

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 9, 2023 @7PM

Baughman Township Trustees met in regular session February 9, 2023 at the Baughman Township office, 3470 N Mt Eaton Road, Burton City, Ohio at 7:00 PM. All members were present. Chairman Geiser called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kaufman made motion to approve February 9, 2023 agenda with the addition of Legal opinion. Second Graber. Graber-yes, Kaufman-yes, Geiser-yes. Kaufman made motion to approve the January 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes. (Graber wanted wording added that no one from the district was here to defend statements made by resident, died lack of second). Second Geiser. Graber-No, Geiser-yes Kaufman-yes. Graber made motion to approve January 12, 2023 special meeting minutes, Second Geiser. Geiser-yes, Kaufman-yes, Graber-yes. Kaufman made motion to pay bills. Second Geiser. Geiser-yes, Kaufman-yes, Graber-yes, except for paying Buckingham, Doolittle and Burroughs.

Tom Balinger informed residents that he is running for Wayne County Sheriff. Mr. Balinger after graduating from Smithville High School, joined the Army. After getting back from Iraq, he started his law enforcement career. He is currently employed at Copley police department as a detective. Mr. Balinger would like work on these areas: increase road deputies, implement alternatives to jail- discipline, rehabilitation center and work on the juvenile program if elected. Steve and Carol Hahn informed the Trustees that they are working on putting their home farm of 82 acres into the farm preservation program. Mr. and Mrs. Hahn have been working with the Wayne County Commissioners and Wayne County planning department. They would like the Baughman Township Trustees to sign a letter of support. Graber made motion to sign Hahn farm letter of support. Second Kaufman. Kaufman-yes, Geiser-yes, Graber-yes. Royce Lumpcik from NLVFD gave the fire report. Engine two is in and getting fitted with equipment. Three staff members are in EMT school. NLVFD has spoken to numerous insurance companies about ISO rating. Some Insurance companies do not use ISO. ISO rating is not affected by distance or location of the Fire Department. Mutual aid departments affect insurance rates, if unstaffed.

Resident wanted siren update. Baughman has been working on sirens for two years. Geiser stated that Baughman is still waiting on radios and when he gets more information will report it. Resident asked why there are only small amount of bills in January minutes. Stoll explained that bills are paid twice in December getting ready for closing of books. Will be back to normal in February.

Stoll informed Trustees that need motion approving funds for legal costs in 2023. Geiser made motion to approve \$15,000.00 for legal costs. Second Kaufman. Kaufman-yes, Graber- no, Geiser-yes.

Rehm gave equipment update: Pressure washed mower tractor. Steel rolled for mower shroud. Put new flails on. Case tractor brakes getting weak but will pump up and hold. Seals on pistons going bad. Rehm going to check on what cost would be to get brakes fixed or if he can do the

replacement in shop. The replacement cost of the tractor that size would be \$85,000.00 to \$100,000.00. Rehm thanked Orrville utilities for taking a tree down on Tannerville Rd. Thanks to Geiser and Kaufman for helping with snow plowing this year.

Geiser stated that the individual that the Trustees offered the part time job to, turned it down. Kaufman stated that Robert Cormell is still interested in helping the Township out in the evenings with snow plowing. Mr. Cormell has a full-time job but is able to help out in evenings. Baughman had two more individuals apply for the part time job, but neither have a CDL. Kaufman stated that if Baughman is going to help with cost of CDL there needs to be some protections against them leaving Baughman employment after getting CDL. Graber stated that the one applicant he knows can handle ag equipment and excavation equipment. Graber felt should hire Mr. Cormell. Kaufman made motion to hire Robert Cormell at \$24.00 dollars an hour and give .50 cent raise after six months. Second Graber. Kaufman-yes, Graber-yes, Geiser-yes. Trustees agreed to set up interviews for applicants in a special meeting.

Graber stated legal informed him that Baughman can use ARP funds for purchasing fuel tanks. Kaufman would like Baughman to one purchase one tank and run all trucks and equipment on road diesel. This would save the cost of additional tank seeing they cost \$10,000.00 each, plus installation. Trustees decided to Table this issue until they can see what taxes are charged on road diesel.

Trustees discussed sick leave pay out in employee manual. Rehm has concerned that when he accumulates 48 days or 384 hours that it all being paid out to him. This will leave him with zero sick pay in the bank until he built it back up. Note each month Josh accumulates eight hours. Rehm would like to keep the 384 hours in the bank and any sick days above that would be paid out each month. Stoll said that he would have to run this by OPERS.

Trustees discussed giving Rehm authority to order propane for shop and office. Graber stated that Baughman should consider purchasing it own tanks and possibility of a 1000-gal tank. Kaufman stated that Centerra will put a devise on propane tank that will monitor the propane level. Trustees agreed to give Rehm authority in ordering propane. Trustees are also going to visit with other propane companies.

