

## Minutes of Regular Meeting

August 10, 2023 @7PM

Baughman Township Trustees met in regular session August 10, 2023 at the Baughman Township office, 3470 N Mt Eaton Road, Burton City, Ohio at 7:00 PM. All trustees were present. Fiscal Officer Stoll was unable to attend. Chairman Geiser called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Graber made motion to approve August 10, 2023 agenda, (adding Burkhart Rd yard pipe and Gettysburg cul de sac drainage). Second Kaufman. Graber-yes, Kaufman-yes, Geiser-yes. Kaufman made motion to approve the July 6, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Second Graber. Graber-yes, Geiser-yes, Kaufman-yes. Kaufman made motion to pay bills. Second Geiser. Geiser-yes, Kaufman-yes, Graber-yes, with exception to pay Buckingham, Doolittle and Burroughs.

The fire report sent from NLFD was not for July. Geiser to have NLFD send current run report.

**Visitors:** Jane Schmucker and Tim Eppley brought information about solar power usage and proposing to utilize solar on their Green Township farm. Ms. Schmucker stated that power plants are being destroyed faster than they are being replaced. Solar power can be brought online faster than other power plants. No pollution from solar. She is asking trustees to question county commissioners why there is a ban on solar in Wayne County. On their farm, sheep would graze grass under the solar panels. Solar generates one mega Watt (MW) per 5-6 acres. Their goal is 50MW on 250-300 acres. Solar facilities under 50MW are not subject to approval from the state.

**Comments:** Mr. Mark Bodziony previously worked for NASA and has experience with solar power. He stated there are costs with solar that may not be realized up front.

Mr. John Stoll stated that he has received letters about clean energy and the rates are higher. He will never convert his farm to solar.

**Road supervisor report:** Melway finished chip seal in the township. Finished mowing ditches. Truck #1 outfitted with air brake and light connections for the new trailer. Cleaned ditch on Good Rd. Installed new gate at dry hydrant on Fosnight Rd. Installed 200' of 18" diameter pipe on Shifferly Rd. to prevent road washout. Case tractor, w/boom mower, needs new batteries. Trucks #1 & 2 should have new steer tires before winter. Tires are low on tread and are showing cracks. There is a hornet's nest on the north peak of the old jail. Would like to build racks in old salt shed to store pipe.

Motion to buy new batteries for the Case tractor by Kaufman, second Graber. Graber-yes, Kaufman-yes, Geiser-yes.

Motion to buy steer tires for trucks #1 & 2 by Graber, second Geiser. Kaufman-yes, Graber-yes, Geiser-yes.

Tires should be available through state bidding system. Check for pricing at Millersburg Tire and Trail Tire.

Kaufman moved to make calls to exterminators for the hornets and give the road supervisor authority to hire an exterminator. Second Geiser to hire exterminator and have hornets removed. Kaufman-yes, Graber-yes, Geiser-yes.

Trustee Graber helped the road workers cut limbs on Burkhart Rd east of Tannerville Rd.

**Old Business:** A contractor is coming Monday (Aug. 14) to look at the salt shed. Their primary business is basement coatings.

Trustees reviewed the revised personnel manual with new vacation verbiage. All were ok with it.

**Grindings-**People wanting to buy grindings are asking if they are screened. Most other retailers selling asphalt grindings are screening them. Propose to reduce the price from \$16-\$12 (\$36 per bucket) to be more competitive. Trustee Kaufman would like to make the pile more manageable. Will still keep enough grindings to last for many years. Trustee Graber is opposed to selling any grindings. Motion Geiser, second Kaufman to lower price to \$36/bucket scoop. Kaufman-yes, Graber-no, Geiser-yes.

**EWFD legal-**Trustee Graber thinks this should be on the agenda every month. He wants to know what the legal costs will be. When will the 9<sup>th</sup> district case go to court? How long will the fraud suit take?

Trustee Graber noted that Ms. Barbara Biro is leaving the prosecutor's office.

**New business:** Robert Cornell-is he still interested in working for the township this winter. If so, will discuss a possible pay raise at that point.

**Kelly's Propane-**Reviewed propane usage for the past few years. Noted that both tanks are full going into winter. Motion by Graber to pre-buy 600 gallons at \$1.96/gallon for this year. Second Kaufman. Kaufman-yes, Graber-yes, Geiser-yes.

