

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BIG ISLAND TOWNSHIP
MARION COUNTY OHIO
MINUTES OF MEETING – April 11, 2017

The board held a regular meeting on April 11, 2017 at the Township Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by the chairman, Clyde Sappington. The Fiscal Officer, Penny Fogle called the roll, and the following members and guests were present:

Chairman	Clyde Sappington	Guest	Joan Kasotis-Co. Auditor
Trustee	Philip Schaber	Guest	Diane Watson
Trustee	Robert Handley		(Marion Tallgrass Board Member)
Fiscal Officer	Penny Fogle	Guest	Dave Starner
Guest	Steve Miller	Guest	JoAnn LeMaster
Guest	Craig Hibner- OTARMA		

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved by Clyde Sappington, the Chairman and the Board.

The Fiscal Officer presented to the Board the information required necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation for the benefit of Big Island Township for the purpose of providing an adequate amount needed for Big Island Townships Renewal Fire Levy. Philip Schaber moved for the adoption of a “Renewal Fire Levy” and Robert Handley seconded the motion to adopt said Resolution. On the roll call being called, the vote results were as follows: Clyde, Phil, and Robert, Yea. Motion to Adopt passed.

Guest and Marion County Auditor Joan Kasotis, was in attendance and presented the “Levy Certification”, as required for a “Renewal Fire Levy.”

The Fiscal Officer than requested a motion for the second Resolution, as required by law for the “Renewal Fire Levy.” Philip Schaber moved for the adoption of a “Renewal Fire Levy” and Clyde Sappington seconded the motion to adopt said Resolution. On the roll call being called, the vote results were as follows: Clyde, Phil, and Robert, Yea. Motion to Adopt passed. **The Fiscal Officer will have signed by the Asst. Prosecuting Attorney and deliver to the Marion Co. Elections Board.

Guest Joan Kasotis reported there would be a large Re-value of R/E Tax's for 2019 – effective 2020. Information was also discussed concerning the CAUV and her first “Auditor’s Sale”, where all 7 properties sold.

Guest Diane Watson and Dave Starner were present to discuss the Marion Tallgrass Trails: there was conversation concerning Safety of the walkers & riders on the trails. Dave Starner stated he had spoken with Phil Schaber March 31st concerning the additional “Signage” and placement of this signage – one sign was moved per request by Phil and Phil moved the other due to Equipment and Mowing concerns. The New Sign Proposal was for Herr and Espyville Rd.....placed 100 yards back as discussed. A motion was made by Bob Handley to allow for this “New Signage” placement and seconded by Clyde Sappington. All voted: Yea! Motion carried.

Diane Watson also reported the Trail is at 10.3 miles long, with only 3 miles to reach the Hardin Co. Line at Riley Rd. She also introduced “Marion Made”, the people-product-places program being introduced in Marion Co. along with the book “This is Where You Belong” which gives a perspective of what they are trying to accomplish. It is to be read and passed along.

Guest JoAnn LeMaster stated she was still very upset concerning the grave stones at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Discussion followed.

Guest Craig Hibner from OTARMA came to present information as requested by the Board, concerning the Auto & Liability Policy Renewal for 2017. Much information was presented and discussed and the Board was directed to contact KLA with cemetery concerns. It was also reported the Township should be receiving their Capital Distribution Rebate soon and to remember to submit their purchases for the MORE Grant.

Steven Miller reported he was continuing to fill in Graves with fill dirt, but the ground was still pretty wet. He reported a lot of sinkage this year. He also reported he would be replacing the Weed Eater/Trimmer, as requested by the Board.

Phil Schaber reported he was going to get started checking the Roads – and would contact vendors for estimates.

The Fiscal Officer verified with the Board members that they had received their copies of the Audit/AUP Contract and had had time to review. The estimated cost of the AUP was for \$2665. Bob Handley made a motion to

accept said contract and was seconded by Phil Schaber. Roll was called after no further discussion: Clyde, Phil and Bob, Aye. Motion was passed.

The Fiscal Officer reported that she had re-appropriated funds as required to re-instate the Medical Insurance Reimbursement Program, using the Health Reimbursement line items.

The Fiscal Officer reported she had contacted the Social Security Office regarding error corrections on the W-2's regarding line items 16-17, regarding State Taxes Withheld. Completed as instructed and mailed to those whom it involved.

The Fiscal Officer reported she had received an e-mail requesting information regarding residence 1609 Prospect Upper Sandusky Rd., and whether there were any outstanding violation & unpaid bills – the Fiscal Officer reported none that the Township was aware of. **Received from owner – Federal Home Loan Mortgage.

The Fiscal Officer reported to Philip Schaber that regarding his request of transfer of said cemetery lots – he would need to produce the Deed – the Fiscal Officer reported her research and was unable to locate due to age of the original Deed. **Salem Cemetery

The Fiscal Officer reported that she had looked into the statements made by Matthew DeTemple at the Marion County Dinner Meeting, and that said comments were made due to the Newly Elected President Trump possibly dumping Obama Care and the ACA – per Lavon Verity, which to this date had not happened. The Fiscal Officer also reported while attending the Marion County Fiscal Officer's Dinner Meeting – the subject was brought up and the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney stated to move forward with the re-instatement as previously communicated by his office. As long as the Township has chosen not to procure a Health Care Plan and has chosen to reimburse its Officers for out of pocket premiums, within the monetary guidelines set forth by law, we can re-instate per the Board's decision.

The Fiscal Officer reported she would be attending the Local Governments Conference in Columbus, Ohio April 12-13, as required by the AOS Office.

The Fiscal Officer reported she would also be attending the Marion County Fiscal Officers Dinner Meeting April 20th at 5:30pm, at the Pleasant Sr. Center.

The Fiscal Officer reported she would make contact with the Local 4-H groups interested this year in Road side Clean-up and coordinate the roads they will be responsible for. Phil Schaber reported the Prime Ribbons are interested again this year.

The Fiscal Officer reviewed all other mailings with the Board. *See attachments for further information.

The Fiscal Officer read her report of township accounts and transactions since the previous meeting. Receipts and disbursements reviewed and signed off by the trustees. Clyde Sappington moved to accept the disbursements for the current month. Motion seconded by Phil Schaber. Roll was called after no further discussion: Clyde, Phil and Bob, Aye. Motion was passed. The report was accepted and is attached to the minutes.

The Fiscal Officer reminded the Board that the next Meeting would be Tuesday May 9th at the township hall at 7pm.

There being no further business, Robert Handley moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Phil Schaber and meeting was adjourned at 9:24pm.

Date: April 11, 2017

Chairman _____ Fiscal Officer _____
Trustee _____ Trustee _____

