

Trustee Regular Meeting  
October 18, 2022

Chairman Augustine called the meeting of the Hinckley Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. on October 18, 2022. Present were Trustees Augustine, Ascherl and Swedyk, Service Superintendent Mike Behary and Fire Chief Grossenbaugh. 28 residents attended in person and 3 attendees via Zoom.

All present pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Augustine made a motion to approve the following meeting minutes. Seconded by Ascherl

- October 4, 2022 Regular Meeting, as amended - Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes
- September 13, 2022 Special Meeting for the purpose of a Work Session - Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-abstain

### **SPECIAL GUEST**

Debbie Kubena-Yatsko from the Medina County Health Center presented information regarding the upcoming Medina County Health Department renewal levy.

### **FIRE**

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to adopt **Resolution #101822-01** approving a one-year annual program for Stryker ProCare Services in the amount of \$13,191.70 for two (2) stair chairs, two (2) Power-Loads, two (2) power cots, two (2) LifePak 15s and two (2) Lucas. Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Chief Grossenbaugh presented the third-quarter fire department report which included; 138 EMS calls; 45 fire-related calls. There have been 567 year to date.

Chief Grossenbaugh informed the audience that Issue 24 is a 5-year renewal and is not a new tax, Issue 25 is a new tax will cost \$35.00 per \$100,000 valuation. If approved Issue 25 will go toward 3-man staffing

### **SERVICE**

Mr. Behary informed the Trustees that the F250 truck ordered in 2021 is almost ready. The current vehicle used by Mr. Behary was brought into Liberty Ford to estimate the trade-in value and resulted in a reduced purchase price.

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to purchase the F250 as quoted from Liberty Ford to include the trade-in of the Ford Interceptor (\$4,250.00) which reduces the purchase price to \$29,771.52. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

### **ZONING**

Ms. Augustine informed the audience that the Zoning Commission will continue a Public Hearing for proposed map and text amendments on November 3, 2022.

She added that the Zoning Department will begin reaching out to local business owners to compile a list of tenants and uses in the buildings. This will be helpful to determine whether change of use permits may be required.

### **CEMETERY**

Ms. Augustine raised the question whether the Trustees felt the need to sign cemetery deeds during a regular meeting, or if the deeds can be signed outside of the regular meeting. It was decided in order to expedite the deeds they be signed outside of the regular meeting.

The Trustees reviewed and signed a Maple Hill Cemetery Deed for Piero.

### **TRUSTEES**

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to adopt **Resolution #101822-03**, authorizing the fiscal officer to forward \$636.20 to Kimble for the Hinckley Township Unpaid Trash 2021, T1600I-2nd half 2021 property taxes in accordance with Paragraph 6.1 of the contract: any delinquent charges that are collected pursuant to ORC 505.31(B) specific to assessments are set out. \$209.43 are from 2020 and \$426.77 from 2nd half 2021. The additional \$36.39 in penalties collected by the Auditor's Office will be receipted into the General Fund. Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Ascherl reminded the audience that Kimble will be assessing customers a quarterly fuel surcharge for the August/September/October (7.83 per quarter) and a to be determined amount for the fourth quarter. The surcharge is to begin with the November billing cycle. The surcharge is in accordance with the contract terms between Kimble and Hinckley Township.

Ms. Ascherl added that the annual Kimble opt-out will begin November 2 at 9:00 a.m. and ends November 4 at noon. No opt-out applications will be accepted prior to November 2 and all applications must be submitted electronically. The opt-out form is available on the Township website. Ms. Augustine reminded the audience that the applications are time stamped, any submission prior to the 9:00 a.m. start time will not be accepted.

Ms. Ascherl discussed the need for administrative office personnel to be provided additional training on maintaining the Township website. Discussion as to what support packages Proximity Marketing could provide on a contracted basis were discussed, the company does not provide a month-to-month service. It was decided that additional training as needed would be a better way to go.

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to hire Proximity Marketing an amount not to exceed \$125.00 for one additional hour of website training. Augustine second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Ascherl informed the audience that the Hinckley Township Ohio YouTube site is available to view Township meetings, a link is available on the Township website. Ms. Ascherl discussed some recent technical difficulties with recording the Zoom meetings. It was suggested that password changes should be made to see if this alleviates the problem

Ms. Ascherl had spoken to Bethany Dentler who indicated that she has not received a response from Discount Drug Mart regarding the CRA terms agreed upon by the Trustees. She indicated that late winter or early spring would be the earliest something would be heard.

Ms. Ascherl discussed a recent communication from Ms. Peterlin requesting an increase in pay for Ms. Rotundo. Ms. Ascherl stated that the position has changed over the past few years due to the demands of the office which include Kimble. She suggested that a new job description should be developed in anticipation of wage discussions at the January Organizational Meeting. The Trustees complimented Ms. Rotundo on her efforts to date. Mr. Swedyk agreed that the needs of the role continues to change. Ms. Augustine added that the skills required for maintaining the website should receive a wage increase as they are outside the scope of work for the position. Further discussion as to the role of Ms. Rotundo and Ms. Peterlin continued with a determination that further discussion would occur in a future executive session.

