

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

**Regular Meeting  
May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
7:00 P.M.**

The board met in a regular meeting pursuant to notice in the local newspaper and called to order at 7:00 PM. by Chairman Tom Ray. The Chairman called the roll, and the following members were present: Trustees: Tom Ray, Glenn Cheesman, and Russell Sellman; Fiscal Officer Brett Young absent. Also attending were Zoning Inspector Rick Jeffrey; visitors Dan and Rachel Akers (260 Chevy Chase Dr, Galion Oh 44833), Bob Gardner (6501 E Hillgrove Rd, Galion OH 44833).

The minutes of the regular meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were read and approved. Rusty Sellman a motion to accept the minutes and Glenn Cheesman seconded the motion. The roll call was the Vote: Glenn Cheesman, Rusty Sellman and Tom Ray “aye”. Motion Passed.

**May Check Register**

|         |                                     |          |
|---------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| 48-2024 | Truley Nolen                        | 65.00    |
| 49-2024 | Thompson Reuters                    | 184.00   |
| 50-2024 | Elan Financial Services             | 376.63   |
| 51-2024 | Columbia Gas of Ohio                | 371.83   |
| 52-2024 | MedMutual Life                      | 93.45    |
| 53-2024 | Auditor of State                    | 299.30   |
| 54-2024 | Vector Security                     | 53.71    |
| 55-2024 | City of Galion Utilities            | 364.35   |
| 56-2024 | Delta Dental                        | 192.15   |
| 57-2024 | Park National Bank                  | 30.00    |
| 58-2024 | Park National Bank                  | 4,119.49 |
| 59-2024 | United Bank                         | 2,420.13 |
| 60-2024 | Spectrum Business                   | 182.13   |
| 64-2024 | Ohio Public Employees Deferred Comp | 750.00   |
| 65-2024 | Elan Financial Services             | 0.20     |
| 10112   | Ryan Lee Bash                       | 238.79   |
| 10113   | Glenn Ellis Cheesman                | 269.70   |
| 10114   | Kevin Furr                          | 85.85    |
| 10115   | Rickey E. Jeffrey                   | 515.88   |
| 10116   | Sharon Ann Kempf                    | 384.76   |
| 10117   | Arthur T. Miller                    | 174.70   |
| 10118   | Thomas William Ray                  | 1,009.04 |
| 10119   | Russell Addison Sellman             | 1,009.04 |
| 10120   | Brett Alan Young                    | 1,589.60 |

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|--------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 10121        | Cole Distributing Inc.               | 197.38           |
| 10122        | Stacey Ferguson                      | 85.00            |
| 10123        | Keller Auto Parts                    | 797.86           |
| 10124        | Huntsman Trucking, Inc.              | 360.54           |
| 10125        | National Lime & Stone                | 832.98           |
| 10126        | City of Galion Auditor               | 18,331.25        |
| 10127        | AIM Media Midwest                    | 57.25            |
| 10128        | Roderick Linton Belfance, LLP        | 1,150.00         |
| 10129        | Crawford County Township Association | 340.00           |
| 10130        | Skipped Warrant                      | 0.00             |
| 10131        | Public Employee Retirement System    | 1,699.88         |
| 10132        | Public Employee Retirement System    | 1,735.54         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                                      | <b>40,386.77</b> |

**RESOLUTION 10-2024:** Rusty Sellman moved to accept the adoption of resolution 10-2024 to approve the beginning Check No. 10112 as the check number following the last Check No. 10111 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.

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| <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>May</i>               |                        |                          |                           |
| <i>June</i>              |                        |                          |                           |
| <i>July</i>              |                        |                          |                           |
| <i>August</i>            |                        |                          |                           |
| <i>September</i>         |                        |                          |                           |
| <i>October</i>           |                        |                          |                           |
| <i>November</i>          |                        |                          |                           |
| <i>December</i>          |                        |                          |                           |
| <b><i>EOY Total:</i></b> | <b><i>22/68</i></b>    | <b><i>F-0/EMS- 0</i></b> | <b><i>\$14,985.41</i></b> |

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| <i>January</i>         | <i>04/19</i>           | <i>F-0/EMS-0</i>         | <i>\$2,693.98</i>       |

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|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <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>         |
| <b><i>EOY Total:</i></b> | <b><i>71/290</i></b> | <b><i>F-10/EMS-128</i></b> | <b><i>\$50,018.47</i></b> |

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

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

#### **CITIZENS REQUEST/COMPLAINTS:**

1. Bob Gardner, 6501 E Hillgrove Rd, Galion, attended meeting and presented complaint about potholes on E Hillgrove Road. Advised by trustees that this complaint is currently being addressed.
2. Acting on an anonymous phone call from a resident in the Chevy Chase Drive area who complained of farm animals and an offensive smell in the neighborhood. Rick Jeffrey, Zoning Inspector for Polk Twp., went to 260 Chevy Chase Drive, home of Alan and Rachel Akers to address the situation. The Akers' son answered the door and informed Rick that his parents were not home at this time. Rick left a note with the son asking the parents to call Rick's phone number.

