

TROY TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2023

Regular Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM by Trustee Morris.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call:

Present: Trustees; Earl Lehner, Doug Price, Troy Morris

Also present: Fiscal Officer; Tracy Parsons, Cemetery Sexton; Dale Woods, Zoning Inspector; Richard Lehner; Zoning Inspector Assistant; Michael Endsley

Approval of Agenda:

Trustee Lehner motioned to approve the January 17, 2023, agenda. Trustee Price seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All voting yes, the motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Trustee Price motioned to approve the December 12, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes. Trustee Lehner seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All voting yes, the motion passed.

Trustee Lehner motioned to approve the January 7, 2023, Organizational Meeting Minutes. Trustee Price seconded the motion.

Open Public Comments

No open comments to report

Guest

Josh Adams and Jay Sell from Aspen Energy introduced themselves and requested to open discussions to see if there is any opportunity to do business with the Township. Jay is an aggregate specialist and mentioned that the fees at Aspen Energy are transparent and very low and could possibly save residents money. He mentioned that rates are going up and it is a good opportunity to lock in right now. The Trustees will review the information and get back with them.

REPORTS:

Zoning Inspector Report

Richard Lehner, Zoning Inspector reported the following:

- No permits issued this month
- Handled various calls/meetings; provided information on signage to a business owner on Sectionline Rd., received a call regarding fences and another call regarding setbacks on a driveway.

Michael Endsley, Assistant Zoning Inspector reported the following:

- Issued one room addition permit.

- Feb 2, 2023, BZA meeting coming up. Currently working with the 3 neighbors that had concerns at the last meeting and with the business owner to hopefully get these concerns resolved.
- Working with the prosecuting attorney on some questions that have resulted from the mobile home request:
 - 1.) If approval is given to put in the mobile homes, do we have the ability to write a new permit? When the answer is received, Mike will let the Trustees know.
 - 2.) Would like to find out what authority we have in dealing with zoning issues in the park. The answer provided was that we would write a letter to the landlord and also deal with the individual(s) in the mobile homes where the issues exist.
- Plan on attending a Zoning Inspector Round Table meeting on January 31, 2023 with regional planning.
- Dealing with an issue on Penry Rd.

Trustee Reports: Earl Lehner, Troy Morris, Doug Price

- Reviewed Trustee's reports attached to minutes.

Cemetery Report:

- Reviewed Cemetery Sexton report attached to minutes.
- Dale requested clarification on the transfers of deeds and how the charges are applied. Is the \$75.00 cost charged for the transaction/transfer or for each deed that is issued? Trustees agreed that the charge would be per deed(s) issued.
- It was discovered that an increase to the charges for footers that was made previously in 2022 was not taken into consideration at the organizational meeting held on January 7, 2023. Trustee Price moved to increase the footer cost to \$28.00 per cubic foot, with a minimum charge of \$500.00. Trustee Lehner seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All voting yes, the motion passed.

- Dale provided an updated map for the cemetery to put on the Website.
- Dale provided feedback and suggestions on how to make the new mats that were recently purchased for the cemetery easier to use.
- Update on cemetery sales for 2022; 27 services, 15 burials, 12 cremations and sold 51 plots.

Fire District Report:

Earl Lehner provided the following Fire District update:

- Attended the December 28, 2022, regular meeting.
- Approval was given for a 4% increase in compensation
- Attended the construction meeting for the new building, construction is continuing to progress.
- A new tanker has been ordered for the fire district.

Approval of Financial Reports

- Approve payment of warrants for December 12, 2022, through January 17, 2023.
- Approve bank reconciliation for December 2022
- Approve financials for December 2022 and January 2023
 - Fund Summary
 - Appropriations Summary
 - Revenue Summary
 - Payroll Summary

Trustee Price made a motion to approve the financial reports and to approve pending purchase orders, warrants, and payment vouchers. Trustee Lehner seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All voting yes, the motion passed.

Trustee Price approved the sale of the following cemetery deeds; Section P, Lot 12, Grave 7,8,9 and 10. Trustee Lehner seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All voting yes, the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Received additional quote for the creation/maintenance of a new Website for the Township. Doug suggested to have both vendors come to the next meeting and discuss the proposals.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed and signed the ODOT Mileage Certification for Troy Township. Trustee Price will send the signed form to ODOT.

Waiting on a price for the committee for updating the Township's comprehensive plan. Doug drafted a communication to send out on a post card seeking volunteers.

Discussion was held on Solar and Wind Farms. Trustee Lehner will discuss with other townships to see how they are handling and maybe if there is any opportunity to partner with them on the same approach. Trustee Lehner will report on his information gathering.

Delaware County has been working with ODOT to make changes to the intersection of HillsMiller and Troy Rd. The speed limit may be lowered, and possibly make the intersection a 4 way stop. A stop ahead sign will be added on the East bound side when the weather allows it to be installed.

Discussion was held on the upcoming solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. A total solar eclipse is rare and plans should be made to ensure that everyone coming to view the eclipse can do so safely and the crowds can be managed. A portion of Delaware County could be considered prime viewing. The State Park is expecting to be full. The first link below provides information regarding the eclipse and the second link is information on lessons learned from the 2017 solar eclipse viewing in Kentucky in 2017.

Meeting are being held to discuss the planning of the event and Trustee Morris will keep everyone apprised so we can prepare as well.

<https://ema.ohio.gov/media-publications/ohio-total-solar-eclipse>

<https://transportationops.org/case-studies/kentucky-lessons-learned-2017-solar-eclipse>

ADJOURNMENT:

*There being no further business to come before the board, Trustee Price motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM. Trustee Lehner seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All voting yes, the motion passed.


Earl Lehner, Chair



Troy Morris, Trustee



Doug Price, Trustee



Attest: Fiscal Officer, Tracy Parsons