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to approve reimbursing Patrolman Shawn Landis a bi-annual payment of \$1,200.00 in lieu of Hinckley Township health insurance in accordance with the OPBA Hinckley Patrolmen's Collective Bargaining Agreement. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to adopt **Resolution #101822-04**, which approves the Hinckley Township Fuel Usage Monitoring Policy effective October 17, 2022 in accordance with the Ohio Auditor of State's recommendation. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Mr. Swedyk informed the Trustees that he supported a new roof for the townhall and the addition of solar technology as a use of ARPA funds. Ms. Ascherl is working with a company to provide an estimate on the benefits of solar technology for the four township buildings. Ms. Augustine would also like to see a new roof and windows for the town hall. She maintained she would like to use the funds for a waterline extension and shared a concern that city water is necessary for local businesses to maintain their fire suppression system.

Further discussion ensued as to the cost benefit of using the ARPA funds to extend the waterline.

Mr. Swedyk added the following:

1. Mr. Gibson is reviewing the options for the signage of the property he has donated to the Township.
2. A reply in response to the OTARMA risk management assessment that occurred earlier in the year has been prepared by Mr. Swedyk
3. It was agreed to reach out to the police unions to begin negotiations

Ms. Augustine shared a news article regarding actions by Strongsville in investigating a I-71 interchange at Boston Road. She suggested the Trustees make a resolution opposing the proposed interchange in order to alleviate traffic in Hinckley. Mr. Swedyk stated that he feels an additional interchange would be a benefit and alleviate traffic on Hinckley. Ms. Ascherl stated she supports opposing the future interchange citing her concern as to increased theft for business at Bennett's Corners. Following a lengthy discussion further defining the negative outcomes of the proposed interchange; which included a potential increase in crime within the Hinckley area. Ms. Augustine made the following amended motion:

Ms. Augustine made a motion to approve **Resolution #101822-02,**  
**OPPOSING THE PROPOSED INTERCHANGE ON**  
**INTERSTATE 71 AT BOSTON ROAD**

WHEREAS: The City of Strongsville has engaged an engineering firm to perform feasibility and traffic studies for a new interchange on Interstate 71 at Boston Road (the "Interchange").

WHEREAS: The proposed Interchange will increase vehicular and large industrial traffic on West 130th Street in Hinckley Township.

WHEREAS: The proposed Interchange will result in increased roadway maintenance, repair and replacement costs to Hinckley Township relative to Boston West 130th Street and other roadways in Hinckley Township.

WHEREAS: The proposed Interchange will negatively impact Hinckley Township residents, including those residents in the vicinity of the proposed Interchange and is a threat to the safety of residents and businesses in Hinckley Township.

WHEREAS: THE HINCKLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY  
RESOLVES:

SECTION 1: This Board does hereby declare its opposition to the proposed interchange on Interstate 71 at Boston Road.

SECTION 2: That the Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Strongsville City Council, City of Strongsville Mayor Thomas Perciak, Ohio State Representative Thomas F. Patton, Medina County Commissioners, and Ohio Department of Transportation Director Jack Marchbanks.

SECTION 3: That this Resolution is hereby declared to be a measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, and safety and for the additional reason that this Board wants to express its opposition to the proposed Interchange.

Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH: yes; S=yes; AUG: yes

Ms. Augustine made a motion to assign Fiscal Officer Catherwood as the Administrator for the National Opioid Settlement funds. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH: yes; S=yes; AUG: yes

Ms. Augustine stated that the Hinckley Chamber of Commerce would like to install temporary signage on Township property for the Hinckley Chamber Tree Lighting event. It was decided that if the Chamber was granted multiple event signage, others would also, resulting in difficulties in granting and denying these types of requests. It was determined that the Chamber request cannot be granted.

Ms. Augustine presented a donation request from Feeding Medina County, it was agreed that the Township would not provide a donation.

Augustine reminded the audience that there will be an informational meeting with representatives of the Cleveland MetroParks and the Medina County Park System on October 19 at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about land donations and preservation opportunities. She added that Community Trick-or-Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, at 4:00 p.m. in the center of town.

**FISCAL OFFICER**

Ms. Augustine stated the fund status is \$6,864,870.55.

Ms. Augustine made a motion to pay the bills/payroll in the amount of \$193,677.73.  
Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH=yes, S=yes, AUG=yes

**PUBLIC**

Karl Kastl informed the Trustees that many property/business owners in the Township want water.

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Jim Larson recommended that property owners who want water should submit a petition of commitment to Medina County based on a determination of what the actual cost of water will be. Ms. Augustine replied that the cost information is on the Medina County website.

Ms. Augustine made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH=yes, S=yes, AUG=yes

The Board reviewed and signed purchase orders, payroll and bills.

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