

Trustee Special Meeting – Work Session  
March 8, 2022

Chairman Augustine called the Special Meeting of the Hinckley Township Board of Trustees to order at 9:30 a.m. on March 8, 2022. Present were Trustees Augustine, Ascherl and Swedyk, Fire Chief Grossenbaugh, Police Chief Centner, Road Superintendent Mike Behary, one resident in person and four residents remote via Zoom.

Ms. Augustine stated the purpose of the Special Meeting was to hold a work session.

### **FIRE**

Chief Grossenbaugh stated he will have a request for equipment to support the department's Jaws of Life unit. He may also have a May training opportunity request that he is obtaining additional information on.

### **ZONING**

Zoning Inspector Tom Wilson informed the Trustees that a Conditional Use request will be heard on March 9, 2022 and a Variance request for a pool location is pending.

### **SPECIAL GUESTS**

Angie Sullivan and Matt Martin from the Medina County Engineer's Office were present to answer Trustee questions regarding road maintenance and the Township subdivision standards.

Mr. Behary stated that he would like to widen future roadways to ease plowing, he added he would like to see three alternative options for developers included in the Township subdivision standards. His suggestions included curbing alternatives and the use of asphalt; rather than concrete.

Discussion ensued as to the differences in the durability of asphalt (20 years) v. concrete (50 years) based on the current standards. Further discussion on allowing cul-de-sac islands resulted in Mr. Martin stating that Hinckley and Montville were the only Townships in Medina County with cul-de-sacs. He cited drainage concerns and maintenance issues as the reason why this was the case.

Discussion continued as to the recent bids received for the Township's 2022 paving projects, these bids will need to be rejected since they were in excess of 10% of the Engineers Estimate. Angie informed the Trustees she will re-estimate and provide to the Trustees to re-bid.

The Trustees will hold a public meeting for Valley Brook residents in anticipation of the concrete replacement project proposed for this area in summer of 2022. The Township will coordinate this effort with the Engineers Office.

### **SERVICE**

Mr. Behary stated that he has received bids in excess of \$7,000 for the two town hall exterior doors, this cost does not include the additional key fob access system the Trustees wanted.

### **TRUSTEES**

Ms. Ascherl stated a resident had approached her about purchasing the old stone from Maple Hill Cemetery. After a brief discussion it was decided not to publicly bid the stone for sale, but to keep it for future use.

Mr. Swedyk asked Mr. Behary about Salem Court cul-de-sac drainage issue. Mike will go with his crew to assess what can be done to alleviate the flooding.

Mr. Swedyk added that the east wall of the former fire station project language has been amended and will be formally put out for bid at the March 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Trustee Meeting. He has also spoken to the Prosecutor's Office and exit interviews cannot be done in Executive Session; therefore, they will be done by the departmental liaison and shared with the other trustees.

Mr. Swedyk is working with Sergeant Schroll on software additions to the Township diesel pumps that will assist in complying with the Auditor of State fuel usage directives. He has an estimated cost of \$4,000.00 to add a camera to the location if that may be necessary.

Ms. Augustine brought up Mr. Behary's suggestion of fleet fueling. Mr. Swedyk replied that this would require employees to go offsite to fuel up and that currently we are purchasing fuel by the truckload at a lower cost than at the pump.

Ms. Augustine discussed the following:

- She will seek an outside source for information and fees on updating the current Hinckley Township Non-Union Employee Manual
- The website scope of work is ready to forward to the three vendors. It was agreed to invite them to the April 12, 2022 work session to discuss their proposal
- The Township will consider a clean-up day in coordination with Medina County programs
- The police building donation may be used in whatever manner the Trustees determine is best.
- A quote for a hand-held microphone and a lapel microphone from BNT will be requested, primarily for larger meetings such as the Comprehensive Plan Audit Steering Committee.

Ms. Augustine asked about potential Township liability due to the police and fire department's assisting a Veteran's Aide group in identifying individuals who may need assistance. Ms. Ascherl replied that it is her understanding that the Township departments

are only forwarding the names of individuals who may benefit from this organization. She will contact the head of the organization to confirm.

Ms. Ascherl stated she would like to clarify a comment made by Ms. Augustine regarding Mr. Schmidt's reply as to adding additional steering committee members. She felt that she had clearly communicated Mr. Schmidt's reply to this question to the other two Trustees. Ms. Augustine responded that she was only repeating what OHM Advisor, Arthur, had called her and told her.

Ms. Ascherl complimented Ms. Augustine on her March 1, 2022 PowerPoint presentation on the steering committee selection process but stated that she felt personal comments made at that meeting by Ms. Augustine against Protect Hinckley were inappropriate and put individuals in the community on the defensive.

Ms. Augustine defended her position and stated she has no problem adding additional steering committee members. Ms. Augustine defended her position and stated that she was acknowledging the data shared and showed her support to the committee. She does not represent just one group but all citizens. Further, she has no problem adding additional steering committee members and stated so at the previous work session. She requested that the board move forward collectively.

Steering Committee Alternate Cindy Engleman stated she sees no harm in the new Board of Trustees adding a few more members since the former Board added the current committee. She also stated that she is on the steering committee, and she does not know most of the committee. She was one of the people that answered some of the questions in a broad manner and felt that Protect Hinckley could not just look at yes or no answers. She stated that you want people with an open mind on the committee, that didn't just answer yes or no to the application questions.

Mr. Swedyk asked if adding more members will fix the current perception of the committee selection process. He added that Mr. Schmidt is doing a great job facilitating the effort. Discussion as to the process of choosing three new members ensued. It was determined that the Trustees will review the applications and each choose three applications. The final nine will be reduced to three by the Board.

Ms. Augustine made a motion to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH-yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

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