

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

**Regular Meeting  
March 20<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 7:07 PM. by Chairman Tom Ray. The Chairman called the roll, and the following members were present: Trustees: Tom Ray, Glenn Cheesman, Russell Sellman and Fiscal Officer Brett Young. Also attending were Zoning Inspector Rick Jeffrey, Guests were County Commissioner Larry Schmidt and Township Employee Ryan Bash.

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

Resolution for Transfer of Funds:

**RESOLUTION: 4-2024: Rusty Sellman moved the adoption of resolution 4-2024 to approve the transfer of funds from:**

**2021-330-380-000 to 2021-330-380-000 for \$500.00**

**2031-330-380-000 to 2031-330-380-000 for \$1,250.00**

**1000-110-549-0000 to 1000-110-380-000 for \$736.00**

**For insurance and bonding for the 2024 year Glenn Cheesman seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following results: Tom Ray, Glenn Cheesman and Russell Sellman; 'aye/nay', so the resolution was adopted and the motion was carried. Motion Passed.**

**March Check Register**

21-2024	MedMutual Life	89.13
22-2024	Elan Financial Services	724.26
23-2024	Truly Nolen	65.00
24-2024	Columbia Gas of Ohio	536.27
25-2024	Vector Security	53.71
26-2024	City of Galion Utilities	415.82
27-2024	Delta Dental	192.15
28-2024	MedMutual Life	93.45
29-2024	Spectrum Business	182.13

10070	Rinehart, Walters, Danner Insurance	736.00
10071	City of Galion Auditor	18,331.25
10072	Stacey Ferguson	85.00
10073	Crawford County Sheriff's Department	3,368.56
10074	AIM Media Midwest	107.00
10075	Crawford County Sheriff's Department	2,792.92
10076	Thomas Electric	100.00
10077	Ryan Lee Bash	167.79
10078	Glenn Ellis Cheesman	269.70
10079	Rickey E. Jeffrey	515.88
10080	Sharon Ann Kempf	256.19
10081	Thomas William Ray	1,009.04
10082	Russell Addison Sellman	1,009.04
10083	Brett Alan Young	1,589.60
10084	Public Employees Retirement System	1,598.96
10085	Ohio Public Employees Deferred Comp	750.00
10086	United Bank	2,420.13
10087	Park National Bank	500.00
10088	Rinehart, Walters, Danner Insurance	6,002.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>43,960.98</b>

**RESOLUTION: 5-2024:** Rusty Sellman moved to accept the adoption of resolution 5-2024 to approve the beginning Check No. 10070 as the check number following the last Check No. 10069 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.

<b><u>'2024'</u></b>	<b><u>FIRE/EMS</u></b>	<b><u>MUT AID</u></b>	<b><u>COLLECTED</u></b>
January	4/16	F-0/EMS-0	\$4,864.59
February	6/16	F-0/EMS-0	
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
<b>EOY Total:</b>	<b>10/32</b>	<b>F-0/EMS-0</b>	<b>\$4,864.59</b>

<b>'2023'</b>	<b>FIRE/EMS</b>	<b>MUT AID</b>	<b>COLLECTED</b>
January	4/19	F-0/EMS-0	\$2,693.98
February	1/21	F-0/EMS-0	\$3,141.91
March	6/22	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-0	\$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-135</b>	<b>\$50,018.47</b>

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

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

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Larry Schmidt (County Commissioner). Mr. Schmidt stopped by to attend and hear if there is anything going on in the township that he needed addressed. Glenn brought up a concern about the possibility for the State to change the Zoning regulations. Glenn asked Mr. Schmidt to send a letter for disapproval of this new zoning laws and regulations. Mr. Schmidt agree and he will look into sending a letter.

#### **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Brett Mentioned about the updates on the following House Bills that are in consideration but nothing has been updated on these.

Township Omnibus Bill 2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing

HB 344: Property Tax Levies, complaints. Brett mentioned this bill is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading and is going to Committee for approval.

