

Rich Gano moved to approve July minutes Dan Burns seconded all voting yes motion carried.

2023-38

Rich Gano moved to approve July expenditures Dan Burns seconded all voting yes motion carried.

Guest:

Noah Kendrick

Trisha Kendrick

Ryan McLean

Craig Alderman

Alvin Sweet

Roads:

There was discussion on the Gotham Road bridge that was built approximately 1865 about the damage under. Bill, the bridge specialist is coming out on August 8, 2023 to look at the bridge to help come up with a plan for repairs.

Patching work has begun. Werger Road then the heights are on the schedule.

The township employees have been doing road side mowing and trimming branches. A few roads that they have been to include Wadsworth, Colton and Werger.

H Luli is prepped and ready to start the chip & seal project in Windham Heights and Werger Road under the canopy of trees.

Cemetery:

The employees are keeping up with the upkeep in the cemetery.

There was discussion about chip sealing the roads inside the cemetery. They are showing wear.

There was discussion on funerals and burials after 2PM especially on the weekend. We will send a letter to the funeral homes to remind them of our 2pm rules especially on the weekend.

Mr. Isler suggested that we contact the Portage County Jail to see if we can get help from the inmates to take down the fence so that it can be repaired at a more reasonable rate.

Zoning:

In the month of July, there were the following permits issued by Alvin.

1. Scott Harman \$100, for an addition to his home on Bryant Road.
2. Robert Wright, \$40 for a Shed.
3. Adam Sweet \$75 for a barn.

Alvin wanted to know how we are going to get rid of the rule that says that you can not put up a barn before a residence is at least started. There was discussion that there are rules that are in place to make variances to the zoning rules.

Alvin Sweet received an email about the rules for a solar farm in our township. Alvin is going to gather more information and report his findings to the trustees.

Alvin reported that someone called asking about a lot of Stanley Road regarding the septic. Alvin referred him to the Health Department.

Noah Kendrick asked about the status on the Purdy property. They are concerned with the lack of progress. The trustees explained that the property was foreclosed on and the legal ownership of the property keeps changing. The trustees explained that the prior zoning inspector had the prosecutor involved to help. The trustees are going to look into options with the zoning inspector. They are going to look into the Ohio moving forward/land bank to see if they will tear down the home.

The commissioners are still looking at how to handle solar panels in the county. We will be watching for updates.

Brian reported that he hears the loud music from the Quarry on the township side. Brain Miller reached out to Chris Merduri a prosecutor to get his option on the noise in the township.

Fire Department:

According to the fire chief, they have been handling most of their calls.

They have found an AFG writer for grants.

The kitchen remold has been completed with donated fund. The district had to pay \$2,200 and the American Legion donated \$4,500.

New Business:

The trustees had discussions about the furnace quote form Yellow Jacket Heating & Colling, LLC from Garrettsville. Yellow Jacket gave them a few different options such as mini splits for the records room and the sheriff's office. The trustees are tabling the discussion until they gather more information.

National Night Out was held in Windham Village. The trustees discussed how they are going to contribute. We have always donated the t-shirt costs in the past.

2023-39

Rich Gano moved to approved donating \$1,000 to support the National Night Out Dan Burns, seconded, all voting yes, motion carried.

Dan Burns is going to find out who the fiscal officer needs to make the check payable.

Rich said the John Deere bucket is listed on gov deals with a reserve of \$200.00

Old Business:

None

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:16PM.

Rich Gano, Chairman

Casey Timmons, Fiscal Officer