Mr. Akers did call Rick, who informed Mr. Akers he was in violation of a "farm animals in residential area" zoning law. The interpretation of farm animals vs pets ensued. Mr. Akers requested the Section Numbers in Zoning Laws and Rick told him he could find them online.

Alan and Rachel Akers attended the May 15<sup>th</sup> Polk Twp. Meeting where the above-mentioned situation was discussed. In addition, Mr. Akers also presented a complaint against Rick Jeffrey claiming Rick addressed him during their phone conversation, by using an inappropriate name that questioned Mr. Aker's intelligence.

While discussing the farm animal situation, trustees asked Mr. Akers how many chickens, rabbits, and quail were kept on his property at 260 Chevy Chase Drive. Mr. Akers responded he had 15-20 chickens, 6 rabbits, and 30 quail.

Trustees informed Mr. Akers that circumstances surrounding this issue would be further investigated, and they would have the president of the Zoning Board review the situation as outlined in the Zoning Laws of Polk Twp. Rick Jeffrey was asked by trustees to supply Mr. Akers with the written section of zoning laws related to the present violation and additionally, to the zoning laws governing junk car violations.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Township Omnibus Bill 3rd Hearing April 23th; 4th Reading April 27th and 5th Reading May 7th-  
New Amendment includes Massage Therapy, Proof of Publication, Declare and Emergency,  
Approval of Specifications, New Board Change and Town Hall.

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.

Trustees reviewed CCTA form adding Rick Jeffrey as an affiliate member. No corrections were required. Form was approved and sent in.

**ZONING: Zoning Inspector (Rick Jeffrey) Report April/May 2024**

**4/18: Called John Brady about a shed @ 825 Biddle Rd. 419-961-3902**

**Called Eric Gustafson Appraisal Company about property in Polk Twp left msg.**

**4/22: Called Olivia Cistone @ Wayne Homes about permit info for house on corner of Biddle & Brandt. Left msg. 330-896-7611**

**4/23: Call from Linda Shere on Millsboro Rd about 2 car garage with living quarters above it. Can't do that 419-571-5959**

**Call from Eugenia Tucker about 1055 Iberia Rd. 740-251-7356**

**4/24: Called Jennifer about 1050 N. Nazor Rd property. Told her it needed to be done @ Records office.**

**4/25: Permit #00046 Mark Sabo @ 5665 St. Rt. 19; \$50 Cash**

**4/29: Text from Connie Weaver Laughbaum Dr. about fence permit requirements called Back & discussed process. 419-989-9625**

**Text from Zane Ekin on Laughbaum Dr. patio & deck info; left message.**

**5/1: A) Zoning variance meeting for Jay Vanpelt @ 540 Brookview Rd. Variance Granted.**

**B) Checked on 5935 St Rt 19 Abandoned House owners Rob & Deb Treisch @ 5909 St Rt 19.**

**C) Checked out Nickles Property @ 6337 Hosford Rd parcel#3100008635002 \$15,000 back taxes due (2018) on Auditors Radar.**

**5/6: Text from Brett about 260 Chevy Chase Dr. Resident complaint about chickens, roosters, rabbits & turkeys. Spoke with Robyn Ackers about this. Can't have in Residential area. 419-989-0327.**

**5/7: Spoke with Robyn Ackers about duck, chickens & Rabbits in residential area. Can't have farm animals in residential; Zoning regulation Ch. 11 Section D 8.13 Livestock enclosures.**

**5/14: Spoke with Kathy @ Rio Rey about 988 Biddle Rd. No leans or outstanding violations.**

**Spoke with Ray Trudeau about wanting to remove 4' fence along cemetery & put up 8' line. 6' is the max height he can do.**

**5/15: Permit #00047 Zane Ekin 561 Laughbaum Dr. Concrete patio/Deck; \$150 Check #290**

***Those listed below were posted on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September***

***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***

**Zoning Commission Meeting Update: Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

ZBA- Jay Vanpelt Variance has been granted. Written statement and form will be processed and placed on the property.

ARPA Funds – Received Quotes for Light Upgrade, Decals for Mower, Marquee above Township Hall and Awnings. Awnings are scheduled for installation in July. Money was allocated for projects and ARPA report was completed. The discussion was tabled until next meeting. Motion by Glenn Cheesman to table and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rusty Sellman. The roll call was the Vote: Glenn Cheesman, Rusty Sellman and Tom Ray “aye”. Motion Passed.

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

No new business was brought up at the meeting.

**ROAD REPORT:**

**Tom:**

**Glenn:**

**Russell:** Will talk to ODOT about Railroad Street.

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

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

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

**Adjourned @ 20:24.**

**Chairman Tom Ray:** \_\_\_\_\_

**V-C Glenn Cheesman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Trustee: Russell Sellman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Next meeting: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**