HB 386: Phase out State Income Tax

HB 390: Excess Funds in Foreclosure Sales

HB 391: Accessible Parking

HB 419: To License Companies that Manage Traffic Cameras

Brett mentioned about LGS Conference is scheduled for March 26-28, 2024. Registrations are due on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **ZONING: Zoning Inspector (Rick Jeffrey) Report February/March 2024**

**2/29: Spoke with Charlie Nungasser @ 1325 N Market Street about 10x20 shed; told him \$150.00 fee 419-610-7322**

**3/4: Call from Mark Sabel about temporary Greenhouse 419-569-1820**

**3/8: Call from Tom about Ray Trudeau closing in ditch on Knorr Rd. Stopped out & spoke with Ray; told him needed permit to do that. 614-600-8877**

**3/9: Met Ray Trudeau at township to get culvert permit \$150.00 Cash; Also, fence permit \$50.00 Cash. Issued permit #000046 for fence.**

**Glenn brought up about HB #653 July 1999, stating that the Township can operate off the right away with tree if it presents a road hazard. He stated that the township doesn't need to get ahold of the resident and getting consent before doing work. They don't have to compensate or reimburse the landowner for any work being done as well.**

**3/16: Checked on 1055 Iberia Rd. Nothing being done with removal of fire damage & mowing; tried to contact Larry @ 419-688-9436. Left messages to contact myself.**

**Also, checked on concrete pad & covered porch permit @ 510 Chesnut Dr. Never finished permit; works done. 419-569-5531. Left a note to contact me & left voice mail as well.**

**3/19: Met Justin McDanials @ Township Hall to fill out permit for pole barn. 419-569-4383 \$100.00 CASH**

**Spoke with Cathlyn Neer @ 510 Chestnut Dr. about porch & Patio, fined them \$150.00 plus \$100.00 porch fee. Ck # 317 250.00**

**Glenn brought up about a sign on Knorr Road for Wayne Houses and if they were building anything. Rick mentioned he does have the contact information but nothing has been done with that property yet.**

**Tom brought up about the fence on Knorr Road and an issue for snow plowing and that is going to create a snow fence. His fence is within the right away so he is within his right to do the fence. Glenn mentioned is there a certain width from the property line and Rick mentioned no but he always recommends doing two feet for maintaining the property.**

**Brett brought up about 540 Brookview Rd and the ZBA hearing the variance. Rick mentioned that he has contacted Jeff Zeisler several times and hasn't received a call back or any response. Tom and Rusty stated that they will attempt to get ahold of both Jeff Zeisler and Tom Mies to see about getting this issue resolved.**

***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.**

Mower – Financials have been sent over. Review and Sign.

**RESOLUTION: 6-2024: Rusty Sellman moved the adoption of resolution 6-2024 to approve the authorizing the issuance and sale of \$215,075.00 Township Equipment Bond 2024 Glenn Cheesman seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following results: Tom Ray, Glenn Cheesman and Russell Sellman; ‘aye’, so the resolution was adopted and the motion was carried.**

Insurance – CDL Update: Brett mentioned that he spoke to John and stated that Ryan can operate a vehicle without a CDL in Emergency Situation. Trustees discussed having a resolution pertaining to an emergency situation. Tom stated that he would contact Al Schrader.

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

Brett was sworn in as Fiscal Officer for term April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027. Glenn witnessed the oath and signed off on the form.

Brett mentioned about Annexation Maps from Census Bureau being updated. Contact the County Auditor to see where the boundary line is on Railroad St. Brett mentioned that he would contact them and take care of it.

Brett brought up about the County Meeting if there was any information. Rusty mentioned that tick bites are on the up-swing. Tom mentioned that the Health Department spoke and Jette spoke about the Eclipse and to be prepared. Glenn mentioned about the County was going to send a letter for the possibly zoning changes.

Ryan brought up about possibly blowing out the traps in the truck Bay. Tom stated about pulling up the grease traps and cleaning those out. Tom stated that if we have to get Saunders

in here to blow them out to let him no. Tom mentioned over by the generator where the asphalt dumped to scrape and put some stone there.

**ROAD REPORT:**

**Tom:** Ryan has been patching. Countyline, Nazor. Cut berms this year.

**Glenn:** Glenn stated about getting the list of roads for 2025.

**Russell:** Stated there might be a stop ahead on Biddle Road heading south by Galion New Winchester. The county was going to replace and put another one in.

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

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

**Adjourned @ 8:19**

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

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

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

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

**Next meeting: May 17th, 2024 @ 7pm.**