

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

**Regular Meeting  
August 21st, 2024  
7:00 P.M.**

The board met in a regular meeting pursuant to notice in the local newspaper and called to order at 7:03 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. Also attending were Zoning Inspector Rick Jeffrey; visitors Melay Noval (968 Iberia Rd), Natalie Sicclair (6718 County Line Rd) and Justin McDanial (7729 Rettig Road).

The minutes of the regular meeting on June 19th, 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: Rusty Sellman and Glenn Cheesman “aye”. Motion Passed.

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

**Resolution 13-2024: (Township Appropriation Budget): Rusty Sellman moved the adoption of resolution 13-2024 to amend Resolution 20-23: Township Annual Appropriation Resolution; retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 for the Road and Bridge (2031): from \$300,075 to \$371,075 for the payment from road damage for Millsboro and Jackson from the Insurance Settlement Claim.**

**Glenn Cheesman seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following results. Rusty Sellman, Glenn Cheesman and Tom Ray “aye”. So, the resolution was adopted and motion was carried.**

**August Check Register**

95-2024	Columbia Gas of Ohio	175.83
95-2024	Truley Nolen	65.00
96-2024	Auditor of State	697.00
97-2024	Vector Security	53.71
98-2024	Delta Dental	192.15
99-2024	City of Galion Utilities	390.11
100-2024	MedMutual Life	93.45
101-2024	Park National Bank	4,119.49
102-2024	United Bank	2,420.13

103-2024	Frontier	53.24
104-2024	OH Public Employees Deferred Comp	750.00
10182	Alexis Clevenger	175.00
10183	Ryan Lee Bash	335.59
10184	Glenn Ellis Cheesman	269.70
10185	Kevin Furr	132.07
10186	Rickey E. Jeffrey	515.88
10187	Sharon Ann Kempf	473.06
10188	Arthur T. Miller	100.78
10189	Thomas William Ray	1,009.04
10190	Russell Addison Sellman	1,009.04
10191	Brett Alan Young	1,629.22
10192	Keller Auto Parts	51.96
10193	Stacey Ferguson	85.00
10194	A&E Fire and Safety Services LLC	291.85
10195	City of Galion Auditor	18,331.25
10196	Bucyrus Road Material	71,000.00
10197	A Cut Above Tree Service	375.00
10198	John Beach	60.00
10199	Cole Distributing Inc.	624.01
10200	Public Employee Retirement System	1,732.18
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>107,021.35</b>

**RESOLUTION 14-2024:** Rusty Sellman moved to accept the adoption of resolution 14-2024 to approve the beginning Check No. 10182 as the check number following the last Check No. 10181 from the last months check register, Tom Ray seconded the motion and the roll called with the following results; Rusty Sellman 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>September</i>			

October

November

December

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**EOY Total:**                      **35/126**                      **F-0/EMS- 0**    **\$31,580.61**

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

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

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

**CITIZENS REQUEST/COMPLAINTS:**

Natalie Siclair brought up concerns about the intersection on Biddle Road and Galion New Winchester. There was an accident there on Monday. Citizen stated that she called the Galion PD and Sheriff's office about a report of how many accidents have occurred there. Board of Trustees stated they have talked to County about possible changes because of it being a county road and they have to propose changes to the county before they can be in effect. Limbs were cut down. Trustees also stated that the flashing lights on the stop signs are hard to approve. The other suggestion was rumble strips leading up to the signs as well. Citizen Noval was here for the same reason as she had seen an increase of traffic on Iberia Road. Citizen has stated that she has seen an increase of speeding, semi-trucks and vehicles running stop signs as well. Trustees stated that if roads are not certified they can't change the speed limit, so until it becomes certified they really can't do much. Trustees stated they will work more with the county and find other possible solutions to help prevent. Citizen Siclair stated she was able to contact Google to not reroute vehicles that might prevent issues from

occurring. However, legally the trustees can't deny vehicles because they pay taxes as well. The Trustees stated that they will continue to work on the issue.

Justin McDaniel requested more assistance to build a Barndominium on current property. Trustees and Zoning Inspector gave advise of separating the parcels off or having an agreement in writing stating that the older property would be torn down once the new home is livable; however, Justin is having an issue with the bank because the deed is stated with the property being 7 acres and anything less he would have to refinance with the bank. Discussion ensued on different possibilities and making the property a new address. That would have to be approved by the county and then they would have the township sign off on a form. Inspector Rick Jeffrey stated he would talk to Jeff from the Zoning Board of Appeals and see if it is possible and if there would be a need for a variation. However, the zoning code doesn't have any references for multiple dwellings on a parcel. Rick will get back to Justin about if the property can or can't before he moves forward and cost him any money.

### **GUEST SPEAKER:**

### **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

No update with the listed Bills as they have been in summer session.