Graber stated that legal had got back to him on lighting project in Burton City: Your township is allowed to contract with any person or corporation supplying the lights so long as you determine that the public safety or welfare requires that the public place be lighted in your township. ORC 515.01. When to enter into any other lighting fixture is entirely up to your discretion. The board made the decision to enter into this contract due to the public safety which would be provided to these children waiting for their bus. It's a singular decision, and does not mean the board is now beholden to give anybody who asks a light. Each future request must be analyzed by the board to determine whether or not to place a light in the vicinity based on the determination of whether it's important for public safety or general welfare of the township and its' citizens. The street light assessment is only required when it's installed as a result of the bringing of a petition. If the lighting is installed as a result of the trustee's determination that the public safety or welfare requires it, the cost is to be paid

from the general fund of the township. In the present case, it's your determination that the public safety required it and can be paid from the general fund per ORC 515.01. Graber stated on the executive session in July: It is up to your board if they want to share that opinion. If you don't share it is covered by attorney-client privilege which means it is confidential whether it is explicitly stated or not. However, you as the client has the power to decide whether to share it. If you do so it becomes a public document. Regarding your third question about the gas & fuel tank situation. I assume having and maintaining a gas & diesel fuel tank is a government service your township provides as part of your road maintenance. If that is a correct assumption, you are authorized to use ARPA funds through the Standard Allowance to cover the expenses related to upgrade that area. Regardless of the cost, the board needs to pass the "Authorizing the Expenditure" resolution. Graber made motion to share legal response to Executive session in July. Second Geiser. Geiser-yes, Kaufman-yes, Graber-yes.

Trustees reviewed OTARMA liability insurance program. There was some concern with equipment insured amounts. Graber is going discuss with OTARMA, insuring equipment at 80% of new costs and get back to Trustees. Baughman will need set up special meeting to review info because old policy expires on March 13,2023.

Geiser stated that himself and Stoll attended OTA winter conference. Meetings were very informative. Marijuana policy is changing rapidly in Ohio. LTap is a program offered by ODOT that helps people get their CDL license at lower cost, around \$500. Graber asked if program available to staff members or just Trustees. Geiser not sure. Stoll explained that he attended a cemetery meeting. In order for Baughman to qualify for a grant to repair tombstones, the cemetery has to have someone buried there in last 25 years. Baughman might be able to use APR Funds but this would need to be run thru legal. Geiser spoke on snow plow trucks that he had seen at conference. One of the interesting things townships are starting to do is purchase 26,000 lb. GVW trucks. This eliminates the need for a CDL. Trustees reviewed the literature Geiser brought back from the conference.

Graber asked how the Trustees performed financially last year. Stoll stated that they were \$40,832.00 in the red for year.

Geiser made motion to approve financials. Second Kaufman. Geiser-yes, Kaufman-yes, Graber-yes.

Resident asked why we got rid of trash compactor. Geiser stated the AoS requires receipts for quantities of trash and that receipts and cash must match. The AOS also had concerns with Baughman handling large volume of cash. Preferred residents pay by check. The compactor was in poor condition and needed replaced. Another resident stated that he was upset when Baughman shut compactor down but is actually happier since he leased his own dumpster. Resident asked if there is a cost for Baughman to put a Road and Bridge levy on November ballot. Geiser stated there is a cost.

Geiser made motion to adjourn. Second Kaufman. Motion Carried. 9:40PM

Payment Listing

1/16/2023 to 2/28/2023

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount	Status
3-2023	02/09/2023	02/02/2023	EW	IRS Department of Treasury	\$200.11	O
4-2023	02/09/2023	02/02/2023	EW	Treasurer of State of Ohio	\$63.07	O
5-2023	02/09/2023	02/02/2023	EW	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTE	\$2,142.16	O
7-2023	02/23/2023	02/23/2023	CH	Commercial & Savings Bank	\$32.00	O
8605	01/17/2023	01/17/2023	PR	Josh Rehm	\$1,927.54	C
8606	02/09/2023	02/02/2023	PR	Michael C Geiser	\$758.19	O
8607	02/09/2023	02/02/2023	PR	Robert E Graber	\$60.25	O
8608	02/09/2023	02/02/2023	PR	Jeffrey M Kaufman	\$889.99	O
8609	02/09/2023	02/02/2023	PR	Josh Rehm	\$2,006.99	O
8610	02/09/2023	02/02/2023	PR	TODD E STOLL	\$1,712.92	O
8611	02/09/2023	02/02/2023	AW	Treasurer, Wayne County	\$24.00	O
8612	02/09/2023	02/02/2023	AW	ORRVILLE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	\$411.18	O
8613	02/09/2023	02/02/2023	AW	Kelly's Propane	\$80.00	O
8614	02/09/2023	02/02/2023	AW	DAILY RECORD	\$22.33	O
8615	02/09/2023	02/02/2023	AW	Horst Welding & Fabrication, LLC	\$19.64	O
8616	02/09/2023	02/02/2023	AW	Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs LLC	\$1,541.00	O
8617	02/09/2023	02/02/2023	AW	World Fuel Services Inc	\$535.75	O
8618	02/09/2023	02/02/2023	AW	Dalton Hardware Inc	\$14.55	O
8619	02/09/2023	02/02/2023	AW	Commercial & Savings Bank	\$593.44	O
8620	02/09/2023	02/06/2023	AW	Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs LLC	\$6,033.00	V
8620	02/23/2023	02/23/2023	AW	Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs LLC	-\$6,033.00	V
8621	02/09/2023	02/08/2023	AW	AloNovus Corp	\$86.00	O
8622	02/09/2023	02/08/2023	AW	WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	\$6,969.88	O
8623	02/09/2023	02/08/2023	AW	Dalton Gazette,Llc.	\$60.00	O
8624	02/16/2023	02/16/2023	PR	Josh Rehm	\$1,969.82	O
8625	02/23/2023	02/23/2023	AW	Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs LLC	\$6,033.00	O
8626	02/28/2023	02/28/2023	AW	OhioTownship Association Risk Management	\$9,455.00	O
Total Payments:					\$37,608.81	

Chairman _____

Fiscal Officer _____