

Trustee Regular Meeting  
January 3, 2023

Chairman Swedyk called the meeting of the Hinckley Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:41 p.m. on December 20, 2022. Present were Trustees Swedyk, Ascherl and Augustine, Fiscal Officer Catherwood, Police Chief Centner, Service Superintendent Mike Behary and Fire Chief Grossenbaugh. 11 residents attended in person.

All present pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to pay the bills/payroll in the amount \$173,547.19. Augustine second. Vote: ASCH=yes, S=yes, AUG=yes

Ms. Augustine made a motion to approve the December 20, 2022 Records Commission Special Meeting Catherwood second. Vote: AUG=yes, C=yes

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to approve the following:

- December 20, 2022 Special Meeting for the purpose of an organizational work session
- December 13, 2022 Special Meeting for the purpose of a work session

Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S=yes, AUG=yes

### **POLICE**

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to approve the emergency replacement of the Sally Port heater through Precision Mechanical at a total cost of \$2,925.00 (includes service call and heater replacement). Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S=yes, AUG=yes

Resident Richard Pearl asked Chief Centner if there have been any littering tickets issued by the Hinckley Police Department. Chief Centner responded that there have been two or three littering tickets issued over the years of his tenure.

Resident Don Gratzler requested Chief Centner set up a meeting to discuss speeding within the Arborcrest subdivision. Chief Centner indicated he has been communicating with the former HOA President and will increase patrolling the subdivision for speeding.

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to approve training for Sergeant Singleton to attend a Glock Armorer's Course in North Canton on February 23, 2023 at a total cost of \$250.00. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S=yes, AUG=yes

### **FIRE**

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to adopt **Resolution #10323-02**, appointing Trustees Ascherl and Swedyk, Fire Chief Grossenbaugh, Acting Assistant Chief Shawn Barrett and Police Chief David Centner to the Firefighter Dependency Fund for 2023. Augustine second. Vote: ASCH=yes, S=yes, AUG=yes

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Ms. Ascherl made a motion to move Firefighter/Paramedic Noah Milleman from the Basic EMT pay of \$15.76/hr. to the Paramedic rate of \$18.54/hr. effective January 8, 2023. Augustine second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to approve preventative maintenance of four (4) auto extrication tools through Howell Rescue Systems at a total cost of \$1,396.50. Augustine second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Ascherl discussed approving Acting Assistant Chief Shawn Barrett to Assistant Chief at the first Trustees meeting in February. Ms. Augustine suggested the Trustees discuss this appointment further in a future Executive Session.

### **TRUSTEES**

Ms. Augustine requested the Trustees amend the Zoning Fee Schedule, approving the addition of a \$75.00 fee for all fence permits. Current fence permits are no-fee. Fiscal Officer Catherwood indicated her opposition to this fee due to the concern that additional thought should be put into this decision to avoid unintended consequences. Ms. Augustine indicated that Zoning Inspector Wilson was dedicating time into the fence permitting process and the fee should be assessed. The Trustees tabled the Zoning Fee Schedule amendment request.

The Trustees discussed scheduling interviews for the two Zoning Commission alternate positions and one Board of Zoning Appeals alternate position. Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 was tentatively set to interview the candidates.

Ms. Augustine made a motion that all pay rates approved at the 2023 Organizational Meeting shall be effective for the January 17, 2023 payroll. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH-yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Ascherl discussed modifying the Administrative Office hours to account for Ms. Rotundo's role and willingness to work later than 2:00 p.m. Ms. Ascherl proposed Ms. Rotundo's work the following:

Monday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday: Off (or if needed, can come in or work remotely, if applicable)

Friday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Further discussion regarding Ms. Rotundo's ability to work on the website remotely continued with no decision being made at this time on the remote work or the modified schedule.

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to approve the annual Zoom renewal at a cost of \$149.90 per year. Augustine second. Vote: ASCH-yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Ascherl discussed calls to the Township regarding the Township Senior Snow Plow Program. She explained that the program was not available last year due to the lack of interest in available snowplow contractors. Efforts to restart the program were not undertaken for the current season due to the former availability problems. It was agreed that efforts will begin late summer of 2023 to reach out to snowplow drivers to see if the program may become feasible in future years.

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to approve membership in the Greater Akron Chamber in the amount of \$440.00 annually. This membership is required to obtain the best Medical Mutual insurance for the Township. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH-yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Mr. Swedyk informed the Trustees that he would be meeting with legal counsel on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 to review the Police Sergeants Collective Bargaining Agreement proposal.

**FISCAL OFFICER**

Mrs. Catherwood stated the fund status is \$5,919,529.57

**PUBLIC**

Resident Cindy Engelman asked when she would be sworn in as a Zoning Commission member. Ms. Augustine responded at the next meeting on January 5, 2023.

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 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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