

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
WINDHAM TOWNSHIP  
May 2, 2024

Windham Township Board of Trustees met for their regular session on May 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM, Trustees Dan Burns, Brian Miller and Rich Gano and Fiscal Officer, Casey M Timmons were present. All board members received their monthly financial packets.

**2024-29**

Dan Burns moved to approve April minutes, Brian Miller seconded, all voting yes, motion carried.

**2024-30**

Dan Burns moved to approve April Expenditures, Brian Miller seconded, all voting yes, motion carried.

Guest:

Ryan Shackelford, Portage County EMA director  
Janice Simmons-Martimer, Portage Foundation  
Ryan & Kim McLean  
Daniel Sherriff, reporter for the Weekly Villager  
Trisha Kendrick  
Todd & Becky Phillips

Ryan Shackelford was at the meeting to discuss the tornado clean up efforts. Ryan first thanked the township trustees for all their positive involvement with the clean-up. From the time the tornado touched down to the EMA was on site was 32 minutes thanks to the quick response of Dan Burns.

Janice Simmons-Martimer, Portage Foundation discussed their partnership with the Portage County EMA. EMA is for immediate help. The Portage Foundation has the donation link up and running with the goal to raise funds for the residents who were affected by the tornado. To date, the fund has \$7,100. They did put an end date of May 31<sup>st</sup> but will still continue to collect donations.

In the near future, EMA, Portage Foundation and Windham Township Trustees will discuss how and who will be eligible to receive the donated funds. We can expect direct mailings and public meetings.

Ryan mentioned that the Ohio Department of Insurance is where the insurance company complaints can be filed. The EMA and trustees are aware of the lack of support that the residences are receiving from their insurance companies.

This entire clean-up has been a community effort.

### Roads:

1. After the tornado, the road crews, trustees and many volunteers helped get the roads opened after the tornado. State Route 82 was opened on 4/17/2024. Bryant Road was opened by 1am on 4/18/2024. All the road were open!
2. There was discussion on the rear discharge mower. Brian Miller has done a lot of leg work to find a mower that will fit our tractor.

### **2024-31**

Dan Burns moved to purchase the John Deere Z930M ZTrak rear discharge mower through Hartville Hardware in the sum of \$12,369.87, Brian Miller seconded, all voting yes, motion carried.

3. The trustees discussed the salt contract for the 2024 winter. We do still have salt.

### **2024-32**

Dan Burns moved to enter into a contract with Ohio Department of Transportation for 75 tons Brian Miller seconded all voting yes, motion carried.

### Cemetery:

1. After the tornado, the big tree fell but has now been cleaned up with the help of Portage County inmates.
2. The trustees will be checking with our insurance company to see if we have any coverage for damages with the tree uprooting and destroying part of the road inside the cemetery.
3. The clean up and mowing look great and we are moving forward with the Memorial Day preparations.
4. The trustees are happy to report that no stones were damaged during the tornado.

### Zoning:

1. Jake Sweet, zoning inspector wrote 0 permits in the month of April.
2. The discussion has continued with the 2015 vs 2018 zoning book. At this moment, the 2015 zoning resolutions is filed with the Portage County Recorder. We need to be using the 2015 rules. Rich Gano has been working with both regional planning and the portage county recorder to get the current copy of the resolutions in the hands of everyone involved.
3. The zoning commission has a meeting schedule tonight to discuss the 3 footage resolution (2024-28) that reads as follows:

Dan Burns moved to decrease the lot frontage from 200ft to 150 ft, Brian Miller seconded, all voting yes, motion carried.

The trustee instructed the fiscal officer to email the resolution to Gayle Poots, the chairman of the zoning commission.

### Fire District:

1. The fire district was been able to cover most calls.
2. Dan Burns, the township representative echoed the need for another ambulance.

New Business:

2024-33

Brian Miller moved to accept the proposal from Ellerhorst Insurance of the township insurance through OTARMA Dan Burns seconded, all voting yes, motion carried.

Brian Miller discussed his request for a road study with the Ohio State Patrol on State Route 82 due to the increase in accidents. Since October 2023, 8 accidents have occurred. 1 was fatal.

The trustees was to tank everyone who came to our help! We have received so much support from Portage County EMA, Portage County Engineer, Windham Schools, neighboring towns, townships, individuals, church groups, RFC, salvation army, Windham Lions club and many many more. We could not has accomplished the clean up as quickly and effectively without all the help that everyone has provided!

Old Business:

2020 Ford F350 update, all the paperwork has been submitted to Ford and we are waiting on a date to turn the truck back over to Ford through the lemon law.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 6:44PM.

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

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Dan Burns, Chairman

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Casey M Timmons, Fiscal Officer