Motion made by Kaufman to give Fiscal Officer Stoll the authority to pay for pre-buy propane. Second Graber. Graber-yes, Kaufman-yes, Geiser-yes.

Discussion about the office parking lot and how it should be sealed. We will get pricing on sealing and re-striping.

**Burkhart Rd yard pipe-**the neighbor to a resident with yard pipe on their property has put rods and screening in front of his pipe. ORC section 5589.06 Obstructing ditch, drain or watercourse states that "no person shall obstruct any ditch, drain or watercourse along, upon or across a public highway..." Graber stated that the pipe was not installed with catch basins, and if catch basins were installed, they would catch water if the pipe gets plugged and overflows. Graber suggested taking a wait-and-see approach to determine if the screen will get plugged when it rains. He noted the screen can prevent hub caps from getting in the pipe. No action taken.

**Cul de sac drainage**-Resident Rick Monroe called trustee Graber regarding water flowing onto his property from the road. Trustee Graber visited the site during a heavy rain and reported water was flowing to the catch basin as it should. There is a 12" pipe under Mr. Monroe's driveway that was concreted last year. Water runs down the driveway to the house. We will have the road supervisor work within the road right-of-way to try and improve waterflow. Trustee Graber will talk to Mr. Monroe to follow up.

Trustee Graber noted that Hanover Rd has berm issues. We should have a discussion with Gettysburg residents about berming.

Motion by Kaufman to approve financial statements. Second, Graber. Graber-yes, Kaufman-yes, Geiser-yes.

**Public comments:** resident knows of an exterminator. Will give info to Kaufman. Any update on the WODA housing project? WODA did not get their state funding this year. Still in progress. State funding is increasing next year for housing. Question about whether ewfd has responded to our offer for a meeting to negotiate. The fire district board does not want to talk to Baughman Township.

Motion by Kaufman to adjourn 8:53PM. Second Graber. Graber-yes, Kaufman-yes, Geiser-yes.

**Payment Listing**

August 2023

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount	Status
40-2023	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	EW	IRS Department of Treasury	\$707.71	○
41-2023	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	EW	School District Income Tax - Ohio Dept of Tax	\$34.10	○
42-2023	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	EW	Treasurer of State of Ohio	\$238.49	○
43-2023	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	EW	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTE	\$2,419.03	○
44-2023	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	CH	Ohio Department of Taxation	\$24.77	○
8744	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	PR	Michael C Geiser	\$107.88	○
8745	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	PR	Robert E Graber	\$0.00	○
8746	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	PR	Jeffery A Hartzler	\$943.59	○
8747	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	PR	Jeffrey M Kaufman	\$357.96	○
8748	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	PR	Adam T Moomaw	\$2,182.48	○
8749	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	PR	TODD E STOLL	\$1,712.92	○
8750	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	AW	ORRVILLE MUNICIPAL UTILITES	\$315.62	○
8751	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	AW	Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs LLC	\$2,713.50	○
8752	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	AW	ORRVILLE TRUCKING AND GRADING CO	\$9,942.72	○
8753	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	AW	Melway Paving Co	\$47,653.17	○
8754	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	AW	World Fuel Services Inc	\$1,076.14	○
8755	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	AW	Joe's Grauge and Son, Inc	\$1,084.49	○
8756	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	AW	Orrville Plumbing & Heating, Inc	\$488.80	○
8757	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	AW	Kelly's Propane	\$949.42	○
8758	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	AW	CROSS TRUCK EQUIPMENT CO, INC	\$107.08	○
8759	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	AW	Wayne County Health Department	\$125.00	○
8760	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	AW	WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	\$5,945.73	○
8761	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	AW	ORLO AUTO PARTS INC	\$42.19	○
8762	08/10/2023	08/04/2023	AW	Commercial & Savings Bank	\$582.42	○
8763	08/11/2023	08/11/2023	AW	Kelly's Propane	\$1,176.00	○
8764	08/16/2023	08/16/2023	PR	Jeffery A Hartzler	\$1,315.54	○
8765	08/16/2023	08/16/2023	PR	Adam T Moomaw	\$2,150.25	○
Total Payments:					<u>\$84,397.00</u>	

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Fiscal Officer \_\_\_\_\_