

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF POLK TOWNSHIP
CRAWFORD COUNTY, OHIO**

**Regular Meeting
December 18th, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

The board met in a regular meeting pursuant to notice in the local newspaper and called to order at 7:01 PM. by Chairman Tom Ray. The Chairman called the roll, and the following members were present: Trustees: Tom Ray, Rusty Sellman and Glenn Cheesman; Absent- Fiscal Officer Brett Young. Also attending were Zoning Inspector Rick Jeffrey.

The minutes of the regular meeting on November 20th, 2024 were read and approved. Glenn Cheesman made a motion to accept minutes and Rusty Sellman seconded the motion. The roll call Vote: Glenn Cheesman, Rusty Sellman and Tom Ray, 'aye'. Motion was passed.
meeting.

December Check Register

154-2024	Columbia Gas of Ohio	84.07	
155-2024	Auditor of State of Ohio	762.00	
156-2024	Bureau of Workers' Compensation	726.00	
157-2024	City of Galion Utilities	283.35	
158-2024	Elan Financial Services	1,941.56	
159-2024	Delta Dental	192.15	
160-2024	MedMutual Life	94.50	
161-2024	United Bank	2,420.13	
162-2024	Park National Bank	4,119.49	
163-2024	Frontier	133.65	
164-2024	Vector Security	53.71	
167-2024	OH Public Employees Deferred Comp	750.00	
168-2024	Elan Financial Services	516.00	
169-2024	Truley Nolen	65.00	
170-2024	Department of Taxation-School District	6.00	
171-2024	Treasurer of State of Ohio	275.39	
10255	Kleem Inc	157.58	
10256	City of Galion Auditor	18,331.25	
10257	Stacey Ferguson	85.00	
10258	Roderick Kinton Belfance, LLP	1,030.00	
10259	Benjamin Otto	50.00	
10260	Richard Shoup II	30.00	
10261	Jay Keller	30.00	
10262	Nancy Mousseau	120.00	
10263	Glenn Ellis Cheesman	269.70	Void

10264	Skipped Warrants	0.00
10265	Glenn Ellis Cheesman	269.70
10266	Rickey E. Jeffrey	515.88
10267	Sharon Kempf	239.94
10268	Thomas William Ray	1,009.04
10269	Russell Addison Sellman	1,009.04
10270	Brett Alan Young	1,541.11
10271	A Cut Above Tree Service	1,375.00
10272	Public Employee Retirement System	1,547.74
10273	Doug Brammer	120.00
10274	Colby Bright	30.00
10275	Bruce Heinlen	150.00
10276	Patty Rice Groth	200.00
10277	Marty Faulds	30.00
10278	Internal Revenue Services	1,465.14
10279	RITA Income, Tax (Galion City Tax)	11.55
10280	DT Electric LLC	1,571.24
10281	Cole Distributing, INC	322.99
TOTAL		43,691.69

RESOLUTION 21-2024: Rusty Sellman moved to accept the adoption of Resolution 21-2024 to approve the beginning Check No. 10255 as the check number following the last Check No. 10254 from the last months check register, Glenn Cheesman seconded the motion and the roll called with the following results; Rusty Sellman, Glenn Cheesman and Tom Ray voted ‘Aye’. So, the resolution was adopted and the motion carried.

‘2024’ Galion Fire Department Run and EMS Response Report:

<u><i>FIRE/Ems</i></u>	<u><i>Fire/EMS</i></u>	<u><i>Mutual Aid</i></u>	<u><i>Collected</i></u>
<i>January</i>	<i>4/16</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$4,864.59</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>6/16</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$6,043.83</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>7/20</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$4,076.99</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>5/16</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$4,766.83</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>2/19</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$4,410.68</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>6/25</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$3,462.48</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>5/14</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$4,155.21</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>6/14</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	
<i>September</i>	<i>6/11</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	
<i>October</i>	<i>11/29</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	
<i>November</i>	<i>7/24</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	
<i>December</i>			<i>.</i>
<i>EOY Total:</i>	<i>47/151</i>	<i>F-0/EMS- 0</i>	<i>\$31,580.61</i>

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<i>January</i>	<i>04/19</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$2,693.98</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>01/21</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$3,143.91</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>06/22</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$3,600.64</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>11/18</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$2,657.34</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>04/18</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$5,963.91</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>05/24</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$2,322.56</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>05/31</i>	<i>F-2/EMS-43</i>	<i>\$3,441.52</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>09/27</i>	<i>F-5/EMS-53</i>	<i>\$3,830.14</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>07/24</i>	<i>F-3/EMS-29</i>	<i>\$3,788.33</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>06/31</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-3</i>	<i>\$5,317.94</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>06/22</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$8,177.75</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>07/33</i>	<i>F-0/EMS-0</i>	<i>\$5,080.45</i>
<i>EOY Total:</i>	<i>71/290</i>	<i>F-10/EMS-128</i>	<i>\$50,018.47</i>

Galion millage for fire is .39% and 50%=.89% total.

EMS calls are about.60% and the Fire.40%.+

CITIZENS REQUEST/COMPLAINTS:

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Christmas Card from Mike and Tammy Grady.