### **OTA Legislative Alert:**

Township Omnibus Bill May 21, voted out of House State and Local Government Committee. Pending in the Finance Committee First reading was June 17<sup>th</sup>.

[\*\*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 30<sup>th</sup>

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 the OTA legislative papers and above information.

### **ZONING: Zoning Inspector (Rick Jeffrey) Report July/August 2024**

**7/23: Mwwt Tim Duncan @ Township to fill out permit on Hosford Rd 36x36 Barn \$75.00 fee, fence \$50.00 fee. Issued Permit #00050 pd \$125.00 Cash 7/23**

**7/30: Call from Rob Earhardt about 1357 St Rt 602, Appraiser 419-571-6365**

**8/4: Called Chad about shed left message 7901 SR 309. 740-225-5729**

**Called Dwight Peoples about covering ditch on Nazor Rd; told him needs a permit. Tile needs to be a min' 12" double wall. 419-512-4282**

**8/8: Called Michelle Ashbaugh about driveway 419-989-8668**

**8/13: Call from Dave Cass about Lot #2 on Bender Avenue. He wanted to know about City water & Sewer told him to contact Eric @ Galion.**

**Call from Bob Tuscan @ 925 Beck Rd, porch addition 419-566-0340**

**8/15: Call from Josh from Freedom Forever 54740 St Rt 19. Ground mounted Solar 614-671-2062 left message. Told him no ground mounts has to be Rooftop.**

**8/16: Called James Skeens 419-210-6152 about removal of camper on 1050 Iberia Rd.**

**8/18: A) Met with Robert Tuscan 925 Beck Rd for permit/porch sunroom 16x16 \$50.00 Check #203 Issued permit #00051 419-566-0340**

**B) Chad Cervinski permit for Accessory Building \$100.00 Check #1306. Issued permit #00052 740-225-5729**

**C) Michelle Ashbaugh permit driveway Culvert \$100.00 Cash Issued Permit #00053. 419-989-9668**

**8/19: A) Called Alvin Williams about 240 Biddle Rd 2 acres wants to building 32x40 pole barn; originally, he wanted 40x80 to big for property. 380-867-3630 1280 sqft.**

**B) Call from Tina Furr about neighbor's tree. 419-569-3780**

**C) Email from Richard Knapp about neighbors not mowing yard; Corner on Monet Dr Spoke with him.**

**8/20: Issued Driveway permit to Shannon Stamper \$100.00 Cash Permit #00054.**

**Glenn brought up about Doug Brammer on Chiswick. He has multiple boats on property. Trustees stated to have Rick go back out and talk with him and if he doesn't get through to him that they will go out and talk with him.**

***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.**

Awnings were installed and look good.

Breaker for panel. Trustee Sellman stated that the cost with the panel would be about \$10,000. Dustin stated he can get a breaker but he doesn't know if it will fix the issue. The Cost was about \$1,400 but he didn't know if he was new or refurbished. Tom stated he would prefer to put a breaker in and if they don't work he would recommend moving the computer to a different breaker. Tom stated he would ask about a warranty and go with what Dustin thinks is best. Rusty will get ahold of him and on it.

Trustees revisited the sign proposal. Trustees had issues with possible mounting. Suggestions on painting the building but painter would have the issue with the grooves as well. A brief recess was taken to go outside and think about possible solutions for issue/proposal.

Ray Trudeau Property was discussed earlier. Meeting is happening in September.

Portland Way North parcel update/request has been completed. Brett mentioned he got ahold of the contact, letter was written and taken care of the issue with the bank.

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

Crawford County Twp meeting is being held on Sept 4<sup>th</sup> @ Polk 6pm. Brett needed a tentative headcount for the meeting. Please let him know by August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Fraud Training needs to be completed by September 28<sup>th</sup>. Trustees stated they meet and watch video before next meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Bay Lights- Tom stated that they can be scrapped and go ahead and scrap them.

Equipment List- EMA contacted Brett about a list on equipment for the Township. Rusty stated after the meeting he would update the list and give it back to Brett to edit and send back to EMA.

**ROAD REPORT:**

**Tom: Mentioned Ryan's been on vacation this past month. Kevin will be off to mow this week to get caught up.**

**Glenn: Mentioned about mowing down a bit.**

**Russell: Iberia Road hasn't been mowed a second time. Rusty still hasn't heard anything back from ODOT yet about railroad street intersection. He will follow up with them. Also, on ST RT 19 signage, he hasn't heard anything back about a solution for that as well. He will follow up with that as well.**

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 Chessman 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 Chessman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rusty Sellman. On vote Glenn Chessman, Rusty Sellman and Tom Ray "aye". Motion carried.**

**Adjourned @ 20:49.**

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

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

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

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

**Next meeting: September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**