

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
WINDHAM TOWNSHIP
October 5, 2023

Windham Township Board of Trustees met for regular session on October 5, 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.

2023-45

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

2023-46

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

Guest:

Jake Sweet
Tricia Kendrick
Noah Kendrick
Ryan McLean
Daniel Sherriff
Becky Phillips
Todd Phillips

Tricia Kendrick expressed her gratitude in the efforts the employees take at the cemetery. She said they do a really nice job.

Roads:

Brian Miller reported that the bridge on Gotham is going to be finished. He repaired it in 2 weeks. It looks really good. They did a nice job. We need to work on the guard rails.

Brian Miller talked about the brush hog part at Bortnick. It is in and we just need to decide if we are going to purchase it. At this point they have decided to not put any more money in the road mower. The trustees would like to sell the old mower.

Cemetery:

The trustee had discussion about the resolution for trustees to reenter unused cemetery lots. We have unused lots in section D. There was discussion on what to do if someone comes forward after the publication deadline. They have tabled this matter to gather more information.

The cemetery fence is still on hold with because there are no inmates available to do this type of work.

Indigent graves discussion.

Mowers-Our mowers are over 20 years old. Rich got quotes for a new mower from S&K Sales and Service Middlefield Farm and Garden in Middlefield, Ohio. They are tabling the mower discussion for the time being. They think we can get through the season with what we got now.

Rich to order the pins to set for the new graves.

Zoning:

Substandard lots-nothing new for the zoning commission. There was no zoning commission meeting due to not enough members. The trustees are discussion on how to move forward.

2023-47

Rich Gano moved to make the following zoning resolution change regarding substandard lots and the 8-foot side yard setback by amending Section 2.12 G, Dan Burns seconded all voting yes, motion carried.

Section 2.12

G. Substandard Lot: Any lot that was platted prior to the enactment of this Resolution, that does not meet the requirements of this Resolution for yards, or other open space, may be utilized for single residence purposes, provided the necessary requirements for sanitary sewage facilities and water as established by the responsible health authority can be safely accommodated. The purpose of this provision is to permit utilization of recorded lots, which lack adequate width, depth, or area so long as reasonable living standards can be maintained.

In no case shall the side yard setback be less than 8 feet.

9092 St Rt 303, Windham Ohio 44288 Parcel # 40-045-00-00-009-009 status Rich visited the home. The property is in really bad shape. He had a hard time seeing the back of the property and obtained photos for the prosecutor.

2023-48

Rich Gano motioned to get a search warrant to the property located at 9092 St Rt 303, Windham, Ohio 44288 inside and outside by the building department, fire department and health department to determine if the property can be demolished, Dan Burns seconded motion carried.

Zoning report.

Alvin wrote 1 permit for Casey Timmons for a deck

Casey 1 permits for Kevin Wert for a deck.

Rubino property is in the process of transferring over to the township.

Fire Department:

The department is short staffed. They have been relying on coverage from Newton Falls and Community EMS.

The Village of Windham has decided to not give the fire district any funds for equipment or gear.

The fire department needs a trailer for the Gator.

Old Business:

Cats in heights. The trustees have reached out to the APL and they are not available to help with the issue.

Furnace is done. Yellow Jacket heating and Cooling LLC tested the sump pump in the basement and said that we need to get a sump pump to handle the water that gets into the basement during rains. Dan Burns to purchase one after the meeting.

New Business:

Solar Farm . We received an email from Brett Bencze from the prosecutor's office. As per R.C. 519.213, a township has the authority through 519.02 to 519.25 to confer power on a board of trustees or board of zoning appeals with respect to the location, erection, construction, reconstruction, change, alteration, maintenance, removal, use or enlargement of any small wind farm or solar facility. A small solar facility being a facility that produces less than 50 megawatts. This section allows the township to create zoning regulations with respect to the above, and for referrals to the board of zoning appeals to make any further determinations or conditions.

The trustee had so discussion on this matter and will look into this further.

Trick or Treat in the township to match the village of Windham date and time- October 29, 2023
4pm-6pm

OTA conference is February 7-9, 2024. Registration opens November 1, 2023.

2023-49

Dan Burns moved to attend (anyone on the board who is able to attend) the OTA conference February 7-9 2024, Rich Gano seconded, all voting yes, motion carried.

Executive session

2023-50

Brian Miller moved to going into executive session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) the Board of Windham Township Trustees moves into executive session to consider the employment of a public employee, Dan Burns seconded, all voting yes, motioned carried.

The trustees entered executive session at 6:30PM.

The trustees existed executive session at 6:44PM

2023-51

Rich Gano moved to hire Jacob Sweet as Windham Township Zoning Inspector, Dan Burns seconded, all voting yes, motion carried.

Todd Phillips term on Board of Zoning Appeals expires 12/31/2023. Mr. Phillips expressed that he wanted to continue on the BZA.

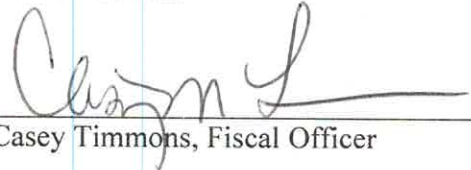
2023-52

Brian Miller moved to continue Todd Phillips BZA expiration date to 12/31/2029 Dan Burns second, all voting yes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:53PM.



Rich Gano, Chairman



Casey Timmons, Fiscal Officer