Galion City Schools Junior class looking for donations

Kiwanis looking for donations for Toy Drive

Crawford County Success Center looking for donations for 2025 Scholarships

Avita Foundation looking for donations for Cancer Center bricks.

Trustees decided to not donate at this time.

John Beach submitted letter for mowing services for 2025. -This can be handled in End of Year Meeting.

OTA Legislative Alert:

Winter Conference is January 29th-31st

Township Omnibus Bill (315) – Passed the Senate, now going to the House to concur before being sent to the Governor for signature.

HB 315 includes 14 provisions that will help townships with flexibility, funding, and governing their communities more efficiently.

Senate Joint Resolution 40 State Capital Improvement Program (Public Works)- Increases funding by \$50 million to \$250 Million. 1st hearing.

HB 491: Government Expenditures (Young, Peterson) To require entities to provide information to the Government Expenditure Database.

HB 344: Property Levies, Complaints – Voted out of Committee April 30th

SB 245: Revise Laws Governing Real Property – revise laws governing eviction, real estate representation agreements, residential building code enforcement and real property transfers.

Open Dumping Grant Funding

The Ohio Attorney General's office has allocated \$1 million in grant money to address open dumping through the "Shine a Light on Dumpers" initiative. County and local governments can apply for funds to clean up dump sites and take preventative action to deter future dumping.

The application period opened on December 5 and runs through February 28, 2025, or until the money runs out. Applicants may email StopEnvironmentalCrimes@OhioAGO.gov with questions.

ZONING: Zoning Inspector (Rick Jeffrey) Report November/December 2024

Rusty Sellman brought up about Tucker's place. Discussion ensued. Trustees mentioned about getting with the Sheriff's Department and following up with them about process.

Tom also mentioned about paying a visit out to the properties on SR 19 and Monet Dr.

Glenn mentioned about keeping an eye on Cherrington/Biddle House. It is for sale now.

Tom mentioned that Jeremy Eichhorn is working on cleaning up the old Sunoco Station.

Rusty mentioned that an update on Brammer. Glenn mentioned about he has took care of some of the boats but there is still some issues with other things in the yard.

Rick mentioned that he contacted all members of the Zoning Board/Appeals to let them know they have to have their Fraud Training completed ASAP.

PROPERTIES IN NONCOMPLIANCE AFTER POSTING:

- ***Penn property on SR309.***
- ***Swalley property on Monnett New Winchester Rd***
- ***Rufus property on SR 19***
- ***Nickler property on Hosford Rd.***
- ***Aller Property on SR 19***
- ***Tucket Property Iberia Rd***
- ***Brammer Property on Greenbrier/Chiswick***

Zoning Commission Meeting Update: Meets every 2nd Monday of each quarter at 6:30 PM unless meeting is changed and advertised in the newspaper.

There being no further zoning business, the chair called for the consideration of old business.

Breaker for panel. Rusty mentioned that Dustin has ordered it and he should get it in next week to put it in. Glenn mentioned to make sure that we get it done before the end of the year so Brett can pay for it with ARPA.

Jefferson Twp road Agreement – Revisit next Meeting in January. That way all members can review the agreement before approval. Glenn made a motion to move it to January Meeting, 2nd by Rusty Sellman. Rusty Sellman, Glenn Cheesman and Tom Ray voted ‘Aye’. Motion for passed and agreement was tabled till next meeting.

Tom mentioned that the AED box is in place and at required height.

Board Members – Look to replacement for members not completed requirements as a member. ie Fraud Training. Glenn mentioned that we may want to look at replacing these individuals if they haven’t completed the training. Glenn mentioned to bring some names to the next meeting.

There being no further old business, the chair called for the consideration of new business:

Crawford Mitigation Plan Meeting – Glenn mentioned that he attended the one of December 10th. Basically, it was about creating a plan in case ie a tornado came and what the county would do. Glenn stated there will be several more meetings and he plans to attend them. Next one is

Feb 6th @ 1pm/5pm at the Crawford County Court House.

AT Mower Max – Trustees mentioned they didn’t know anything about the extra set of keys being missing or the door being broke. Tom mentioned that he had let a Maintenance Tech in to complete updates and fix recalls. He mentioned that he was waiting on a part that broke but it didn’t know what it was, possible the door

ROAD REPORT:

Glenn:

**Russell: ODOT(Railroad St) No Update; left message but haven’t heard back
Mentioned about getting the City of Galion to put signs on SR 19 but doesn’t sound like they are willing to help.**

Tom: Roads were checked and salted the other day. More Grit and Salt is on order.

The trustee certified that there was money in the funds to pay the bills.

MOTION: Glenn Cheesman moved to pay the township bills and Rusty Sellman seconded the motion, on vote: Rusty Sellman, Glenn Cheesman, Tom Ray “aye”, motion carried.

**There being no further business, Motion to adjourn meeting by Glenn Cheesman, 2nd by Rusty Sellman. On vote Glenn Cheesman, Rusty Sellman and Tom Ray, “aye”.
Motion carried.**

Adjourned @ 19:24.

Chairman Tom Ray: _____

V-C Glenn Cheesman: _____

Trustee: Russell Sellman: _____

Attest: _____

Next meeting: January 22nd, 2025