

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BIG ISLAND TOWNSHIP
MARION COUNTY OHIO
MINUTES OF MEETING – March 24, 2017

The board held a regular meeting on March 24, 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	Cem. Sexton	Tim Noggle
Trustee	Philip Schaber	Guest	Steve Miller
Trustee	Robert Handley	Guest	Larry Williams (NV)
Fiscal Officer	Penny Fogle	Guest	John Beard

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

Bob Handley submitted 3 Application for Zoning Certificate's #219/Keith Votah, #220/Bob Lawrence and #221/Mr. Ramage along with \$60 in fees collected.

Guest John Beard came to discuss culvert concerns on his property on Decliff Big Island Rd. – supplied a picture of improper placement. The Board stated the Township has no jurisdiction, the Board requested he contact the County Engineer's Office (Easley's have an easement for farm equipment). He also stated his concerns about junk car's and garbage in yards – the Board stated the Zoning Insp. would be addressing those issues as the weather breaks.

Larry Williams from New Vision Fire & Rescue presented to the Board an updated Fire Contract due to verbiage corrections per the State Fire Marshalls Office (Medical First Responder changed to Medical Response). Phil Schaber made a motion to accept said changes per the Fire Contract for New Vision Fire & Rescue for 2017. Motion seconded by Bob Handley. Roll was called after no further discussion: Clyde, Phil and Bob, Aye. Motion was passed.

Larry also reported several fires including a camper at Hickory Grove Campground. Larry also confirmed notice MARCS Grant was denied for 2017.

Tim Noggle reported more cemetery stones are getting moved and he feels a need for a security light at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Board stated that would be AEP and requested Tim to look into. He also reported he and Steve will be removing several Cyprus trees due to their leaning and causing further damage to stones. Clyde stated the Ridgedale Lions Club would like to add flower boxes at the Conley Thompson Cemetery – Clyde will have them contact Tim Noggle to determine the feasibility. Phil Schaber requested how he could transfer open cemetery lots left from his grandfather Frank Schaber in the 1930's - The Fiscal Officer to look into.

Phil Schaber reported the backhoe is at Fremont Automotive being repaired – battery wiring issues.

Phil Schaber reported the Flags placed at the Espyville Bridge have been stolen over the winter and will need replaced.

Phil Schaber brought up the discussion of Undercoating the New 2017 Snow Plow Truck – the estimates reported in October 2016 were \$450 to include annual preventative maintenance checks for 3-4 years at \$49 per yr. Bob Handley made a motion to have the Undercoating completed along with the PM's as stated. Motion seconded by Phil Schaber. Roll was called after no further discussion: Clyde, Phil and Bob: Aye. Motion was passed.

Robert Handley moved a motion to newly appoint Denny Polter to the Zoning Commission Board for a five year term. Seconded by Philip Schaber. Being no other nominations, all voted: Yea! Motion carried.

Clyde Sappington reported that a resident on Conley Thompson South contacted him concerning some trees hanging over the road. The Board to look into.

Steve Miller requested the need to replace the stolen Weed Eater from this past season. Phil Schaber made a motion to have Steve Miller purchase for the Township a New Replacement Weed Eater for Cemetery Care. Motion seconded by Clyde Sappington. Roll was called after no further discussion: Clyde, Phil and Bob: Aye. Motion was passed.

Bob Handley reported he had tried contacting Wendy Fox regarding a variance for an Adam Lester at 1679 Prospect Upper Sand. Rd. (6ft. Easement) – and was unable to, so he will contact Jerry Yancey on his return.

Phil Schaber reported the PM's have all been completed in preparation for the season – including the Lawn Mowers which Steve Miller completed. He also reported that David Stewart will be completing some blacktopping and filling in pot holes for the Township starting next month.

Clyde Sappington moved a motion to accept the Annual Township Highway System Certification for 2017, at 16.374 township road miles. Motion was seconded by Phil Schaber. Roll was called after no further discussion: Clyde, Phil and Bob, Aye. Motion was passed.

Phil Schaber reported that the 1996 Ford 800 Truck, Bed, Hydraulic Hoist along with the Donovan Tarp Truck Bed & 1981 Gledhill Snow Plow/Front Hitch were sold to a township in West Virginia – effective 3/7/17 for \$9500.00. Contact representative was a Ron Thornberry (740) 757-2234. **The Fiscal Officer reported the Inventory List has been updated and reported to OTARMA.

The Fiscal Officer confirmed the New Plates & Registration were received from the BMV for the 2017 F-550 Diesel and were given to the Board to be updated.

The Fiscal Officer reported that the Marion County Township Association Dinner/Meeting was held Wednesday March 8 at 6:00pm at the Salem United Methodist Church. Clyde, Phil and Bob were all in attendance and it was much appreciated. **The Board reported that Matthew DeTemple was at the Meeting and did not recommend reinstating the Reimbursement of Medical Insurance? The Fiscal Officer will review and confirm this information.

The Fiscal Officer reported there had been a survey request from the United Way 2-1-1 Agency – which was completed by the Fiscal Officer. She passed along the information as news worthy, for the Spring Newsletter.

The Fiscal Officer reviewed information regarding the Celebrate Marion Gala – contact information given, if interested.

The Fiscal Officer reviewed information regarding Skywarn Training to be held at Tri-Rivers – contact information given, if interested.

The Fiscal Officer reported she had received an e-mail from Gary Walters from Rinehart Insurance regarding discussing Auto/Liability options. The Board requested she contact him for a late Fall Meeting to discuss options.

The Fiscal Officer reported she had submitted a Public Records request for the Department of Commerce March 27th, 2017, as requested.

The Fiscal Officer requested approval to attend the Local Government Conference April 12-13, 2017 in Columbus Ohio. Phil Schaber made a motion to approve and pay expenses for the Fiscal Officer to attend the Annual Local Government's Conference. Bob Handley seconded the motion. All voted: Yea! Motion carried.

The Fiscal Officer reported that Jeff Beck had contacted her concerning the townships "Annual Web Hosting Fee" which was due for 2017 and would cost \$155.40. Bob Handley made a motion to renew the Web Host contract. Philip Schaber seconded the motion. Roll was called after no further discussion: Clyde, Phil and Bob Aye. Motion passed.

The Fiscal Officer reported she had been contacted by the AOS Audit Department – and that she was finalizing preparation for the Audit/AUP as instructed. She reported she could have records ready for inspection at the Marion County building by the 1st of April. Contract is forthcoming.

The Fiscal Officer requested the Medical Insurance documentation as required to re-instate the Reimbursement Program. There was much discussion as to reimbursing Primary and/or secondary coverage, in the case of being retired. Quarterly Medical Insurance Reimbursements will take effect starting in April 2017, after review of the comments made at the Marion Township Dinner Meeting by Matthew De Temple.

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 April 11th at that township hall at 7pm, with the OTARMA representative attending.

There being no further business, Robert Handley moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Phil Schaber and meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.

Date: March 24, 2017

Chairman _____ Fiscal Officer _____
Trustee _____ Trustee _____